

Resiliency versus Sustainability: Conflicting or Complementary Goals in Cities

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It has taken nearly three decades for sustainability to be more fully elaborated by the research community and to be widely accepted by governments worldwide. Nowadays, strategies and action plans to achieve sustainability abound at the international, national, and sub-national levels. Yet, sustainability remains a multi-dimensional and hard-to-achieve goal. Do we need another goal of resiliency in cities? To what extent is resiliency different? To what extent can it be put under the umbrella concept of sustainability? We try to answer the above questions and explore ways of integrating the two concepts and sets of indicators within the Asian context.