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The GAR 2015 (GAR15) informed the development of the successor to the HFA (HFA+), as well as the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (Sendai, Japan, 14–18 March 2015), at which the Sendai Disaster Reduction Framework was adopted. Part of GAR15 was a retrospective analysis of the HFA, in particular of the degree to which the HFA has been fit for purpose in promoting and bringing about change towards improved risk management, and in so doing seek to make recommendations for an enhanced framework, the HFA+. This analysis was based on, among other things, a series of thematic reviews organised along the HFA core indicators. Sixteen thematic research areas were thus defined and work on these areas is in progress.

Within this context, this special issue covers the selected papers that were submitted to GAR 2015 as background papers. The special issue will offer:

- An authoritative review of current thinking and debates in areas that have been identified based on the overall focus of the GAR 2015 Report; and
- Presentation of state-of-the-art analysis within the selected area of current approach and academic interest, that thus informs approach debate in this area.

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