PSYCHOSOCIAL RESPONSES TO PANDEMIC/NATURAL DISASTERS/CLIMATE CHANGE

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2021
VENUE: UNIVERSITY AULA, MUSEPLASSEN 3, UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

0830 – 0900. Registration

0900 – 0915. Welcome and opening with Rector Margareth Hagen

0915 – 1000. Unnur Anna Valdimarsdóttir: Health and psychosocial consequences of pandemics in the Nordic countries

1000 – 1045. Arna Hauksdóttir: Health and psychosocial consequences of natural disasters in the Nordic countries

1045 – 1115. Short break

1115 – 1200. Atle Dyregrov: Children’s fear of pandemics and climate change

1200 – 1300. LUNCH


1400 – 1420. Jarle Eid: Collective responses to environmental crisis

1420 – 1440. Esperanza Diaz: Lessons learned from the Covid-19 pandemic

1440 – 1455. Short break

1500 – 1545. Sandro Galea: What have we learned from COVID-19 that can help us address consequences of future disasters

1545 – 1600. Ending thoughts and closing of the conference
Bioparagraphs

Sandro Galea, MD, MPH, DrPH

Sandro Galea, a physician, epidemiologist, and author, is dean and Robert A. Knox Professor at Boston University School of Public Health. He previously held academic and leadership positions at Columbia University, the University of Michigan, and the New York Academy of Medicine. He has published extensively in the peer-reviewed literature, and is a regular contributor to a range of public media, about the social causes of health, mental health, and the consequences of trauma. He has been listed as one of the most widely cited scholars in the social sciences. He is past chair of the board of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health and past president of the Society for Epidemiologic Research and of the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine. Galea has received several lifetime achievement awards. Galea holds a medical degree from the University of Toronto, graduate degrees from Harvard University and Columbia University, and an honorary doctorate from the University of Glasgow.
Jarle Eid Ph.D

Jarle Eid is professor in Work and Organizational psychology at the Faculty of Psychology, University of Bergen, Norway where he is currently the director for the Centre for Crisis Psychology. He is a former Vice Dean and Dean at the Faculty of Psychology. He has previously worked as a senior lecturer, researcher, and clinical psychologist in the Royal Norwegian Navy. Jarle Eid has published several scientific papers and book chapters on stress, traumatology, leadership, and team training issues in military and civilian settings.

Unnur Anna Valdimarsdóttir Ph.D

Unnur Anna Valdimarsdóttir is a professor in epidemiology at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Iceland. Her research focuses on the role of trauma and other life adversities in health and disease development. Unnur has been an adjunct professor at the Department of Epidemiology at Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health in Boston since 2013, and a guest professor at the Department of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Karolinska Institutet since 2015.
Arna Hauksdóttir Ph.D

Arna Hauksdóttir is a Professor and Head of the Centre for Public Health Sciences, University of Iceland. She is a researcher within the area of epidemiology, stress and health. Her main theme of research has been the health effects of traumas, both personal (loss of a loved one) and collective (economic crisis, natural disasters).

Atle Dyregrov Ph.D

Atle Dyregrov is a professor at the Center for crisis psychology, University of Bergen, Norway. He also works a clinical psychologist at the Clinic for crisis psychology. Dyregrov is the author of numerous publications, journal articles and more than 15 books. He has conducted research on various subjects relating to bereavement, trauma and disaster. He is one of the founding members of the European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies and the Children and War Foundation and has worked extensively for different humanitarian organizations. In 2014, he was awarded Knight 1st Class, Royal Norwegian Order of St. Olav by the Norwegian king for his pioneering work within the crisis and disaster field.
Esperanza Diaz Ph.D

Esperanza Diaz studied Medicine in Spain and moved to Norway in 1999. She is specialist in Family Medicine and worked clinically as general practitioner for more than 15 years in Norway. Diaz is professor at the Department for Global Public Health and Primary Care and the leader of the Pandemic Center at the University of Bergen since its start in October 2020. She has published more than 100 scientific papers, as well as book chapters and essays on migration and health, and specifically worked on the links between the COVID-19 pandemic and migration during the last few months. She is the editor of the book Migrant Health. A primary Care Perspective.