

GLOBAL FORUM ON URBAN & REGIONAL RESILIENCE

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Making Resilience Resilient

Socio-Ecological Justice and Transformative Governance

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The concept of Resilience has its roots in numerous and diverse academic and professional schools and traditions, ranging from behavioral sciences via ecosystem management to structural engineering or monetary systems. Thus, Resilience is a fascinating, multi-faceted and powerful paradigm that appeals to a large number of researchers, practitioners, decision makers and stakeholders, and has the potential to inform and drive large-scale transformations and behavioral change. Yet, little attention has been given to two pivotal questions: (1) the question of Resilience's normative foundations beyond utilitarian and anthropocentric worldviews; and (2) the question of what makes Resilience approaches thrive and last in situations and processes of high uncertainty, failing statehood and risk complexity. This lecture will address some of the key factors that underlie successful application of Resilience concepts in various areas of socio-ecological and socio-political concern and highlight the roles of justice and transformative governance in making Resilience resilient in turbulent times.

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