



Mentoring Lecture Series

Empowering Women to Develop Academic Careers

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Resilient people, resilient institutions: Can they build resilient cities?

Taken for granted that Resilience represents self-response to vulnerability to hazards, there is indeed a wide variety of actors in the city who/which are capable to perform such attitudes: Governments and authorities, individuals and households, social and business networks, techno-human systems etc. Since the most important global institutions working for the cities's future, such as UN-Habitat, pursue the imperative of "Resilient City" one might wonder: What makes a city "Resilient"? Resilient people, resilient institutions, a resilient urban physical structure or all these together? Do resilient citizens mitigate urban structure's vulnerability? What happens to vulnerable people if the city is qualified with resilient authorities? May a "Resilient City" be the habitat of vulnerable citizens? The presentation challenges the slogan "Resilient City" as an utopia; adheres instead the objective of "Resilience Justice in the City" and offers some policy recommendations to this end.

The science lecture (ca. 1 hour) is followed by a Question & Answer period on issues specific to career development of women in academia (e.g., options, barriers, how to overcome them, good practices and strategies).

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