

Special Workshop Organized by Institute for Studies of the Global Environment

LOCAL ADAPTIVE CAPACITY, PARTICIPATORY PLANNING, AND STATE-SUPPORTED ADAPTIVE GOVERNANCE: TWO CASE STUDIES

This talk examines two case studies of local adaptive capacity, participatory planning, and State-supportive adaptive governance. First, amid increased precipitation and sea-level rise, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (USA) invited municipalities across the State to participate in the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program. Eight years after the program's launch, this study assesses its performance. Second, in 2020, Storm Alex violently hit Southeast France. This work examines authorities' risk management and urban planning efforts at this emergence frontier to determine the extent to which they successfully promoted State-reinforced AG and adaptation to climate change in their responses to the storm.

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Camille Washington-Ottobre examines how communities in various contexts respond to the climate crisis. Her current research focuses on State-supported adaptive governance in response to Storm Alex which destroyed three valleys in Southeastern France in 2020. She also works on policies for adaptation to climate change in the State of Massachusetts by conducting a macro-analysis of the Municipality Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program.

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