

OBJECTIVES

General:

To promote a meaningful dialogue between, Operations and civil society, expanding knowledge about disputes over land and sea domains, their mineral and biological resources, which tend to fuel conflicts and geopolitical tensions on multiple geographic scales, involving different actors and leading nations to claim borders, generating territorial conflicts with processes of dispossession and deterritorialization of the most vulnerable populations.

Specific:

- Analyze the risks associated with climate change, from a temporal perspective, from the past to the future, as well as a spatial perspective, from the global to the local;
- Discuss Geopolitical Risks in the face of territorial conflicts due to security issues and/or competition for resources, their local and global impacts;
- Explore the phenomenon of Globalization without Borders, territorial conflicts, cultural identities, social inequality and health;
- Medical Intervention in Emergency and Disaster Situations. The importance of Disaster Medicine in the provision of multipurpose care in multi-victim scenarios;
- Focus on Vulnerable Populations in the face of the risks of dispossession and deterritorialization. Social vulnerability and resilience: Concepts and challenges;
- Strengthen socio-environmental resilience through rehabilitation, recovery and reconstruction processes;
- Debate risk communication strategies, as well as educational dynamics and practices, and also other public awareness actions, with a view to promoting active citizenship in disaster risk reduction.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 15/11/2022** - Deadline for the first submission of abstracts of communications (orals and posters);
- 30/11/2022** - Date for communication of acceptance of abstracts from the first call;
- 31/12/2022** - Deadline for registrations with bonus, including the regularization of registrations by the authors of communications;
- 28/02/2023** - Deadline for the second submission of abstracts of communications (orals and posters);
- 15/03/2023** - Date for communication of acceptance of abstracts from the second call;
- 31/03/2023** - Deadline for registrations with bonus, including the regularization of registrations by the authors of communications;
- 01/04/2023** - Date from which registrations suffer a price increase;
- 31/07/2023** - Date for submission of articles to Territorium Journal/SEC.

PANELS

General Thematic Panels:

- P1** - Climate change, environmental risks and social vulnerability
- P2** - Conflicts, technological risks and infrastructures
- P3** - Disputes, natural resources and protected areas
- P4** - Disposessions in urban contexts
- P5** - Territorial identities and conflicts

Painéis Temáticos dos Grupos de Trabalho:

- G1** - National Network for the study of Forest fires and their effects on Soils (NFS)
- G2** - Disaster Medicine (MedCat)
- G3** - Research Group for Risk Education (RGRE)



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**From natural disasters to
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23 to 26 of may 2023

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PRESENTATION

All over the world and in an almost daily context, more frequently and intensely, we are confronted with situations of conflicts and catastrophes, be these environmental, military clashes, epidemic outbreaks or pandemics, contamination or scarcity of resources, which jeopardize the survival and daily lives of populations, destroy communities or affect their infrastructures and cause serious social and psychological trauma.

The rapid economic growth, the globalized society, the urbanization of increasingly extensive areas, aggravated by climate change, put an increasing pressure on the territories, which together with the demographic increase or the strong migratory movements, "free" in search of better living conditions or "forced" by environmental catastrophes, promote the depilation of natural resources and the destruction of ecological niches, responsible for the Man-Nature balance, among others for filtering the air and thus containing possible viruses, and increasing exposure to different risks and, consequently, the vulnerability of populations.

Due to a diverse set of factors, which must be framed in time and space, conflicts of interest exist and are normal. On the one hand, resources are finite and, on the other hand, value systems and perceptions of reality by different actors may not coincide.

In this way, the cartography of disputes over the control of a place, a path or a relevant geographical position, or strategic assets such as water, soil, forests, minerals or various energy sources, is extensive.

In multiple contexts and different geographic scales, these conflicts are crossed by asymmetrical power relations and by dynamics of dispossession and deterritorialization, especially on the part of the most vulnerable populations.

In this interdisciplinary domain, fields such as political ecology, local geopolitics, critical and social cartography and territorial justice intersect.

In this way, between competition and the necessary cooperation between the actors, it is important to problematize the origin and anticipate these situations of conflict, as well as to discuss and analyze the management of the crises that may result from this.

GENERAL PROGRAMME

Day 23rd of May will be dedicated to the welcome and opening conference.

The days 24th and 25th of May will be devoted to scientific activities at the University of Coimbra, which will include the presentation of communications (oral and poster) and the holding of conferences.

The day 26th of May will be occupied with field work (study visits), which will make it possible to observe the consequences of the full manifestations of risks.

ABSTRACTS

The official languages of the congress are Portuguese, Spanish, French and English. There will be no simultaneous translation.

To submit a communication, the authors should send an abstract by email, to congressos@riscos.pt or to riscos@riscos.pt, referring to the Panel to which it belongs and the type of presentation (oral or poster).

The rules for the abstract and article are available at: <https://vicir.riscos.pt/en/submission/abstracts/>

TARGET PUBLIC

All those interested in the theme of risks in context of conflicts are invited to participate in this event, for their prevention and construction of resilient societies, with a view to exercising an active citizenship in the reduction of risks and conflicts:

1. Researchers and Faculty of Higher Education Institutions;
2. Executives and Technicians of Central, Regional and Municipal Organisms in the public and private sector;
2. Civil Protection Agents (Firefighters, Security Forces, Armed Forces, Health Care Providers and Disaster Medicine, ...), Technicians and professionals from the various public and private organisms, related to risk assessment, disaster management, planning territory, education and communication;
3. Doctoral, Master's and Bachelor's students whose work is the result of academic-scientific research in the context of risks and catastrophes;
4. Members of the civil community and associations and/or non-governmental organizations interested in or working on the issue of disaster risk reduction;
5. Teachers of Portugal National Education System, Pre-School, 1st Cycle, 2nd Cycle, 3rd Cycle, Secondary Education and Special Education.

INSCRIPTION

Registration fee (euros)	Until 31/12/2022				From 01/01/2023 until 31/03/2023				After 01/04/2023			
	Congress	Field Trip	Social Dinner	Full Registration	Congress	Field Trip	Social Dinner	Full Registration	Congress	Field Trip	Social Dinner	Full Registration
Undergraduate and Master's students.	50€	30€	30€	100€	75€	35€	35€	125€	100€	40€	40€	150€
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Professionals; Institutional and others; RISCOS Associates (membership after 01/01/2023)	300€	30€	30€	350€	350€	35€	35€	400€	400€	40€	40€	450€

Congress fee includes: welcome drink, coffee breaks, book of abstracts, certificates and promotional materials.

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