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7th INTERNATIONAL i-Rec
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RECONSTRUCTION AND RECOVERY IN URBAN CONTEXTS

6-8 JULY 2015
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International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
Welcome to the 7th International Information and Research for Reconstruction (i-Rec) Conference. i-Rec is essentially a social network—a web-based group of professionals and students who practice in or research on post-disaster reconstruction. The mission of i-Rec is to share learning about reconstruction practice and to further theoretical insights into reconstruction and recovery. The i-Rec website\textsuperscript{1} serves as a database of written materials and has proceedings from all the past conferences.

This 7th bi-annual conference, follows on from i-Rec Conferences in Ascona, Switzerland in 2013, in Ahmedabad, India in 2010, in Canterbury, New Zealand in 2008, in Florence, Italy in 2006, in Coventry, UK in 2004 and Montreal in 2002. I was part of the group that formed i-Rec in 2001, and we held our first conference at the University of Montreal in 2002, hosted by the Industrialisation Forum (IF) Research Group, led by my then PhD supervisor, Prof. Colin H. Davidson. Prof. Davidson has always been interested in the organizational design of construction projects and programmes, looking at how organisations work together for optimal performance of projects. This has shaped our collective work, and the interest in this towards the topic of reconstruction. Our work focuses not on the design of buildings, but on how reconstruction happens – what are the organisations and their configurations that make reconstruction successful (or not) - responsive the needs of people who have lost everything in disasters.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, adopted in March 2015, makes very clear the key role of reconstruction and recovery in disaster risk management (priority action area 4). The earthquakes that occurred in Nepal this spring show both the benefits that Disaster Risk Management is starting to have, as well as how far we have still to go. A coordinated response to post-disaster recovery, both in urban and rural areas, is crucial to help survivors to recover, and to rebuild stronger buildings and institutions. These are key points made in Ian Davis’ book, Shelter after Disaster – the 2nd edition of which will be launched at the Conference.

This year’s conference theme is on Recovery and Reconstruction in Urban areas. The Conference is being hosted by the Bartlett Development Planning Unit (DPU), and our main focus, over the 60 years of our history, has been on urbanization in low and middle-income countries. It is important to reflect on how urban contexts shape disaster recovery and to look at how reconstruction and recovery activities can enhance the functioning of cities. Around the same time that we were considering this topic for the 2015 i-Rec Conference, the UK Department for International Development (DFID), launched a learning programme on urban humanitarian crises, kicking off with a number of workshops in March 2014. At DPU, we prepared a literature review on urban humanitarian crisis, which outlined the urgent need for more learning about post-disaster response in urban areas, both in sharing practice across practitioners, as well as the need for more research into this topic\textsuperscript{2}. Thus, I hope the Conference will be a fruitful ground for considering what is unique about recovery in cities, as well as furthering our knowledge about reconstruction practices.

A number of people have been instrumental in bringing this conference together, including DPU’s Director, Julio Davila and many DPU staff; the conference organizing committee, Sneha Krishnan, Fatemeh Arefian and Rachel Wallburn; the DPU admin team lead by Nkenji Okpara, including Annette Preddie, Tola Fetuga and Elsa Tadessse; and the DPU communications team Matt Wood-Hill, Giovanna Astolfo and Alex Frediani. We are also grateful to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies for sponsorship.

Cassidy Johnson, London 29 June 2015

\textsuperscript{1} www.grif.umontreal.ca/i-rec/publications.html
\textsuperscript{2} The literature review is available from: www.bartlett.ucl.ac.uk/dpu/publications/dpu-report-1
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MON 6 JULY
VENUE: ROBERTS BUILDING (G06 SIR AMBROSE FLEMING LECTURE THEATRE AND ROOM 110)

9.00 Conference registration (Roberts Building Foyer)

10.00 **Plenary session**

Welcome (G06 Sir Ambrose Fleming LT)
**Cassidy Johnson** (DPU)
**Julio Davila** (DPU)
**Gonzalo Lizarralde** (IF Research Group, Université de Montréal)

Keynote panel
Chair: **Camillo Boano**

Urban Process and Urban Risk: Opportunities and Constraints on Reconstruction, Risk Reduction, and Avoidance
**Allan Lavell** (FLASCO, LA RED)

Is Post-Disaster Reconstruction an Opportunity for Informal Settlers to Attain the Right to Adequate Housing?
**Jennifer Duyne Barenstein** (University of Applied Sciences of Southern Switzerland)

