

The American Graduate School in Paris and
The Graduate Student Conference Committee proudly present
The AGS Graduate Student Conference, 2011
Thursday, May 26th, and Friday, May 27th

*The Mitigation, Management and
International Response to Environmental Crises*

Environmental disasters have been afflicting mankind for millennia. Earthquakes, floods, volcanic eruptions, drought, and in modern times, industrial calamities number only a few of the destructive forces that have continually plagued life on planet Earth. In the ensuing months and years following these crises, communities, governments, aid agencies and NGOs have banded together to assist in the relief and recovery process. As a result, questions arise as to the efficacy and

Thursday, May 26

10:00—Traditional French breakfast served

10:30—Conference registration

11:30—Opening remarks by Dr. Ruchi Anand

12:00—Remarks by Nora Hartmann

12:30-14:00—Catered lunch served

14:00-17:30—Panel I:

DISASTER MEDIATION

Moderator: Patrick Clairzier

Yogi Hendlin (UCLA)—

Terra Nullius and the Backlash Against Private Foreign
Conservation Investment in South America

Jeff Schuhrke (Clark University)—

Radical Risk Reduction & Revolutionary Adaptation: Climate
Disasters, Agriculture, & Capitalist Modernity

Evan Axelrad (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture)—

Disaster Entrepreneurs: Policy Entrepreneurs and Crisis
Exploitation as Catalysts for Political Change in Authoritarian
Countries

Sylvia Corona-Palacios (UK New Citizen)—

Emergency Politics: Environmental Disasters as Political
Events and the Reconstruction of the Political System in
Humanitarian Relief Operations

17:30

