

Is science leading advice or is advice leading science in the assessment of global earthquake risk?



The aftermath of the Gorkha Earthquake in Nepal in 2015

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“The people in this country have had enough of experts” Michael Gove famously said in June 2016, picking up on a widespread malaise about the trustworthiness, validity, and accountability of expert judgement. In the field of natural disaster preparedness and management, especially in earthquakes, how are expert judgements used? Is science driving advice at the local, national and international levels, or are we relying more on experts and empirical ground truthing? As a civil engineer Emily is part of the UK Government’s Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) and has offered her opinion to help the Cabinet Office plan responses to recent international disasters. In this talk, through presenting her research projects and recent experiences, she hopes to share some personal insights on how science influences advice and vice versa.

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