

SEMINAR NOTICE

Topic: *Risk Perceptions and Actions to Reduce the Impacts of Floods in the Czech Republic*

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Chair: Prof. Saudamini Das, Institute of Economic Growth

All are welcome.

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Abstract:

The increasing impacts of floods in the late twentieth century have led to the questioning of the relevance of conventional solutions of disaster risk reduction in the Czech Republic. The aim of this study was to understand how the changing paradigm of disaster management and perception of risk influence the community and the local government to decide strategies for flood risk reduction. It is found that coordination between villagers and the local government, acceptability of local leadership, social capital and social network, community resilience, sense of community and insurance policy have changed risk perception in the Czech Republic. Villagers trust the efforts of the local government to reduce the impacts of floods. The local government also cannot overlook people's voices in disaster management measures. It is clear that both risk perception and consciousness of self-responsibility towards society influence people to engage in disaster risk reduction. The top-down approach in disaster management in the Czech Republic has influenced people to be highly dependent on the government. Further, the fact that people are least involved in disaster management has made them least prepared and least resilient to natural disasters.