



The Centre for Cultural Diversity and Wellbeing invites you to
a seminar on

'Refugee Resettlement, Belonging and Disaster Risk Reduction:
Case studies from Christchurch and Wellington'

by Dr Jay Marlowe (University of Auckland)

Recognising that protracted global conflicts have now created nearly 60 million forced migrants, there is an urgent need to develop greater understandings of what informs recovery in disaster contexts with such groups. By providing a local New Zealand context in which international refugee resettlement occurs, this presentation discusses the possibilities, implications and barriers to effective disaster risk reduction with culturally and linguistically diverse populations.

This paper first presents a qualitative study with refugee background participants from varying communities living in Christchurch about their perspectives and responses to the Canterbury earthquakes of 2010–11. These findings from the Canterbury context are then used as a case study to examine how well several refugee communities settled in Wellington understand the associated risks to natural hazards in the area and how they might respond. Overall, this presentation will endeavour to make stronger linkages between belonging and the social capital literature to identify relevant considerations for effective disaster risk reduction relating to communication strategies, gender, leadership, community politics and wider societal relations.

SEMINAR DETAILS

Date:

Friday 13 November

Time:

2-3 pm

Location:

Centre for Cultural Diversity and Wellbeing
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Footscray Nicholson campus
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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr Jay Marlowe is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Counselling, Human Services and Social Work at the University of Auckland.

His primary area of research interest focuses upon refugee settlement, social inclusion and ways that refugee background communities can meaningfully participate within civil society. He has published more than 40 journal articles and book chapters.