



## Newsletter of the Unesco Land Subsidence International Initiative

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### Iran, opening ceremony UNESCO Chair on Coastal Geo-Hazard Analysis

I am pleased to inform you that the Research Institute for Earth Sciences (RIES) succeeded in hosting a UNESCO Chair on Coastal Geo-Hazard Analysis. An honour which bestowed on valuable international supportive recommendations after two years of evaluation process at UNESCO. A subject that undoubtedly requires important and hard work on an international scale.

Therefore, we would like to invite you to join us in the opening ceremony, which will be an opportunity to exchange point of views.

Opening Ceremony will be held virtually as well as physically at **Wednesday of February 23 2022** at the deck of Persian Gulf Research Wessel at 13h00 (in Iran Time because +5.5 to -3.5 hours of time tolerance between Japan and UK with respect to Tehran respectively) by attending all the members of the Scientific Council from Japan, China, Russia, Armenia, Germany, Switzerland, France, UK and Iran.

It is expected that officials from UNESCO Paris and the National Commission for UNESCO in Iran, as well as university presidents, government officials and Iranian parliamentarians will be among the guests at the event.

The possibility of your presence for me and my colleagues in the UNESCO chair will be very promising and valuable.

Would be appreciated to confirm receipt of the message and your presence.

## New Literature

### **General**

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Lo, W.; Purnomo, S.N.; Dewanto, B.G.; Sarah, D.; Sumiyanto. Integration of Numerical Models and InSAR Techniques to Assess Land Subsidence Due to Excessive Groundwater Abstraction in the Coastal and Lowland Regions of Semarang City. Water 2022, 14, 201.

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### ***Iran, Tehran-Plain***

Zeinab Azarakhsh, Mohsen Azadbakht, Aliakbar Matkan,

Estimation, modeling, and prediction of land subsidence using Sentinel-1 time series in Tehran-Shahriar plain: A machine learning-based investigation,

Remote Sensing Applications: Society and Environment, 2022, 100691, ISSN 2352-9385,

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rsase.2021.100691>.

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[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/357163923\\_Modeling\\_for\\_temporal\\_land\\_subsidence\\_forecasting\\_using\\_field\\_surveying\\_with\\_complementary\\_drone\\_imagery\\_testing\\_in\\_Yazd\\_Plain\\_Iran](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/357163923_Modeling_for_temporal_land_subsidence_forecasting_using_field_surveying_with_complementary_drone_imagery_testing_in_Yazd_Plain_Iran)

### ***Mexico, Mexico City***

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Enrique Antonio Fernandez-Torres et al., Risk assessment of land subsidence and associated faulting in Mexico City using InSAR.

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/358210943\\_Risk\\_assessment\\_of\\_land\\_subsidence\\_and\\_associated\\_faulting\\_in\\_Mexico\\_City\\_using\\_InSAR](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/358210943_Risk_assessment_of_land_subsidence_and_associated_faulting_in_Mexico_City_using_InSAR)

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<https://doi.org/10.3390/su14031371>

<https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/14/3/1371>

### ***PR China, Cultural Heritage***

Yuqi Li et al.,

The potential impact of rising sea levels on China's coastal cultural heritage: a GIS risk assessment

Published online by Cambridge University Press: 24 January 2022

### ***PR China, Tianjin***

Yu Liang et al., Estimation of land subsidence potential via distributed fiber optic sensing

January 2022 *Engineering Geology* DOI: 10.1016/j.enggeo.2022.106540

Project: Land subsidence monitoring using distributed fiber optics sensing (DFOS) techniques

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/358085251\\_Estimation\\_of\\_land\\_subsidence\\_potential\\_via\\_distributed\\_fiber\\_optic\\_sensing/figures?lo=1&utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=organic](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/358085251_Estimation_of_land_subsidence_potential_via_distributed_fiber_optic_sensing/figures?lo=1&utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic)

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DOI: 10.1016/j.ejrh.2022.100988

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/357670236\\_Water\\_table\\_response\\_to\\_rainfall\\_and\\_groundwater\\_simulation\\_using\\_physics-based\\_numerical\\_model\\_WASH123D](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/357670236_Water_table_response_to_rainfall_and_groundwater_simulation_using_physics-based_numerical_model_WASH123D)

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Combined Numerical Simulation and Groundwater Depletion Sensitivity Analysis for Dynamic Pumping Management

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### ***USA, California***

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<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jag.2022.102679>.

