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## What is Humanitarian Studies?

The study of societies and vulnerable communities experiencing humanitarian crisis originating from disaster, conflict, refugee situations, and/or political collapse. It studies the causes and impacts of crisis; how people, communities and authorities respond to them, including efforts for prevention and preparedness; how humanitarian action and other external interventions are organized and affect the recovery from crises; and the institutional changes that crises and crisis response engender.

**Interested in collaborating? Researchers based at the HSC cover various research themes. Find their contact details below:**



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