



Disaster Relief

Presented by: Ted Anagnoson

Two Thursday's: December 5th & 12th 2013
 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 pm

Maravilla Club Room
 5486 Calle Real, Goleta

Who Receives What From Natural and Human Disasters in the U.S.? An Examination of the 9/11 Compensation Fund, Similar Disasters and the Politics and Policy of Disaster Compensation in the U.S.

Beginning with the 9/11 fund and its operations and consider how and why the families of these victims were compensated with an average of \$2 million each. The 9/11 fund was a no-fault compensation: you applied, you received. But under the simplicity lay a host of value judgments; which of your relatives would receive the money? How would economic loss be apportioned among those of different incomes – both corporate chieftains and laborers were killed in the attacks. How would non-economic losses be computed? How would other funds you might have had the foresight to pay for (i.e. life insurance) be figured in? And how would Ken Feinberg, chosen as the “special master” to administer the fund (with an unprecedented amount of discretion), keep corporate chieftains from receiving the bulk of the money?

Another question is why these particular victims? Why not the families of those killed in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing of the Murrah federal building? The 1998 terrorist bombing of the U.S. embassy in Kenya? The anthrax victims in the DC area in 2001 and 2002? The Navy victims of the terrorist attack on the U.S. Cole? The victims of the first attack on the World Trade Centers, in 1993?

Part of this class will consist of a panel, drawn from VISTAS members, who have lost homes and other property in disasters, with consideration of the public and private policies that helped or hindered their recovery.

From the 9/11 attacks and other disasters we will move to U.S. Disaster Policy and consider the politics of FEMA and the history of compensating people for disasters in the U.S., the policies that have led to repeated instances of people's houses on flood plains being flooded and federal funds used to rebuild – only to have the flood repeat within a few years. How does this history compare with the policies recently adopted for the victims of Hurricane Sandy, many of whom live on or near the oceans in hurricane-vulnerable areas?

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BIOGRAPHY: **Ted Anagnoson** is the 2012-13 VISTAS Curriculum Committee Chair, professor emeritus of political science at Cal State LA, and a visiting professor of political science at UCSB; teaching courses in American Politics and Public Policy. He offered last year's Imperial Presidency course, as well as leading discussions of Stalin: The Court of the Red Tsar, and other VISTAS courses.



Suggested Reading: Feinberg, Kenneth R. *What is Life Worth? The Unprecedented Effort to Compensate the Victims of 9/11* N.Y.: Public Affairs, 2005

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| Seminar/Event | Inclusive Dates | Time | Venue |
| Documentary Club | 3rd Thursday each mo | 2:00 pm | Maravilla Theater |
| China's Wing's | 10/2 & 10/9 | 1:30-4:30 | Maravilla Theater |
| SB Movers & Shakers | 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11 | 1:30-4:30 | Maravilla Club Room |
| Polish Your Apple | November 7th & 14th | 1:00-3:00 | Vista del Monte |
| Disaster Relief | December 5th & 12th | 1:30-4:30 | Maravilla Club Room |
| American South | January 9, 16, 23 | 9:00am-12 | Maravilla Club Room |



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