

# Author's Accepted Manuscript

Risky times: hazard management and the tyranny of the present

Iain White, Graham Haughton



[www.elsevier.com/locate/ijdr](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/ijdr)

PII: S2212-4209(16)30569-6  
DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ijdr.2017.01.018>  
Reference: IJDRR494

To appear in: *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*

Received date: 7 October 2016  
Revised date: 29 December 2016  
Accepted date: 31 January 2017

Cite this article as: Iain White and Graham Haughton, Risky times: hazard management and the tyranny of the present, *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ijdr.2017.01.018>

This is a PDF file of an unedited manuscript that has been accepted for publication. As a service to our customers we are providing this early version of the manuscript. The manuscript will undergo copyediting, typesetting, and a review of the resulting galley proof before it is published in its final citable form. Please note that during the production process errors may be discovered which could affect the content, and all legal disclaimers that apply to the journal pertain.

**Risky times: hazard management and the tyranny of the present**

Professor Iain White, University of Waikato, New Zealand\*.

Professor Graham Haughton, University of Manchester, UK.

\*Corresponding author

Professor Iain White,

Geography and Environmental Planning

University of Waikato,

New Zealand, 3214.

lain.white@waikato.ac.nz

**Abstract**

This paper examines how the processes and practices of hazard management skew decision-making towards current concerns, shaping the treatment of the future in the present. We reveal how norms of science and policy combine to manage the complexity, uncertainty and intangibility inherent in working to long-term time horizons by defining, bounding and codifying how we understand the future. These processes, we argue, frequently but not inevitably, constrain the influence of long-term considerations, resulting in 'hazardscapes' where risks become embedded spatially, transferred temporally and difficult for future generations to reverse. We introduce the notion of a 'tyranny of the present' as a means to critique the ways in which the future is heard in risk management, that is, how the future is known, bounded, and incorporated, and the legacies that this may create. Overall, we highlight how more effective management of risks is not just a matter of better data or improved policy, rather that discourses of risk are subject to a 'presentist' bias, the underpinnings of which need to be better understood in order to make better decisions for future generations.

**Key Words:** risk; disasters; hazards; decision making; planning; futures

Download English Version:

<https://daneshyari.com/en/article/5116104>

Download Persian Version:

<https://daneshyari.com/article/5116104>

[Daneshyari.com](https://daneshyari.com)