

Conference of Interest

The 2020 Understanding Risk Forum (UR2020)

(30 November- 4 December; Singapore EXPO, Singapore)

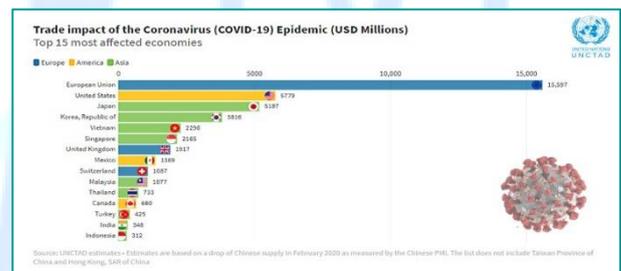
More than 1,000 representatives from all over the world are expected to participate. The five-day event is divided into three days for the main conference and two days dedicated to side events led by the community. The Forum features technical sessions, interactive workshops, and multimedia exhibits, as well as space for bilateral meetings. Read the [UR2020 FAQs](#) for more information. Two planning meetings have been held to incorporate ideas from the community and start crafting a vision for UR2020. [Read the summaries.](#)

<https://understandrisk.org/event/ur2020/>

Other Item of Interest

Coronavirus outbreak has cost global value chains \$50 billion in exports

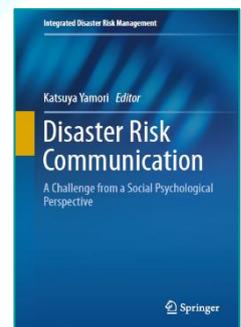
The impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) are being felt along global value chains as manufacturing slows in China, a new UNCTAD report finds. The slowdown of manufacturing in China due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak is disrupting world trade and could result in a \$US50 billion decrease in exports across global value chains, according to [estimates](#) published by UNCTAD on 4 March. Because China has become the central manufacturing hub of many global business operations, a slowdown in Chinese production has repercussions for any given country depending on how reliant its industries are on Chinese suppliers. "In addition to grave threats to human life, the coronavirus outbreak carries serious risks for the global economy," UNCTAD Secretary-General Mukhisa Kituyi said. "Any slowdown in manufacturing in one part of the world will have a ripple effect in economic activity across the globe because of regional and global value chains."



<https://unctad.org/en/pages/newsdetails.aspx?OriginalVersionID=2297>

Disaster Risk Communication - A Challenge from a Social Psychological Perspective by Katsuya Yamori

This book provides a unique blend of integrated disaster risk communication research conducted by authors with diverse backgrounds, including social psychology, sociology, civil engineering, informatics, and meteorology. It reports on the latest advances in collaborative and participatory action research on community-based disaster management from the frontline in Japan, Nepal, China and the USA. In addition, it employs and integrate a broad range of methodologies, including mathematical analyses, computer simulations, questionnaire surveys, gaming approaches, and participatory observation. Each chapter deals with disaster risk communication initiatives to address various hazards, such as earthquakes, tsunamis, floods and landslides, which are uniquely integrated from a social psychological perspective. For more information, click [here](#) and [here](#).



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