



Past Events

Resilience Matters: Seminar Series on Exploring Resilience Session 3

4th July 2011, 09:00 to 17:00, G010, Dept of Geography, Prof Katrina Brown, Prof Dilanthi Amaratunga, Dr Graham Phillips

These seminars are hosted by IHRR under its resilience stream and aim to explore the meaning of resilience and its use in different contexts. Tea and lunch provided.

Professor Katrina Brown, Tyndall Centre, University of East Anglia - Lost in Translation? Resilience ideas in science, policy and practice

This seminar will present findings from an analysis of different meanings of resilience. First it looks at how resilience is understood in scientific fields including human development, systems ecology, environmental change and hazards. It then looks at how these ideas are translated in policy discourses on resilience from a range of institutions concerned with environment change and international development.

Katrina Brown is an environmental social scientist, and Professor of Development Studies at the University of East Anglia. Her research explores the interface between international development, environmental change and sustainability and she has experience of research in sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and South Asia. She is co-editor of the journal *Global Environmental Change*, and a member of the Resilience Alliance. She currently holds an ESRC Professorial Fellowship on Resilient Development in Social-Ecological Systems which extend interdisciplinary understandings of resilience and how they relate to international development. She has published extensively.

Professor Dilanthi Amaratunga, University of Salford, Centre for Disaster Resilience - Post-Disaster Reconstruction of the Built Environment: Rebuilding for Resilience

With growing population and infrastructures, the world's exposure to hazards whether of natural or man-made origins is rising. This reality will inevitably require the frequent reconstruction of communities, both physically and socially. At the same time, it is vital that attempts at reconstruction after disasters occur actively consider how to protect people and their environment to ensure those communities are less vulnerable in the future. The emphasis of this presentation is concentrated on the reconstruction of the 'built environment'.

Dilanthi Amaratunga is Professor of Disaster Management at the School of the Built Environment, University of Salford. She leads the University's Centre for Disaster Resilience and is responsible for supporting research on disaster management. She is also Associate Head of International Development for the School of the Built Environment and a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). As a member of the RICS, she leads several of their disaster management initiatives and is also the Coordinator of the International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction's (CIB's) Task Group 53 on Postgraduate Research. Her research interests include post-disaster reconstruction including conflict mitigation, gender and projection; capability and capacity building in managing disasters; socio-economic measures for conflict-affected areas, re-construction and women in construction.

Dr Graham Phillips - People and Landscapes in Western Syria: A Long-term Perspective

This presentation explores long-term settlement patterns in the Middle East in terms of continuity and change that can be seen as resilient responses to particular combinations of environmental, socio-economic and cultural factors, operating within a variety of temporal and spatial scales.

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