

# Making Sense of Industrial Disasters

**Saturday 29<sup>TH</sup> November, 10.30am – 4.00pm**

**ANTHROPOLOGY SEMINAR ROOM, ROWAN HOUSE**

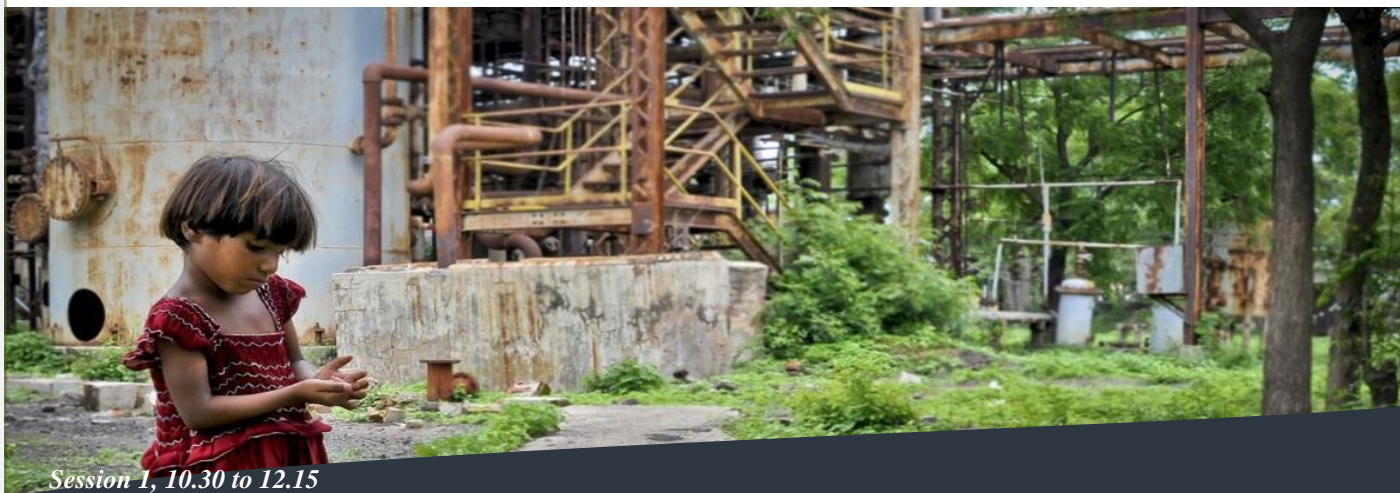
**MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY**

***On the 30th anniversary of the world's worst industrial disaster***

***-- the deadly gas leak at the Union Carbide plant***

***in December 1984 in Bhopal, India --***

***this one-day symposium will consider the phenomenon of industrial disasters and what they reveal about the current global model***



*Session 1, 10.30 to 12.15*

**Frameworks**

**Chair: Rob Kevlihan (Executive Director, Kimmage Development Studies Centre)**

**Steve Tombs (Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, Open University)**

**"A Contribution to a Political Economy of Corporate Crime and Harm"**

**Tomas MacSheoin (Independent Scholar, Author of Asphyxiating Asia)**

**"From Bhopal to Lac Magentic: Causation, corporate negligence and crisis management in industrial disasters"**

*Lunch (provided) 12.15 to 1.00*

*Session 2, 1.00 to 2.45*

**Vantage Points**

**Chair: Mark Maguire (Head, Department of Anthropology, Maynooth University)**

**Tim Edwards (Executive Trustee, Bhopal Medical Appeal)**

**"Corporate impunity par excellence: Bhopal's thirty year struggle for access to justice"**

**Alyne Delaney (Associate Professor, Aalborg University, Denmark)**

**"Outsiders looking In: Impacts of Fukushima on Tohoku people and producers from an ethnographic perspective"**

*Session 3, 3.00 to 4.00*

**Roundtable Discussion with all participants, chaired by Chandana Mathur (Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Maynooth University).**

**Sponsored by the Maynooth University Postgraduate Programme in Anthropology and Development, in conjunction with the Humanitarian Action Study Group of the Development Studies Association of Ireland.**

This event is free and open to all who may be interested. Please RSVP to [anthropology.office@nuim.ie](mailto:anthropology.office@nuim.ie) by Friday, 21st November. Students in the Anthropology and Development postgraduate programme are required to attend.