

**1st International Conference on Safety and Crisis
Management in the Construction, SME and Tourism Sectors
Nicosia, Cyprus 24 – 28 June 2011**

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**Conference announcement and call for papers
on
“Risk Perception”**

Special session

supervised by:

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We invite researchers, practitioners and policy makers to share their knowledge and experiences in all areas relevant to defining, perceiving, assessing and dealing with risk and safety. The conference's orientation is initially towards defining risk and its perceptual parameters in the context of housing and occupational structures and natural hazards. However, we welcome submissions constructing risk in more social/emotional/psychological terms. Finally, in light of global trends in redefining safety and security as a tighter connection to the Earth and the spiritual world we are keen to receive submissions of all disciplines addressing these emerging concepts.

TOPICS OF INTEREST

Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit papers with regard to the following themes:

- Occupational, housing and environmental hazards assessment and solutions by policy makers and users;
- Emotional factors, intuition, the role of the context and biases in risk perception by crisis-intervention professionals (e.g. social workers);
- Decision-making and problem-solving computational models on the variables of perceiving risk in various contexts;
- Communication of risk and its impact on subsequent decision-making in crises and in non-crises situations;
- The weight of accurate information and education in risk perception;
- Risk perception studies of vulnerable populations;
- Safety definitions, resilience, hardiness, the effect of dealing with risk from a perceived secure position;
- Sociological, anthropological and cultural takes on risk perception and education, who benefits from panic or low-grade anxiety;

We welcome the submission of abstracts in English, until March 31st 2011, to the address 1stCoSaCM@euc.ac.cy

Submissions must contain the following information:

- Indication of the session: "Risk Perception"
- Abstract (between 250 to 500 words).

Important Dates

Abstracts due:	March 31 st 2011
Notification of acceptance:	April 15 th 2011
Paper submission due to:	May 31 st 2011
1st CoSaCM conference:	June 24 th to 28 th 2011

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