

RESILIENCE FORUM 2018: resilience of what for who??

Weds September 19th, 4-6 pm: Arthur Lewis Building G.35-36

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Cities worldwide are transforming and bringing new kinds of vulnerability. Many cities now have resilience units, and both Greater Manchester and Melbourne are in the Rockefeller 100 Resilient Cities. But the question comes up everywhere – ‘resilience of what for who??’ (in practice, high-carbon industries and post-truth dictatorships each seem quite resilient)

This workshop builds on the first Resilience Forum 2017, coming from a UK-AU collaboration. We aim to explore challenges and opportunities, both practical and theoretical. We will review the findings so far and aim to move forwards...

- Practical questions: following the Grenfell Tower fire (with similar risks in Manchester), what implications for resilience – more regulation, technology, or more ‘intelligence’?
- How can a city-level resilience programme / unit respond to such challenges, with limited resources: what can Manchester 100RC learn from Melbourne?
- Is the current focus on climate risk & terrorism missing out equal or greater vulnerabilities: e.g. food insecurity, energy poverty, welfare systems gaps, housing crisis, mental illness?
- Which methods are most useful for complex and inter-connected risks: and what models of ‘resilience’ can respond better to issues of power and inequality?

The speakers now include (other brief contributions with slides are welcome)

Prof Iain White, University of Waikato, NZ: *‘uncovering the governance of resilience - from disruptive theory to conservative practice?’*

Cllr Derek Antrobus, Salford City Council: *‘from theory to front line practice’*

Ioanna Tantanasi, MUI / CURE: *“critical infrastructure resilience - tools for measuring and enhancing”*

Ulysses Sengupta, Manchester School of Architecture: *‘complex urbanism – resilient or vulnerable?’*

Joe Ravetz, MUI / CURE: *‘Resilience of what for whom - fitting solutions to problems’* (report on the results of the Resilience Forum 2017).

Further details - Manchester - <http://projects.seed.manchester.ac.uk/synergistics/projects/risk-resilience-australia/>
and Melbourne - (<https://msd.unimelb.edu.au/experiential-adaptive-learning-tools-for-a-resilient-built-environment>).

