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BUILDING FOR LOCAL RESILIENCE AND THE LATENT NEXUS BETWEEN VULNERABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY IN METROPOLITAN REGIONS

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Abstract

Providing a review of theoretical and empirical studies with a specific coverage on Europe, this paper focuses on the concept of 'metropolitan resilience' in light of public governance and regional planning, making some distinctions with the more general notion of 'urban resilience'. While discussing different approaches to 'engineering resilience' and 'evolutionary resilience' characteristic of transitioning urban systems, conceptual differences between the issues of 'specific' and 'generic' resilience in metropolitan regions were outlined, distinguishing central cities from suburban locations and larger regions surrounding urban cores. Integrating multi-disciplinary frameworks to resilience science allows formulation of shared definitions and homogeneous frameworks evaluating resilience in different socioeconomic contexts at both local and regional scale.

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