



## Disasters, Social Movements, Policy Responses and Sociocultural Evolution

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Dear Colleagues,

Large natural and anthropogenic hazards and disasters have operated as selection sweeps in the evolution of within-polity and interpolity sociocultural systems by destroying lives and the human-built environment and by provoking social movements and policy responses that were intended to identify causes and protect against future disasters. Individuals, households, communities, settlements, polities and interpolity systems that are the most prepared and resilient to these selection mechanisms survive and prevail. Contemporary global climate change is increasing the frequency and severity of disasters and is spurring social movements and policy initiatives in response. Social scientists have long studied the causes and consequences of single and compound disasters at different levels of analysis. This Special Issue will contain studies of past and recent single disasters and comparative studies that employ global disaster data to examine causes, consequences and the social movements and policy responses that have been and are being spurred by disasters.





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