

(C) Inga-Lill. Zimapan, Mexico. Woman sitting at her house which was raided for building materials and abandoned to rising reservoir waters.

Interlinking Culture and Heritage with Destruction, Rebuilding and Transformation

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Culture in displacement and resettlement has been variously ignored, subordinated to livelihood imperatives, or intentionally suppressed, for example, through planned resettlement strategies. Planned resettlement, whether anticipated as part of a development project, or for people already displaced, changes displaced people's lives, often significantly. We go beyond expressing culture spatial and temporal orders that can be reconstructed.

We contend that, whatever the trigger for the original displacement, solutions must address the question of culture, heritage and intangible loss if they are to be meaningful and functionally purposeful for the displaced people, durable, and sustainable for all stakeholders, including the host communities.

Drawing upon cases of planned resettlement and local integration, we consider some ways in which these omnipresent but less understood elements, can be addressed with potential for richer, more sustainable,

"durable solutions".

Details

Monday 17 October, 1-2pm In person:

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