Urban Disaster Response and Reconstruction – Fit for Purpose?
**Graham Saunders** (IFRC)

12.00 Lunch

13.00 **Roundtable 1: Disasters in urban contexts**

Location: G06 Sir Ambrose Fleming LT
Facilitator: **Adriana Allen**
Rapporteur: **Garima Jain**

Papers:
Humanitarian Response to Urban Crises: Literature Review of Area-Based Approaches
**Victoria Maynard, Elizabeth Parker** (University College London)

### 13.00 **Roundtable 3A: Linking a past, present, and future: histories, urban imaginaries, urban design, and its influences on urban recovery**

Location: Room 110
Facilitator: **David Sanderson**
Rapporteur: **Vicente Sandoval**

Papers:
Remaking Iconic Space at the Margins: Coney Island
**Robyn Autry** (Wesleyan University)

The Role of Open Space for Urban Resilience: A Case Study of San Pedro de la Paz under the Context of the 2010 Earthquake in Chile
**Camila Wirsching Fuentes, Maria Teresa Rodriguez Tastes** (Universidad San Sebastián Concepción)

Urban Morphology as a Tool for Post War Reconstruction – The Case of Nablus’ Historic Center in Palestine
**Muath Taher, Jorge Correia** (University of Minho)

Built Outcomes of Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction: Comparison of Post-Blitz London (1945) and Post-Earthquake Port-au-Prince (2010)
**Rachel Valbrun** (University College London)

14.30 Tea
**TUE 7 JULY**

**VENUE:** ROBERTS BUILDING (G06 SIR AMBROSE FLEMING LECTURE THEATRE, G08 SIR DAVID DAVIES LECTURE THEATRE AND ROOM 110)

8.30  Registration (Roberts Building Foyer)

9.00  **Plenary session**

Location: G06 Sir Ambrose Fleming LT
Chair: **David Alexander**

Feedback from Roundtables 1 and 6 from Day 1

Keynote Panel:
*Building and Land Use Regulation for Disaster Risk Reduction in Low and Middle-income Countries: Opportunities in Reconstruction*

**Frederick Krimgold** (Virginia Tech)

Relocation strategies: examples from recent disasters

**Steve Platt** (Cambridge Architectural Research)

Lessons Learned after Supertyphoon Haiyan: The Case of Tacloban City and Nearby Towns in Eastern Visayas Region

**Gerald Paragas** (City Government of Tacloban)

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10.30  Tea

11.00  **Roundtable 5A: Relocation from hazardous areas**

Location: G06 Sir Ambrose Fleming LT
Facilitator: **Allan Lavell**
Rapporteur: **Julia Wesely**

Papers:
*Post-disaster planning: lessons from recent disasters*

**Stve Platt** (Cambridge Architectural Research Ltd)

**Exploring Potentials and Limitations of Linking Reconstruction Process to Urban Governance**

**Fatemeh (Farnaz) Arefian** (University College London)

**Examiner ‘Disaster Capitalism’: Post-Disaster Actions in Chile**

**Vicente Sandoval, Claudia Gonzalez-Muzzio**
(University College London, FU-Berlin, Ámbito Consultores Ltda.)

**Lessons Learned after Supertyphoon Haiyan: The Case of Tacloban City and Nearby Towns in Eastern Visayas Region**

**Gerald Paragas** (City Government of Tacloban)

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15.00  **Roundtable 3B: Culture, place, and identities in urban disaster recovery**

Location: Room 110
Facilitator: **Rohit Jigyasu**
Rapporteur: **Rachel Valbrun**

Papers:
*Re-Discovering Uttarakhand’s Cultural Identity: Issues for Consideration during Post-Disaster Reconstruction*

**Vanicka Arora, Manas Murthy**
(Ansal University)

‘Culture’ and Post-Conflict Recovery: The Case for Kuwait

**Alkindi Aljawabra** (University College London, Qatar Campus)

The Concept of Place and Related Issues in Post-Disaster Reconstruction: Existing Knowledge and Gaps

**Serena Tagliacozzo** (University College London)

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15.00  **Roundtable 6: Local governments, urban governance, and institutions**

Location: G06 Sir Ambrose Fleming LT
Facilitator: **Jennifer Duyne Barenstein**
Rapporteur: **Sneha Krishnan**

Papers:
*A Review of Legislative Changes in Disasters: The New Zealand Case*

**James Olabode Bamidele Rotimi, Jason Le Masurier**
(Auckland University of Technology)

*Exploring Potentials and Limitations of Linking Reconstruction Process to Urban Governance*

