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Resilient Cities: Planning for Extreme Events

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Urbanization, especially in the Asia Pacific region, alongside climate change and sea-level rise, increases the exposure and risks to cities. Recent disasters demonstrate the need for new approaches to planning, development, and management of urban areas. Based on research conducted in Hawaii, the United States, and the Asia-Pacific region, Dr. Kim will describe the challenges and opportunities for mitigating harm and adapting to coastal and climate hazards and threats. In addition to new tools and technologies, more robust systems of planning, management, and governance are needed to build and sustain resilient cities.



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