



Concurrent Group Sessions and Tours

Session Title: Meanings of “Home” in Times of Vulnerability, Increased Mobility, and Fragile Infrastructure

Discussion Leaders

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Conversation Prompts

1. How do we build inclusive risk models, inclusive of community members most impacted by disasters, to mitigate the impact of disasters? Why is it important for architects to be part of this conversation centered on equity and inclusion through design and technology?
2. Responses to natural and man-made disasters often generate “crisis cycles” in public relations. Crises undermine trust in public utilities and services. How can research and the visibility of practices in pre- and post- disasters times be less “weaponized”? Can we develop gateways to more constructive, transparent dialogue about systems and infrastructure?
3. What are some examples of “everyday technologies” that have been adapted and repurposed to assist to serve the public in disaster/crisis or food shortage situations?
4. Good design is a human right and should be available to all. What are some strategies to prepare the next generation of designers, who may lack access to resources, to become the builders of future equitable environments across scales, e.g., cities to blocks to neighborhoods to buildings?