IRGC International Conference 2013

FROM CRISIS MANAGEMENT TO RISK GOVERNANCE

9 - 11 January 2013, Beijing, China

The conference will promote evidence-based risk governance in a broad context, in particular among key Chinese leaders and institutions. On this occasion, the launch of IRGC China will be announced.

The events are jointly organised and sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology, P.R. China, the Counsellors' Office to the State Council, Tsinghua University, and the International Risk Governance Council. It is hosted by the School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University.

AUDIENCE

 Academics and representatives of public and private sector organisations interested in sharing knowledge about risk and risk governance are invited to attend

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "FROM CRISIS MANAGEMENT TO RISK GOVERNANCE"

14:00-15:00

CEREMONY FOR THE FOUNDATION OF IRGC CHINA

CHAIR: Yanhua LIU, Member of IRGC Board of Foundation: Counsellor's Office of the State Council

→ OPENING REMARKS

- Ning FANG, Vice-Chairman, the Counsellors' Office of the State Council, the People's Republic of China
- Weizhong WANG, Vice Minister, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the People's Republic of China
- Philippe GILLET, Vice president of EPFL, Switzerland; Chairman of IRGC Board of Foundation
- Bruno MOOR, Head of Division, International Cooperation in Research and Innovation, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation, Switzerland
- Representative from Tsinghua University

→ PRESENTATION OF IRGC CHINA

- Lan XUE, Tsinghua University
- → REMARKS FROM THE IRGC ACADEMIC NETWORK
- Marie-Valentine FLORIN, IRGC
- Granger MORGAN, Carnegie Mellon University
- V.S ARUNACHALAM, Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy, India
- Manuel HEITOR, IRGC Portugal
- Kenneth OYE, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Ortwin RENN, University of Stuttgart

15:30-18:00

THE GOVERNANCE OF GLOBAL AND SYSTEMIC RISKS AND THE PROMOTION OF BETTER RISK GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

CHAIR: Philippe GILLET, Vice president of EPFL, Switzerland; Chairman of the IRGC Board of Foundation

→ SCIENCE AND POLICY FOR RISK GOVERNANCE

- Jose-Mariano GAGO, IRGC Portugal
- Lan XUE, Tsinghua University
- Granger MORGAN, Carnegie Mellon University
- Peijun SHI, Beijing Normal University

→ IMPLEMENTING RISK GOVERNANCE

- He WANG, PICC Property and Casualty Company
- Robert WIEST, Swiss Re China
- Margareta WAHLSTROM, UNISDR

THURSDAY 10 JANUARY

PARALLEL WORKSHOPS, UPON INVITATION

08:30 - 12:15 WORKSHOP 1

RISK PERCEPTION AND RISK CULTURE

Discussion on risk perception and risk culture. Gathering existing knowledge and identifying gaps in the understanding of risk perception. Risk profile and risk culture as fundamental elements for building improved risk governance policies and practices.

→ CO-CHAIRS:

- Ortwin RENN, University of Stuttgart
- Xiaofei XIE, Peking University

08:30 - 12:15 WORKSHOP 2

INNOVATION AND ADAPTIVE GOVERNANCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

Discussion on the location, pace and diffusion of technological innovation and how it is affected by the management of associated risks.

→ CO-CHAIRS:

- Kenneth OYE, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Manuel HEITOR, IST Portugal

14:00 - 17:45 WORKSHOP 3

FOOD SAFETY GOVERNANCE

Science-based knowledge for improved food safety governance. Approaches for involving scientists, public authorities, the private sector as well as individuals are needed in the assessment of risk, in the selection of management options, in decision-making and implementation, and in the overall communication of risks.

→ CO-CHAIRS:

- Chengyu ZHAN, China University of Political Science and Law
- Marie-Valentine FLORIN, IRGC

14:00 - 17:45 WORKSHOP 4

NATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT AND COUNTRY RISK MANAGEMENT

Methods and international experience for all-hazards national risk assessment and whole-of-government risk management at the country level. How to improve the management of threats that affect a country's territory or citizens?

→ CO-CHAIRS:

- Donald JOHNSTON, former chairman of the IRGC Board
- Hui DING, Beijing Academy of Science and Technology

COMMITTEES

FRIDAY 11 JANUARY

PLENARY SESSION, UPON INVITATION

08:30 - 12:15 **PLENARY SESSION** COMMON THEMES FOR **RISK GOVERNANCE**

Presentation and discussion of state-of-the-art concepts and methods for risk governance than can apply communication, risk-based regulation, stakeholder participation and adaptive governance.

- → CO-CHAIRS:
- Granger MORGAN, Carnegie Mellon University
- Lan XUE, Tsinghua University

REGISTRATION

→FOR THE CONFERENCE ON 9 JANUARY: register here www.conftool.pro/irgc2013

→FOR THE WORKSHOPS ON 10 AND 11 JANUARY:

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