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Qualifications

2007-2011 PhD Human Geography, University College London

Thesis title: 'Decentralised disaster management: local governance, institutional learning and reducing risk from hurricanes in the Yucatán peninsula, Mexico'. Examines inter-institutional and local governance factors shaping the commitment to -and capacity of- municipal governments to respond to hurricane risk.

2002-2003 MA Development Studies, Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands

Specialisation in Local and Regional Development. Thesis title: 'Land titling and local economic development: the missing link? Evidence from two squatter settlements in Lima, Peru'. Winner of ISS Research Paper Prize 2002-2003

1993-1997 BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of York

Specialisation in Politics of Development.

Languages

English	Mother tongue
Spanish	Fluent
French	Basic

Developing country experience: Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, South Africa.

Areas of expertise:

- Ten years research and capacity building experience in collective responses to environmental extremes.
- Expertise in legislative issues, institutional arrangements and organisational structures for disaster management; local governance and participatory approaches; impacts of climate change, adaptation and coping strategies; monitoring and evaluation of disaster mitigation, response and recovery programmes.
- Proven qualitative and quantitative research skills and extensive experience coordinating research teams, organising and conducting surveys, interviews and focus groups.

Posts held:

2011-present Overseas Development Institute (ODI)
Research Fellow – Climate Change Adaptation, Climate Change, Environment and Forests Programme

- 2007-2011 Department of Geography, University College London (UCL)**
Lecturer, MSc Environment, Science and Society. Teaching on 'Natural Hazards, Social Vulnerability and Disaster Risk Management' module.
- 2009-2011 Escuela de Organización Industrial (EOI), Madrid**
Lecturer, International Master in Sustainable Development and Corporate Social Responsibility. Convener of 'Development Perspectives' and 'Climate Change and the Low Carbon Economy'.
- 2006-2007 Department of Geography, University College London (UCL)**
Teaching Assistant, BA/BSc Geography. Taught ancillary classes and seminars for research methods courses and tutorials for second-year undergraduates
- 2004-2006 Colegio de México (COLMEX), Mexico City**
Research Officer, Centro de Estudios Democráticos, Urbanos y Ambientales. Coordinator of evaluations of the Natural Disaster Fund (FONDEN) in 2004 and 2005. Research for project on Sustainable Urban Development along the Northern Border
- 2003-2004 Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague**
Teaching and Research Assistant. Research assistance to Professor A.H.J. Helmsing on local economic development publication. Desk research on case studies of good practice in LED promotion. Tutoring MA students on 'Actors in Local Development'
- 2000-2002 Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), Lima and Madrid**
Analyst. Report writing for the quarterly EIU Country Report in Peru and EIU Viewswire.

Recent consultancy

- **Development Initiatives, May – Sept 2011:** Technical reviewer to study to establish a framework for tracking emergency preparedness funding. Review of inception report, Nepal desk study and synthesis report. Training provision to DI staff.
- **Human Dynamics, March 2011:** 'Technical Assistance to Regional EU—ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (READI) Facility'. Reviewer of organisation and methodology of Component 5: Disaster Management Technical Offer.
- **Oxfam GB, Feb – April 2011:** 'Integration of Adaptation and Risk Reduction (ARR) into Development and Humanitarian programmes in LAC'. Analysis of Oxfam's experience of integrating ARR into livelihoods programmes. Carried out case study assessments in three municipalities in North-western Nicaragua.
- **UNDP Evaluation Office, July – Sept 2010:** 'Meta-evaluation of UNDP Disaster Prevention and Recovery Programmes'. Review of external evaluations and Assessments of Development Results (ADRs) from 2000 to 2010. Assessment of thematic and regional coverage and quality of UNDP programmes.
- **DARA, Oct 2009 – Sept 2011:** 'Disaster Risk Reduction Initiative'. Conceptual and technical support, development of methodology and data collection instruments for assessing local-level DRR capacity, qualitative data analysis and editing of final report. Technical advisor to one-day workshops in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama. Funded by AECID.
- **UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, May 2007 – July 2008:** 'A Conceptual Framework for Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction into Development Processes' Design of framework and documentation of experiences of DRR mainstreaming in national and local government in Bangladesh, Guatemala and South Africa; capacity building on implementation on the framework. Funded by GTZ.

- **DFID Disaster Risk Reduction Interagency Working Group, Sept 2006 – Feb 2007:** ‘Characteristics of a Disaster-Resilient Community’. Conceptual and technical support to development of the Concept Note, technical input on local governance characteristics and editing of final document in Spanish. Funded by DFID
- **ProVention Consortium, June 2006 – June 2007:** ‘Sourcebook on Monitoring and Evaluation of Disaster Risk Reduction Initiatives’. Scoping study and design of internet sourcebook, including an analysis of four M&E case studies. Funded by IFRC
- **Institute of Development Studies, Sept – Oct 2006:** ‘Overcoming the Barriers to Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation in Developing Countries’. Literature review on the theoretical and practical constraints and barriers to mainstreaming CCA.
- **Vulnerability and Adaptation Resource Group, Feb – April 2006:** ‘Linking Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management for Sustainable Poverty Reduction’. Field study on inter-linkages between policies on disaster risk management and adaptation to climate change in the State of Yucatán, Mexico. Funded by the European Commission.

Selected personal publications

- Wilkinson, E. (forthcoming) ‘Why “small is beautiful” in municipal disaster risk reduction: evidence from the Yucatán peninsula, Mexico’, *Environmental Hazards*.
- Wilkinson, E. (2012) ‘Transforming disaster risk management: a political economy approach’, ODI Background Note, London: Overseas Development Institute.
- Wilkinson, E. (2011) ‘Reducción de riesgos de desastres: marcos institucionales, políticas y tendencias’, in B. Graizbord, A. Mercado, and R. Few (eds) *Cambio Climático, Amenazas Naturales y Salud en México*, México City: Colegio de México, 33-69.
- Wilkinson, E. (2011) ‘Integrating disaster risk reduction in livelihoods programming in the Northwest of Nicaragua: A case study’, Oxford: Oxfam GB.
- Wilkinson, E. (2010) ‘Incentives: intergovernmental and intersystem’, in K. B. Penuel and M. C. Statler (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Disaster Relief*, Thousand Oaks CA: SAGE Publications, 335-338.
- Wilkinson, E. (2010) ‘Mexico’, in K. B. Penuel and M. C. Statler (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Disaster Relief*, Thousand Oaks CA: SAGE Publications, 416-418.
- Wilkinson, E. (2010) ‘Yucatan flood (2007)’, in K. B. Penuel and M. C. Statler (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Disaster Relief*, Thousand Oaks CA: SAGE Publications, 805-806.
- Wilkinson, E. (2009) ‘Building a culture of prevention: Challenges to institutionalising disaster risk reduction in local development in Mexico’, Disaster Studies Working Paper No. 21, London: Aon Benfield UCL Hazard Research Centre.
- Wilkinson, E. and J. Twigg (2007) ‘M&E Sourcebook’, Geneva: ProVention Consortium, www.proventionconsortium.org/?pageid=62
- Osbahr, H. and R. Few, in partnership with B. Graizbord, A. Mercado and E. Wilkinson (2006) ‘Linking climate change adaptation and disaster risk management for sustainable poverty reduction: Mexico country study’, Oxford: Vulnerability and Adaptation Research Group.

Membership of professional and learned societies

- Royal Geographical Society with IBG
- Society for Latin American Studies
- International Sociological Association