**Fatemeh (Farnaz) Arefian** (University College London)

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16.30  **Book Launch: Shelter after Disaster 2nd Edition**

Location: G06 Sir Ambrose Fleming LT
Chair: **Graham Sunders**
Discussants: **Ian Davis, David Alexander, and others**

17.45  Reception and Poster Presentations (Foyer)
11.00 **Roundtable 3C: Histories, perceptions, and ethnographies for understanding urban recovery**

Location: Room 110  
Facilitator: Camillo Boano  
Rapporteur: Elizabeth Wagemann

Papers:  
*Earthquake – Historical Memory and Awareness, Tools that Reduce Risk of Disasters*  
Francesca Falchieri (Architectural Engineer)  

*Post-Disaster and Reconstruction Stories: A Visual Ethnography of L’Aquila’s Post-Earthquake Territorial Transformations*  
Claudia Faraone (IUAV Venice School of Architecture)  

*Incorporating Social Innovation into ‘Humanitarian Architecture’*  
A Nuno Martins, Manuel Correia Guedes (University of Lisbon)

*What do People Think? Inhabitants’ Perception of Reconstruction in Chilean Historic Areas Affected by Earthquakes*  
Bernadette Devilat (University College London)  

11.00 **Roundtable 2C: Challenges, characteristics and tools for recovery**

Location: G08 Sir David Davies Lecture Theatre  
Facilitator: Gonzalo Lizarralde  
Rapporteur: Serena Tagliacozzo

Papers:  
*Logistics Challenges during Post Disaster Response: A Case Study of New Zealand*  
Araoye Olarinkoye Ajiboye, James Olabode Bamidele Rotimi, Felicity Lamm, Simon Mowatt (AUT University)  

*Identifying Recovery Characteristics with Multi-Agent Simulation*  
Yasmin Bhattacharya, Takaaki Kato (University of Tokyo)  

*Recovery and Reconstruction Process after Two Fire Disasters: Natural versus Technological*  
Ali Asgary, Ali Ihsan Ozdemir, and Carmaine Gentles (York University, Abdullah Gull University)

*Towards ICT as an Enabler for Direct Community Influence in Urban Reconstruction Programmes*  
Kenny Meesters, Anna Wachtmeister (Tilburg University, CORDAID Philippines)  

*Aggregates for Quality Concrete from Debris Using Optimised Crushing*  
Perry van de Wouw, Miruna Florea, Guy Buyle, Jos Brouwers (University of Eindhoven, Centexbel)

12.30 Lunch

13.00 **Roundtable 5B: Relocation and resettlement strategies**

Location: G06 Sir Ambrose Fleming LT  
Facilitator: Garima Jain  
Rapporteur: Rohit Jigyasu

Papers:  
*Fukushima – the Housing Situation and Condition of Evacuees of the Triple Disaster Four Years after the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake*  
Elizabeth Maly, Tomoko Matsushita, Hiroshi Suzuki (Tohoku University, University of Tokyo, Fukushima University)  

*Designing for Relocation: Understanding Place Attachment Concept in Social-Spatial Reconstruction*  
Hakan Arslan (University of Duzce)  

*Individual Self-help Housing Reconstruction with Relocation: Transformation of Built Environment after the Great East Japan Earthquake*  
Tamiyo Kondo, Yuka Karatani (Kobe University, Meijo University)  

*Recovery of the Healthcare System in Montserrat, West Indies: Some Issues on Relocation*  
Victoria Sword-Daniels (University College London)

13.00 **Roundtable 4A: Integrated approaches for recovery and resilience**

Location: Room 110  
Facilitator: Lisa Bornstein  
Rapporteur: Sneha Krishnan

Papers:  
*An Experience of Addressing Collectively Defined Priorities Related to DRR and Housing in a Low Socially-Cohesive Urban Environment*  
David Dalgado (British Red Cross)  

*Role and Effectiveness of Humanitarian Agencies in Providing Post-Disaster Housing – Learning from the Typhoon Haiyan Experience*  
Tomoko Matsushita (University of Tokyo)  

*Building Knowledge in the Reconstruction Process: The Safer House Construction Guidelines in Malawi*  
Matilde Cassani, Maria Chiara Pastore (Politecnico di Milano)  

*Capitalising on Post-Disaster Adaptive Resilience for Recovery*  
Katrice King, Lee Bosher, Sam Kayaga (Oxfam GB, Loughborough University)
13.30 **Roundtable 2B: Community-driven practices**

