

Taxonomy, Classification, and Theories of Disaster Phenomena

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Professor Drabek's chapter on theoretical and applied issues in developing taxonomies of disaster phenomena deals with a variety of issues that are central to understanding the fit between disaster studies and sociological theory. As an organizational device, I will partition my remarks to comment on specific contributions of the paper, the general problem of taxonomy in disaster study, and some implications of the work, particularly in terms of what needs to be done next.

Specific Contributions

Like much of Drabek's published work, this piece aims at synthesis and