

Call for papers: **URBAN DISASTERS AND RESILIENCE POLICIES OF CITIES**

Nowadays we observe an increasing interest in surprises in urban evolution, with a particular view to the analysis of recovery patterns after a disruption of a stable urban system. Such disruptions may inter alia be caused by catastrophes (e.g., earthquakes, floods, fires), political turbulence (e.g., revolutions, political turmoil), economic shocks (e.g., recession or crises), and the like. Modern resilience analysis aims to trace the pathway towards recovery after an initial disaster or jump happening in an urban system. In many cases, it appears that the transition path of 'back to normal' contradicts the initial catastrophic forecasts on the future of the city concerned. The recovery rate is sometimes much faster and more efficient than anticipated during or right after the occurrence of the event. From a scientific perspective, there is – beside a descriptive event history investigation – also a clear need for a more strategically-oriented and quantitative analysis of urban resilience patterns, with a view to a dynamic analysis of the recovery trajectory of a city after an initial disruption. The main question at stake is: are urban resilience patterns critically determined by self-adjustment mechanisms or by effective policies?

This session aims to provide an original contribution to urban disaster analysis, with a focus on the quantitative analysis of urban recovery patterns after an initial disruption or catastrophe. The various papers aim to provide novel contributions of an analytical nature on surprises in urban evolution and on adjustment patterns, e.g. effective policy measures based on studies from all over the world.

Important dates:

December 16 th 2016	General Call for Papers – Submission opens
February 10 th 2017	Submission of extended abstracts or draft papers closes
March 31 st 2017	Notification of acceptance for individual papers
June 9 th 2017	Paper Upload closes

We are planning to produce an edited volume on the fascinating theme of **RESILIENCE of CITIES AND URBAN DISASTERS**. This book will most likely be published by Edward Elgar. Selected papers from this special session will be considered to be published in the book. Clearly, all submitted papers will be subjected to the standard rigorous review procedure of the publishing house.

We hope you will be interested in joining this endeavour.
We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Cordially yours,

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