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### ***USA, Texas, Rookery Island***

ROOKERY ISLAND RESILIENCY DESIGN GUIDE

[https://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/coastal-management/forms/files/design-guides/final\\_rookeryisland\\_designguide.pdf](https://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/coastal-management/forms/files/design-guides/final_rookeryisland_designguide.pdf)

***USA, Virginia***

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Rurek, M. et al., Environmental and Socio-Economic Effects of Underground Brown Coal Mining in Piła Młyn (Poland). *Land* 2022, 11, 219. <https://doi.org/10.3390/land11020219>

<https://www.mdpi.com/2073-445X/11/2/219/pdf>

### **PR China**

Junliang Zheng et al.,

An Accurate Digital Subsidence Model for Deformation Detection of Coal Mining Areas Using a UAV-Based LiDAR

January 2022 *Remote Sensing* 14(2):421 Follow journal

DOI: 10.3390/rs14020421

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/357905862\\_An\\_Accurate\\_Digital\\_Subsidence\\_Model\\_for\\_Deformation\\_Detection\\_of\\_Coal\\_Mining\\_Areas\\_Using\\_a\\_UAV-Based\\_LiDAR](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/357905862_An_Accurate_Digital_Subsidence_Model_for_Deformation_Detection_of_Coal_Mining_Areas_Using_a_UAV-Based_LiDAR)

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Mi, J.; Yang, Y.; Hou, H.; Zhang, S.; Ding, Z.; Hua, Y. Impacts of Ground Fissures on Soil Properties in an Underground Mining Area on the Loess Plateau, China. *Land* 2022, 11, 162.

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<https://www.mdpi.com/2072-4292/14/2/290>

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Xiaojun Zhu, Zhengyuan Ning, Hua Cheng, Pengfei Zhang, Ru Sun, Xiaoyu Yang, Hui Liu,

A novel calculation method of subsidence waterlogging spatial information based on remote sensing techniques and surface subsidence prediction, *Journal of Cleaner Production*, 2022, 130366,

ISSN 0959-6526, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jclepro.2022.130366>.

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Application of novel ensemble models and k-fold CV approaches for Land subsidence susceptibility modelling

January 2022 Stochastic Environmental Research and Risk Assessment 36(6):1-23

DOI: 10.1007/s00477-021-02036-7

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## Monitoring

### ***United Nations, Water Portal***

How has space revolutionised subsidence?

<http://space4water.org/news/how-has-space-revolutionised-subsidence>

### ***United States, California***

Vertical Land Motion along California coast (here you can download a dataset)

[https://figshare.com/articles/dataset/Vertical\\_Land\\_Motion\\_along\\_California\\_coast/17711000](https://figshare.com/articles/dataset/Vertical_Land_Motion_along_California_coast/17711000)

### ***Acoustic sensing***

Using Sound and Vibration Signals to Understand the Subsurface

A new book explores Distributed Acoustic Sensing, a technology with a range of applications across geophysics and related fields.

<https://eos.org/editors-vox/using-sound-and-vibration-signals-to-understand-the-subsurface>

## From the Press

### **General**

This article refers to our worldmap!

Land Subsidence Threatens 21% of Major Cities Worldwide

<https://www.fluencecorp.com/land-subsidence-threatens-real-estate-sector/>

### **India, Bengal**

No Rehab in Sight, Thousands Live in Areas Made Vulnerable by Mining in Bengal's Raniganj Coalfields

<https://www.newsclick.in/no-rehab-sight-thousands-live-areas-made-vulnerable-mining-bengals-raniganj-coalfields>

### **India, Delhi**

Excessive groundwater extraction causing parts of Delhi-NCR to sink: Study

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/delhi-news/excessive-groundwater-extraction-causing-parts-of-delhi-ncr-to-sink-study-101642441000326.html>

Delhi airport and surrounding area at high risk of land subsidence

<https://zeenews.india.com/india/delhi-airport-and-surrounding-area-at-high-risk-of-land-subsidence-heres-reason-why-2429233.html>

### **Indonesia, Jakarta**

Indonesia makes plans to save capital from sinking

<https://smartwatermagazine.com/news/smart-water-magazine/indonesia-makes-plans-save-capital-sinking>

Pipeline to saving Indonesia's sinking capital

[https://klse.i3investor.com/blogs/kianweiaritcles/2022-01-06-story-h1596584028-Pipeline\\_to\\_saving\\_Indonesia\\_s\\_sinking\\_capital.jsp](https://klse.i3investor.com/blogs/kianweiaritcles/2022-01-06-story-h1596584028-Pipeline_to_saving_Indonesia_s_sinking_capital.jsp)

Indonesian parliament passes law to relocate capital to Nusantara

<http://www.news.cn/asiapacific/20220119/88ef730fdf48483f9f1f19b6ce0e632f/c.html>

### **USA, Virginia**

Slowing Subsidence in Southeastern Virginia with Aquifer Recharge

by Michael Grande

[https://medium.com/@GSPIAe\\_eBlog/slowing-subsidence-in-southeastern-virginia-with-aquifer-recharge-55951a8e098d](https://medium.com/@GSPIAe_eBlog/slowing-subsidence-in-southeastern-virginia-with-aquifer-recharge-55951a8e098d)

## ***Vietnam, Mekong Delta***

Solutions sought to land subsidence, saltwater intrusion in Mekong Delta region

Vietnamese and Dutch experts gave recommendations on measures to respond to land subsidence and saltwater intrusion in the Mekong Delta region during a scientific conference on January 12.

<https://en.vietnamplus.vn/solutions-sought-to-land-subsidence-saltwater-intrusion-in-mekong-delta-region/220641.vnp>

Low water level of the Mekong River for 3 consecutive years, a big challenge for the Mekong Delta

<https://www.newspr.org/low-water-level-of-the-mekong-river-for-3-consecutive-years-a-big-challenge-for-the-mekong-delta/>