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POSSIBLE LINKS BETWEEN RELIGIOUS COPING AND SAFETY

What we know

Filipino seafarers working on ships in the Danish International Ship Register have less than 50% reported accidents compared to the Danes – the Danes having the highest rate of reported accidents and the Filipinos the lowest one (other nationalities are intermediate).

What we will study

We are at the beginning of a 3 years project where all possible reasons for the national difference in accident rates will be considered. E.g. is it a matter of reporting? Of nationally influenced safety culture? Of differences in selection and training? Of the Filipinos' awareness of being their family's breadwinner? Of Danes being workaholics?

What we presume

Some of the differences may be due to a difference in the rate of accident reporting. However, several studies indicate that seafarers from South East Asia, mainly the Philippines, have a genuine lower risk of occupational accidents than seafarers from Western Europe.

What we expect from YOU

Although it is clear from previous studies that faith plays a huge role in the life of the Filipino seafarers, we have not considered the possible influence played by religion in safety attitude or risk perception so far. Attending this conference, calling on your attention with this poster, we hope to get new insight in the issue raised above.

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