

## Mark Pelling, King's College

### Week 2

Mark Pelling is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Geography at King's College. His main research interests are in the human impacts of environmental hazard and in social adaptation to environmental risk. He has conducted research on issues of risk governance at a range of scales in the Caribbean, the Russian Federation, and the UK. In 2003, Dr. Pelling worked as Editor of UNDP Disaster Risk: A Challenge for Development Report which involved the final analysis of a Disaster Risk Index, a global scale tool developed to assess patterns of vulnerability to disaster risk at the national scale. With the Department for International Development in 2004, Dr. Pelling coordinated research on institutional barriers preventing the mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction into the agendas of international development agencies and on opportunities for such integration set against the Millennium Development Goals. In addition to authoring numerous scholarly articles and book chapters, he is the editor of *Reducing Disaster Risk: A Challenge for Development* (UNDP, 2004) and *Natural Disasters and Development in a Globalizing World* (Routledge, 2003) and the author of *The Vulnerability of Cities: Social Resilience and Natural Disaster* (Earthscan, 2003).