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Climate change, politically motivated violence, extreme poverty, spread of new and also old infectious diseases, ecological and technological disasters, and globalisation: a multitude of risks have to be confronted by societies both in developing countries in the south and industrialised countries in the north. The German Congress of Geographers, from September 29th to October 5th 2007, is going to discuss the central theme **“Handling Risks: Disasters – Destabilisation – Security”**.

Issues

- Consequences of climate change for society
- Risks and technological progress
- New approaches in risk research
- Natural hazards and disaster prevention
- Creeping disasters
- Surveillance and security
- Geography of new health risks
- Consequences of globalisation
- Risk and disaster as topics of teaching

Participants

- Geographers from universities, schools and practice
- Experts from other disciplines
- Representatives of policy and practice
- Students

The German Congress of Geographers attends therefore not only to a very current but also socially crucial topic. About 2000 participants – from European as well as from Non-European countries - are expected to come to Bayreuth. The programme includes more than 450 presentations focusing on the central topic and 60 paper sessions examining other current fields of geography research. Furthermore, there is a variety of field trips available for participants that provide a direct insight to historical and current geographical research questions of the region.

Professor Klaus Toepfer, former Executive Director of UNEP, United Nations Environment Programme, and former German Federal Minister of the environment and building will give the opening speech.

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