

## Pre-Reading and Food-for-Thought Assignment before Session 2 (Febr., 14<sup>th</sup>)

### GLOBAL ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

1. Read the **Prologue pp.xvi-xxi** from Perkins J. “Confessions of an Economic Hit Man”

Think about:

Who are economic hit men?

What kind of conflict is being described?

Who is involved in this conflict?

2. Read the abstract from the **World Development Report 2014: Risk and Opportunity, Managing Risk for Development, pp.76-77.**

Think about:

What are DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT systems?

What are their differences in comparison to traditional approaches to natural hazards?

3. Calculate your **ecological (CO<sub>2</sub>) footprint** for the last 1 year using the following websites:

- <http://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx> (calculator 1)
- <http://www.carbonify.com/carbon-calculator.htm> (calculator 2)

You can also look for any another footprint calculator and use it too. Take notes of your results. How can you compare calculators used?