Location: G08 Sir David Davies Lecture Theatre
Facilitator: **Ilan Kelman**
Rapporteur: **Serena Tagliacozzo**

Papers:
- *Favela Landslide in the Northeastern Brazil: Reconstructing Sites through Resident's Practices*
  Ana Rosa Chagas Cavalcanti (Sciences without Borders)
- *Relationships between Design and Adaptive Capacities in Informal Settlements: the Reconstruction of the Toi Market in Kibera, Nairobi*
  Georgia Cardosi, Mahmood Fayazi, Gonzalo Lizarralde (IF Research Group, Université de Montréal)
- *Shelter2Habitat: Developing Resilient Cities after Disasters. Pre-findings of Cordaid’s Urban Resilience Programme in Guian, the Philippines*
  Inge Bouwmans, Anna Wachtmeister (CORDAID)
- *Analysis of Successful Indexes of Recovery and Factors Leading to Successful Recovery – Case Studies of Some Communities in Banda Aceh, Indonesia*
  Maria Bernadet Karina Dewi, Takaaki Kato (University of Tokyo)

15.00 Tea

15.30 **Student Competition Entries Presentations**

Gonzalo Lizarralde

Introduction to London Walking Tours
Rachel Valbrun

16.00 **Walking Tours: Post-WWII Reconstruction in London**

18.30 Conference dinner

**WED 8 JULY**

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8.30 Registration (Roberts Foyer)

9.00 **Plenary session**

Location: G06 Sir Ambrose Fleming LT
Chair: **Cassidy Johnson**

Feedback from Roundtables 3 and 5 from Day 2

Keynote Panel

**Communicating the impacts of crises and the experiences of recovery**

Maggie Stephenson

10.00 Future i-Rec Activities

Gonzalo Lizarralde, Georgia Cardosi

11.00 Tea

11.30 **Roundtable 4B: Linking disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation with disaster recovery and reconstruction**

Location: Room 110
Facilitator: **John Twigg**
Rapporteur: **Bernadette Devilat**

Papers:
- *Using Reconstruction to Place Climate Change Adaptation within Disaster Risk Reduction*
  Ilan Kelman, JC Gaillard (University College London, University of Auckland)
- *Linking Preparedness to Recovery: Exploring the Past to Build Resilience to Future Disasters*
  Sneha Krishnan (University College London)
- *Community Response to Reconstruction Process of Lac-Mégantic, Canada after the 2013 Derailment: How Encouragement of Community Participation under Consultation of McGill University Leads to Transformation and Resilience*
  Leni Vespaziani, Mahmood Fayazi (McGill University, Université de Montréal)
- *“Normality Back Better” Through Reconstruction*
  Candida Maria Vassallo (Architect)
- *The Role of Child-Friendly Environments in the Process of Reconstruction: Case of 2003 Bam Earthquake*
  Hedieh Gamini Esafahani, Mehrdad Rahimi (Shahid Beheshti University)

11.30 **Roundtable 2D: Planning approaches and strategies for recovery**

Location: G06 Sir Ambrose Fleming Lecture Theatre
Facilitator: **Charles Parrack**
Rapporteur: **Julia Wesley**

Papers:
- *Beyond ‘Business as Usual’: Capability Challenges in Earthquake Reconstruction in Christchurch, New Zealand*
  Suzanne Wilkinson, Yan Chang-Richards, Eric Seville, David Brunsdon (The University of Auckland, Resilient Organisations, Kestrel Group)
Planning and Design in the Recovery of Infrastructure Networks – A Study of Christchurch’s Post-Earthquake Reconstruction
Kristen MacAskill, Peter Guthrie (University of Cambridge)

Does Insurance Delay or Speed up the Recovery and Reconstruction Process? Evidences from Canada
Ali Asgary, Ali Ilhson Ozdemir, Charmaine Gentles (York University)

A Retrospective Analysis of the Long-Term Recovery of the Healthcare System in Montserrat, West Indies
Victoria Sword-Daniels, John Twigg, Tiziana Rossetto, David Johnston (University College London, Massey University)

Reconstruction Design Guideline for Seismic Risk Reduction after Bam Earthquake Approaching Tourism Development: Case of Kajeh Murad Neighborhood
Nazanin Sadeghi, Maryam Vakilbashi (Shahid Beheshti University)

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Roundtable 4C: Aspects of resilience and recovery
Location: Room 110
Facilitator: Lee Bosher
Rapporteur: Rachel Valbrun

