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Windows for Disaster Risk Reduction? Constructing Event Meanings

Seminar with Douglas Van Belle and Richard Olson

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Douglas Van Belle is a Distinguished Visiting Professor from Victoria University of Wellington. He is the Editor-in-Chief of *International Studies Perspectives*, former Editor-in-Chief of *Foreign Policy Analysis*, and the series editor for Routledge's *Foreign Policy Analysis* book series. He has served as a consultant or advisor for several governments and NGOs including the World Bank, the OECD, the Council for International Development. His research focuses on the role of the media in foreign policy decision making and addresses topics including the politics of press freedom, bureaucratic responsiveness to the media, and the role of the media in international disaster response.

Professor and Chair of the Department of Politics and International Relations, Richard Olson's works in the multidisciplinary field of disaster research, arguing for understanding and analyzing disasters and catastrophes as inherently and inescapably political, and often as crises. With substantial funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and later the United States Agency for International Development, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA), Professor Olson turned his attention to the "Politics of Disaster."

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