

CORSO DEL PROGETTO UNIVERSITÀ NEI COLLEGI

# Nature's extremes: social resilience and vulnerability through history

LM "Storia globale delle civiltà e dei territori"

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**LUNEDÌ 4 MAGGIO, DALLE ORE 15 ALLE 18**

## ➤ From Accommodation to Disaster, the history of North Sea storm surges

This introductory class uses the example of North Sea Storm Surges to discuss the *longue durée* of human interactions with extreme natural events

**MARTEDÌ 5 MAGGIO, DALLE ORE 15 ALLE 18**

## ➤ Disaster History: from vulnerability to resilience and back again

In this lecture, we explore the key-moments in the development of the field of disaster studies and disaster history, with specific emphasis on the analysis of vulnerability and resilience

**MERCOLEDÌ 6 MAGGIO, DALLE ORE 15 ALLE 18**

## ➤ Famine: a climate-induced disaster?

Famine allows us to zoom in on the climate-society nexus in all its complexity, unravelling the causal chain between climate variability, food availability and food entitlement. Doing so offers an opportunity to critically engage with the greatly enhanced toolkit of climate history to question the environmental drivers of food shortage

**GIOVEDÌ 7 MAGGIO, DALLE ORE 15 ALLE 18**

## ➤ Epidemics: all are equal in the face of death?

Since COVID-19 a lot of historical research questioned the link between social inequality and epidemic mortality. The history of epidemics hence offers a unique opportunity to question whether major mortality events had an impact on inequality, but also the role of Socio-Economic Status in explaining differences in epidemic mortality, connecting an older tradition of scholarship in Historical Demography

**VENERDÌ 8 MAGGIO, DALLE ORE 11 ALLE 13**

## ➤ Never let a good crisis go to waste? The instrumentalization of disasters in history

In this final lecture, we focus on the disaster narratives, and the way disasters in the past have manipulated to implement specific agenda's often strengthening either authoritarian political tendencies or economic accumulation