

Session 1: Normative Dimension of Resilience

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Cultural Values and Resilience: Embedded Barriers to Building Resilience in the U.S.

Abstract:

Building resilient places requires collaborative efforts between citizens, governments, and the private and nonprofit sectors. These collaborative relationships must be based on trust and mutuality that are grounded in value systems accepted by all participants. Some elements of America's value system can and often do make it difficult to establish the trusted bonds between those individuals and groups essential to creating places that can adapt and transform themselves into resilient communities. This presentation explores the value barriers in American society that hinder or block our ability to build long-term resiliency in our communities.



