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Title: Gender, intersectionality and disasters, and the role of women community leaders in housing reconstruction.

This presentation (in Spanish) discusses the role and challenges of women who lead reconstruction processes after socio-natural disasters. Based on the studies carried out by the authors in their experience mainly after the earthquake and tsunami in Chile (2010), focusing on a reflection on intersectional living, it is possible to reread the reconstruction processes, identifying how disasters affect the experiences of the affected people in a differentiated and unequal way. Based on ethnographic work, focus groups and interviews, the situated experience of three women, inhabitants of the territories of Llico, Arauco and Constitución, is analyzed. The above is complemented by the latest research (work in progress) that is being studied within the framework of the international project Gender-In (Spain, Uruguay, Dominican Republic, Chile) to which both researchers belong.

BIO: Paulina VERGARA-SAAVEDRA

Director of the inter/transdisciplinary Program for disaster risk reduction CITRID at the University of Chile, she is an academic at the Faculty of Government, and a member of the Academic Committee of the Master of Gender and Culture Studies at the same University. She has a PhD in Human Political and Territorial Sciences with a mention in Sociology from the University of Grenoble (France), a Master in Public Policy and Social Change with a mention in Comparative Government Sciences (IEP-Grenoble, France), and a Public Administrator from the University of Chile.

Her lines of research focus on Governance and public policies from an inclusive and intersectional approach (indigenous policies, gender and disasters, etc.); State, public management and institutional capacity in the face of socio-natural disaster risk (disaster risk management, public-private alliances in the face of disasters, gender mainstreaming in the face of disaster risk, etc.); and Governance and implementation of public policies in the face of risks and disasters (reconstruction processes, gender and leadership in the face of disasters, risk governance, etc.). She is currently part of the Millennium Volcanic Risk Research Institute CKELAR and the international project on gender and disaster Gender-IN (University of Oviedo, Spain; FLACSO Dominican Republic; FLACSO Uruguay; University of Chile and University of Concepción, Chile).

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Her research works aim to analyze the ways in which urban-housing policies are governed. She has dedicated herself to studying the arrangements, processes and tensions of the actors involved in

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