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Resilience to Multi-Hazards: From the National to the Informal Urban Context in Global South Cities

Friday, November 27, 2026, 10:00 AM EST
Spencer Engineering Building (SEB3102) & Online via Teams

Globally, multiple hazards, including climate-induced hazards, affect countries and cities differently. The purpose of this presentation is to explore why these hazards can produce different outcomes in different geographical contexts. It first traces the conceptual evolution of resilience and examines how it has come to be understood in climate change scholarship from three perspectives that serve different practical purposes. The presentation then draws on key case studies from countries in the Global South to explore how multidimensional drivers shape the ways countries respond to multi-hazards and the differential outcomes they experience. Finally, the presentation shifts to informal settlements in African cities, where residents are subject to exclusionary urban practices rooted in colonial legacies. This shift in geographical scale thus brings a question into focus: what does resilience mean for residents whose ability to respond depends on the very institutions that have historically excluded them?



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The seminar will open with a presentation by **Dr. Yongjun He** (Research Associate, the Department of Geography and Environment, Western University, London, ON, Canada.)

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