

THE PARADOX GAME

Bochum, Germany, June 13-15

Description of the activity

The *Paradox Game* is a three-day role-playing exercise focussed on disaster preparedness and humanitarian crisis response in Bochum, Germany.

This simulation exercise, taking place in the fictional country of *Paradoxia*, has been developed by humanitarian crisis practitioners and academics with extensive backgrounds in humanitarian work, both in the field and at senior decision-making levels in NGOs, the UN, and government. In addition, senior-level practitioners from humanitarian organizations will participate in various capacities.

The *Paradox Game* is designed to present a series of complex humanitarian challenges to the participants, necessitating their thinking and acting in an interactive manner to events focusing on disaster preparedness and crisis response in a framework involving conflict and internal displacement. Questions related to protection, both legal and physical, will come into play. Participants are encouraged to examine their individual assumptions as they face these humanitarian challenges.

Format

Participants will work in small teams. Each team represents a specific actor, such as a local NGO or UN organization, faced with challenges that need to be addressed in an interactive and cooperative manner under changing circumstances and with limited time and information available..

Prior to the game's commencement, participants will receive briefing information, including team assignments and situation-specific readings designed to prepare them to become active participants.

Facilitators

- Prof. Howard (Roy) Williams, Former Head, Emergency Operations for the International Rescue Committee (IRC), and former Director of the Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) in USAID. He is presently a Visiting Professor, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University.
- Jules Pieters, Served as Coordinator for Emergency Response, WHO, Geneva and Coordinator of the Emergency Desk for MSF Holland
- Xabier Garay Barayazarra, NOHA Deusto faculty
- NOHA Bochum faculty support

General information

Duration: 3 days, 9 am to 5 pm

Dates: 13th-15th June 2018

Place: Bochum, Germany

Language: English

Fees: free-of-charge*

25 spaces available

*Participants must take care of travel and accommodation arrangements.

Application form: <https://goo.gl/forms/E5J1nLRQRBCv7GSt2>

Deadline for registration: May 20th

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Comprehensive Reflective Simulation & Training (NCRST)

Groningen, The Netherlands, 19-21 June

Description of the activity

The *NOHA Comprehensive Reflective Simulation & Training* (NCRST) exercise consolidates and utilizes past and contemporary knowledge and insights from the wide-ranging humanitarian arena and its own available and vast alumni network.

The exercise builds on the cutting edge NOHA+ inter-university multidisciplinary postgraduate program curriculum weaving key theoretical and analytical elements into an engaging and participatory simulation that demands participants to practice knowledge, skills and attitudes needed in relief operations while regularly reflecting on challenging moral and operational dilemmas.

The NCRST constructs an environment which enables participants to apply and test existing knowledge, skills and attitudes gained and developed during their studies as well as refresh and update existing ones. The innovative simulation ultimately demands three things:

- A. Humanitarian management and organizational knowledge, skills and attitudes - Individuals, teams and larger mixed stakeholder groups will be required to balance informed decision making with limited amounts of information and manage a timely, professional and ethical response in an often chaotic environment.
- B. Humanitarian coordination and operational knowledge, skills and attitudes - To implement professional and coordinated relief efforts at overarching response, sector, program and project levels which meet affected population needs and capacities and avoids wasted resources.
- C. Ability to critically reflect on various modus operandi and existing personal assumptions - question the interrelated issues of: human rights, the humanitarian mandate and mission, international and national impact and legal and physical protection.

Format

The NCRST is designed and delivered through a hands-on table top scenario, expert presentations, and selected practical skill trainings. The NCRST begins with a brief welcome and introduction, team construction, materials review, time for a question and answer and the first presentations. The following days unfold through a series of serials in which participants are tasked to work towards managing and delivering a relief response in a complex humanitarian environment.

To start with participants will have very little information about the situation, they are therefore reliant on what information available, what they can gather from actors who they interact with during the simulation, and their own decision making. Reflection will take place in scheduled debrief sessions and expert sessions.

Facilitators

- Chamutal Afek-Eitam, RedR trainer & NOHA Groningen faculty
- Xabier Garay Barayazarra, NOHA Deusto faculty
- NOHA Groningen faculty support

General information

Duration: 3 days, 9am to 5 pm
Dates: 19th-21st June, 2018

Place: Groningen, The Netherlands
Language: English

Fees: free-of-charge*
35 spaces available

*Participants must take care of travel and accommodation arrangements.

Application form: <https://goo.gl/forms/E5J1nLRQRBCv7GSt2>

Deadline for registration: May 20th

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