



## Curriculum Vitae

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### Personal Profile

Katie Peters (nee Harris) has extensive experience in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, emergency preparedness, conflict sensitivity, and the intersection with sustainable development. Her background includes research into the concept of resilience, disaster risk reduction in fragile and conflict affected states, climate change and conflict, and the securitisation of climate change. Katie has worked as a researcher, practitioner and technical advisor. Her work includes supporting the governments of the UK, Australia, Switzerland and Japan. Over the last 15 years Katie has worked in collaboration with a range of UN agencies, the OECD, the World Bank, and a collective of over 120 non-governmental organisations.

### Areas of expertise

Risk and resilience, as it relates to the intersection of natural hazards and man-made (conflict) disasters. Recent work includes exploring the role of disaster risk management in national economic and fiscal policy; the relationship between disaster resilience and conflict prevention; financing architecture for risk management; helping donors shape their disaster resilience policies; and managing high profile research programmes on resilience, integration and emergency preparedness.

### Country experience

Katie has conducted field research and programme implementation in over 17 countries across Asia and the Pacific, and South, West and East Africa.

### Posts held

**2011 -  
current**

#### **Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London**

- Lead Researcher on the nexus of climate change, disasters, conflict and fragility. This includes an exploration of the role of climate change in UK security policy, conflict transformation in a changing climate, and conflict sensitive approaches to climate and disaster resilience.
- Deputy Director of the £10 million Knowledge Management component of the Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters (BRACED) programme. BRACED aims to build the resilience of people to extreme climate events in selected countries in the Sahel, sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

- Evaluation Director for the Providing Humanitarian Assistance in Sahel Emergencies (PHASE) 'evaluative learning' portfolio.
- Managing Editor for a series of infographic reports in support of the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) regional consultations, and contributing author to the WHS Secretariat's synthesis report.
- Lead Researcher for ODI's work on the successor framework to the Hyogo Framework for Action, in the run up to the post-2015 Development Agenda.
- Project Director of the AUD \$1.1 million Advancing Integration programme providing technical advice to DFAT/AusAID to better understand how to integrate disaster risk reduction, environment and climate change adaptation and mitigation into ODA investment decisions, policy priorities and programming cycles.
- Co-author of a 18 month programme of work for the Inter-Agency Standing Committee exploring the options for improved financing for emergency preparedness. The research portfolio included Myanmar, Niger, Haiti, Philippines and Sudan, and culminated in the high-level report *Dare to prepare: taking risk seriously*.
- Research Fellow for a range of adaptation and resilience programmes including: regional adaptations of the IPCC's Special Report on Extreme Events; supporting cross-team thinking on 'resilience' and the role of risk management in national fiscal planning processes; undertaking research on climate change and disasters with specific focus on the political economy of disaster risk reduction.

**2009-2011 Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Brighton**

- International Programme Manager of DFID's £1.2 million Strengthening Climate Resilience programme. The initiative enhanced the conceptual understanding of the inter-relationship between climate change and disaster risk management, and undertook significant field research exploring the interface. Working across 10 countries in Africa and Asia, the Climate Smart Disaster Risk Management (CSDRM) approach was subsequently produced.
- Research Officer for the Climate and Disaster Governance project, supporting developing country researchers, policy makers and practitioners to identify governance options to help reduce climate and disaster risk at the national and sub-national level.
- Lead Coordinator of a research and advisory component of Action Aid's global Disaster Risk Reduction through Schools programme.

**2008 Saferworld and the Centre for Conflict Resolution (CECORE), London & Uganda**

- Research consultant with a particular emphasis on Kenya, Uganda and Pakistan with significant fieldwork in Karamoja, Uganda.
- Karamoja Scoping Exercise: designed and conducted a field-based scoping exercise to identify future programming options for using water provision as a peacebuilding tool.
- Pakistan Security Briefing: desk-based research culminating in an extended Country Assessment to act as a comprehensive security briefing to guide forthcoming field-research.

