Hydrological Risk (prof. Mario Martina, mario.martina@iusspavia.it)

Master of Science in Civil Engineering for Risk Mitigation from Natural Hazards

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ROOM 1 - IUSS Pavia Marelli zoom link https://iusspavia.zoom.us/j/82261419034

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the course is to introduce students to the main hydrological hazards (fluvial flood, flash flood, excess of rainfall and drought) and the consequen risks. The course aims at providing to the students an overview of the main approaches to assess the hydrological risk and of the main modelling techniques to quantify it.

DESCRIPTION

1. Introduction to hydrology and flood risk, 2. The main processes of the hydrological cycle, 3. Modelling approaches to compute the discharge in a river, 4. Definition of flood, 5. Statistical methods to describe the extreme events, 6. The Intense-Duration-Frequency curve, 7. The Flood Frequency Curve, 8. Anatomy of a Flood Risk Model, 9. Models for hazard estimation, 10. 1D and 2D hydraulic models, 11. Simplified geomorphological models, 12. The role of the hydraulic defenses, 13. Models for the vulnerability estimation, 14. Models for the exposure, 15. Generation of flood events, 16. Flood risk analysis, 17 Definition of drought, 18. Main modelling approach to assess the drought risk.
During the course there will be presentations on specific applications: the estimation of the defence failure effects, the downscaling of the exposure model, the computation of building damages due to flood, models for drought estimation over large areas, simple tools for the estimation of the extreme events distribution.

REQUIREMENTS

Basic knowledge of Hydrology and Probability and Statistics.

REFERENCES

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J.C. Gaillard, Natural Hazards and Disasters, Wiley, 2017

ASSESSMENT

Assignments will be handed over and graded during the course. The final examination will consist of a presentation of a study case. Students will be admitted to the final exam based on a satisfactory performance in the assignment.

TIME SCHEDULE

Modules:
- Theory
- Flood Applications
- Drought Applications
- Modelling and Visualising

		Wed 5	Thu 6	Fry 7
Week 3-7 Oct	09:00-11:00		Risk Theory 2	Drought 1
	11:00-13:00	Course introduction	Hazard Component 1	Systemic Risk 1
	15:00-17:00	Risk Theory 1	Statistics 1	GIS & Mapping 1
		Wed 12	Thu 13	Fry 14
Week 10-14	09:00-11:00		Risk Analysis 1	Flood Application 1
	11:00-13:00	Hazard Component 2	Risk Analysis 2	Systemic Risk 2
	15:00-17:00	Vulnerability	Drought 2	GIS & mapping 2
		Wed 19	Thu 20	Fry 21
Week 17-21	09:00-11:00		Project definition	Drought Application 1
	11:00-13:00	Flood Application 2	Climate risk 1	Drought Application 2
	15:00-17:00	Risk Analysis 3	Climate risk 2	GIS & mapping 3
		Wed 26	Thu 27	Fry 28
Week 24-28	09:00-11:00			
	11:00-13:00	Putting the pieces back together		
	15:00-17:00	Project presentation		