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Professor James Terry received his PhD in Physical Geography in 1992 from the University of Wales at Swansea in the UK. Most of his career has been spent in the Asia–Pacific region. Previous academic positions include at the University of Exeter in the UK, the University of the South Pacific in Fiji (where he served as Head of the Geography Department) and the National University of Singapore. He has also spent visiting periods at the Government Department of Agriculture in Perth (Australia), Sydney University (Australia), Kagoshima University (Japan), and the University of Guelph (Canada). Currently, he is based at Zayed University, a progressive women’s university in Dubai, UAE.

As a field-based geoscientist, he has over three decades of research experience in coastal & fluvial geomorphology (especially in mediterranean & tropical environments); natural hazards & extreme events; hydrology & water resources; slope processes & soil erosion. He has a particular interest in island physical environments. As befits his physical geography background, Prof. Terry’s [publication record](#) therefore embraces a wide range of disciplines, spanning across geomorphology, climatology, hydrology and soils. Authored and co-edited books include *Tropical Cyclones: Climatology and Impacts in the South Pacific* (2007: Springer) and *Natural Hazards in the Asia–Pacific Region* (2012: Geol. Soc. London).

Recent responsibilities have included Treasurer and founding Section President of Interdisciplinary Geosciences for the Asia Oceania Geosciences Society (AOGS) (2012-14), and Chair of the Steering Group on Natural Hazards & Disaster Risk (SGNHDR) for the International Council of Science (ICSU–ROAP) (2013 to present).