- Conflict Sensitive Accompaniment Programmes: conducted extensive field research on the water sector through Saferworld's 'Accompaniment Processes' in Uganda's Kasese and Arua districts. On the basis of the research findings, the programmatic conflict monitoring tool was revised.
- Reviewed government and donor frameworks within Uganda for i. conflict affected regions and ii. conflict and peacebuilding sectors, with specific emphasis on Security Sector Reform.

**2005-2007 CARE International, London & Uganda**

- Lead researcher: conducted a mapping exercise of conflict-sensitive practices across civil society organisations and government departments in Uganda with field research in Kampala, Gulu, Pader, Fort Portal and Kasese.
- Programme management: responsible for the daily oversight of CARE's Partnership Programme Agreement (PPA), a cross-sector global portfolio of DfID funded projects in excess of £9 million.
- Policy analysis and advocacy coordinator: responsible for CARE Madagascar's global workshop design aimed at providing participants with training in the areas of policy analysis and advocacy. Facilitated the workshop using the action learning set methodology.
- DEC audit assistant: for CARE Indonesia's Disasters and Emergency Committee Tsunami programmes in Jakarta and Banda Ache.
- Conference manager: developed CARE's first ever-published urban policy statement, through a multi-language conference in Bangladesh.

**Qualifications**

**2008-2009 MSc Violence, Conflict and Development**, School of African and Oriental Studies, University of London

**2002-2005 BA (hons) Geography (1<sup>st</sup> class)**, School of Environment and Development, University of Manchester, UK and School of Human Geography and Development, Lund University, Sweden

## Selected publications, reports and blogs

- *The next frontier for disaster risk reduction: tackling disasters in fragile and conflict-affected contexts*. ODI. London. (2017)
- *Conflict and violence: our approach and priorities*. ODI. London. (2017)
- *Crisis modifiers: a solution for a more flexible development-humanitarian system?* BRACED and ODI. London. (2017)
- *BRACED Resilience exchange: what have we learned so far?* BRACED and ODI. London. (2017)
- *Out of touch? Why disaster risk reduction can no longer neglect conflict*. Comment piece. ODI. London (2017)
- *'Preparedness and response', in Science for disaster risk management 2017*. European Commission. Luxembourg. (2017)
- *Delivering disaster risk reduction by 2030: pathways to progress*. ODI. London. (2017)
- *Why disasters last longer than you think*. Thomson Reuters Foundation News. London. (2016)
- *The Securitisation of Climate Change: A Developmental Perspective*, in Brown, S. and Graevinghold, J. (Eds) *The Securitisation of Foreign Aid*. Rethinking International Development Series. Palgrave, London. (2016)
- *Why is there a funding blind spot for disasters in fragile states?* Thomson Reuters Foundation News. London. (2016)
- *When disasters and conflict collide: facts and figures*. ODI. London. (2016)
- *Resilience across the post-2015 frameworks: towards coherence*. ODI. London. (2016)
- *Evaluative learning for resilience: Providing Humanitarian Assistance for Sahel Emergencies (PHASE)*. ODI and BRACED. London. (2016)
- *Climate extremes and resilience poverty reduction*. ODI. London. (2015)
- *The 3As: tracking resilience across BRACED*. Working Paper. BRACED and ODI. London. (2015)
- *When disasters, climate change and conflict collide: can the World Humanitarian Summit succeed where Sendai failed?* Humanitarian Practice Network. (2015)
- *Humanitarian trends and challenges for the Pacific region*. OCHA and ODI. London. (2015)
- *Finance for reducing disaster risk: 10 things to know*. ODI, London. (2015)
- *Finance for disaster risk reduction: WCDRR Briefing report*. ODI, London. (2015)
- *Climate change, conflict and fragility: time for action, less talk*. BRACED and ODI. London. (2015)
- *Unlocking the triple dividend of resilience – why investing in DRM pays off*. ODI and GFDRR. London. (2015)
- *Humanitarian trends and challenges to 2030: Europe and other group*. OCHA and ODI. London. (2015)
- *Humanitarian Exchange 63: The Typhoon Haiyan Response*. Humanitarian Exchange, ODI. London. (2015)
- *Conflict, climate and environment*. Topic Guide. DFID, London. (2014)
- *Humanitarian Trends and Trajectories to 2030: North and South East Asia*. World Humanitarian Summit, OCHA. New York. (2014)
- *Disaster Risk Governance: Unlocking Progress and Reducing Risk*. UNDP. New York. (2014)
- *The future framework for disaster risk reduction: A guide for decision-makers*. CDKN and ODI. London. (2014)

- *The case of Vanuatu: integration of disaster risk management, environment and climate change.* DFAT/ODI, London. (2014)
- *Existing knowledge: integrating disaster risk reduction, environment, climate change adaptation and mitigation into development practice.* DFAT/ODI, London. (2014)
- *Ambitious and coherence? Reviewing the pre-zero draft of the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.* CDKN and ODI. London. (2014)
- *Conflict, climate change and politics: why a techno-centric approach fails the resilience challenge.* ODI, London. (2014)
- *Disaster risk management and adaptation to extreme events.* Routledge Handbook of the Economics of Climate Change Adaptation. Routledge, Oxon. (2014)
- *Dare to prepare: taking risk seriously. A compendium of resources.* ODI, London. (2014)
- *Financing Emergency Preparedness: Case Study Myanmar/Burma.* ODI, London. (2014)
- *Dare to prepare: taking risk seriously.* ODI, London. (2014)
- *Dare to prepare: taking risk seriously. Summary report.* ODI, London. (2014)
- *Five things you need to know to advance integration... and what the hell is 'DEC' anyway?!* ADPC. Bangkok. (2014).
- *New disasters agreement must learn from peace-building and state-building.* CDKN. London. (2014)
- *Podcast: rethinking conflict and climate change.* The Guardian. (2014).
- *When disasters and conflict collide.* ODI/DFID, London. (2013)
- *Emergency preparedness and its links to resilience.* ODI/IASC, London. (2013)
- *Climate extremes and child rights in South Asia: a neglected priority.* ODI/Plan International, London. (2012)
- *Tackling exposure: placing disaster risk management at the heart of national economic and fiscal policy.* Climate Development Knowledge Network (CDKN), London. (2012)
- *Climate change in UK security policy: implications for development assistance?* ODI Working Papers 342, ODI, London. (2012)
- *Resilience: A risk management approach.* ODI Background Notes, ODI. (2012)
- *Re-shaping policy and institutions for integrating climate and disaster resilience.* Policy Brief. Strengthening Climate Resilience, IDS, Brighton. (2011)
- *Resilience in Practice: Operationalising the ten Characteristics of Resilience through the Case of Greening Darfur.* Strengthening Climate Resilience, IDS. (2011)
- *Changing Climate, Changing Disasters: Pathways Towards Integration.* Strengthening Climate Resilience, IDS, Brighton. (2011).
- *Why people don't behave as we would expect: the role of emotions, unrealistic optimism and previous experience in disaster preparedness. A Think Piece.* Strengthening Climate Resilience, IDS, Brighton. (2011)
- *Harnessing Synergies: Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation into Disaster Risk Reduction.* IDS & ActionAid, London and Brighton. (2011)
- *Tiempo Issue 77 - Adaptation key terms.* IIED, London. (2010)
- *In Focus Policy Briefing 15 - Climate Change and Conflict: Moving Beyond the Impasse.* IDS, Brighton. (2010)
- *Climate and Disaster Governance.* IDS & Christian Aid, London and Brighton. (2010)
- *Climate Smart Disaster Risk Management.* IDS, Brighton. (2010)
- *Survey of Conflict-Sensitive Practices in Uganda.* CARE Uganda, Kampala. (2008)
- *Water and Conflict: Making water delivery conflict-sensitive in Uganda.* CARE Uganda & CECORE, Kampala. (2008)
- *Urban Poverty - What CARE is doing about it.* CARE International, London. (2006)
- *Seminar Report - Where to now?* CARE International & ActionAid, London. (2006)