Papers:
Resilience Assessment: Recovery of Brisbane Neighbourhoods after 2011 Flood
Leila Irajifar (Griffith University)

The Impact of Post-Disaster Reconstruction Policies on Different Categories of Households in Bam, Iran
Mahmood Fayazi, Faten Kikano, Gonzalo Lizarralde (IF Research Group, Université de Montréal)

Recovering From Small-Scale Disasters in Assam: An Environment Justice Perspective
Sneha Krishnan (University College London)

A Review on Urban Recovery and Reconstruction Planning in Turkey
Evren Burak Enginoz (Istanbul Kultur University)

14.00 Roundtable 2A: Housing and beyond: reconstructing lives, reconstructing cities
Location: G06 Sir Ambrose Fleming Lecture Theatre
Facilitator: Ali Asgary
Rapporteur: Bernadette Devilat

Papers:
Field Evaluation of Transitional Phase in Post-Disaster Recovery
David Alexander (University College London)

Approaches to Urban Displacement for Camp Coordination Strategies
Charles Parrack (Oxford Brookes University)
From Shelter to Home
Elizabeth Wagemann (University of Cambridge)

Plastic Modernity: A Taxonomy of Syrian Refugee Camps in Lebanon
Faten Kikano, Mahmood Fayazi, and Gonzalo Lizarralde (IF Research Group, Université de Montréal)

15.30 Tea

16.00 Conference Discussants
Location: G06 Sir Ambrose Fleming Lecture Theatre
Chair: David Alexander
Discussants: David Sanderson, Fatemeh (Farnaz) Arefian, John Twigg

Announcement of Michael Lyons Award for Best Paper and Student Competition Winners
Gonzalo Lizarralde

Final Wrap-up and Next Steps
Cassidy Johnson

17.00 Farewell Cocktail
TOURS

TUE 7 JULY
4–6 pm

TOUR: BLOOMSBURY BOMBED AND REBUILT
Start Location Roberts Engineering Building
Facilitator Dr. Mark Clapson

TOUR DESCRIPTION
The tour of Bloomsbury will focus on the spatial impact of bombs, the V1 and V2 rockets, and what was rebuilt on the bomb sites. While highlighting key areas and structures damaged or destroyed, the challenges of the London County Council will also be addressed. The guided walk will include Tottenham Court Road, Fitzrovia, Portland Place to Oxford Street, Regent Street, and the edge of Soho and end up back in Bloomsbury.

TOUR GUIDE
Dr. Mark Clapson is a Reader in History at the University of Westminster. His research focuses on the relationship between social and urban change, and he has particular interests in twentieth-century suburbanisation, and the British new towns. He organized the conference The Blitz and Its Legacy in 2010, and is co-author of the book, “The Blitz and Its Legacy: Wartime Destruction to Post-War Reconstruction.”

TOUR: BARBICAN AND THE GOLDEN LANE ESTATES
Start Location Barbican Tube Station (Meet at the street level entrance by 16:30)
Facilitator Jenny Rossiter

TOUR DESCRIPTION
The tour of the Barbican and Golden Lane Estates will begin with an overview of the devastation of the City of London. Covering a few different planning and housing responses, the tour focuses on the City of London Corporation efforts and initiatives to accommodate housing for the working and middle class to live within the City of London.

TOUR GUIDE
Jenny Rossiter has over 40 years’ experience of working both in urban regeneration and in overseas development. During the mid-1980s she worked for the Housing Department of the GLC managing improvement and modernisation programmes across the capital. In 2005 she started to give guided walks on the history of social housing in London to students and interested organisations. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Housing, an Associate Member of the Development Planning Unit UCL where she obtained an MSc in International Housing Studies in 1994. She is currently a Trustee of Housing Justice and a committee member of SanKTUs. In 2011 she qualified as an official guide in the City of London.

TOUR: SOMERS TOWN POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION
Start Location Roberts Engineering Building
Facilitator Lester Hillman

TOUR DESCRIPTION
Somers Town, an unique tightly defined district on the doorstep of the i-Rec Conference, offers a fascinating kaleidoscope of housing spanning three or more centuries. The walk will explore housing designs, the organisations, landmarks, individuals and dramas with particular reference to the major forces that have shaped the area in recent decades. These include post-war reconstruction, major infrastructure projects and the changing social mix and needs of the community.

TOUR GUIDE
Lester Hillman was conferred a Visiting Professorship in the Business School at London Metropolitan University 2008-2010. He has won a number of international and professional awards in planning and has been a pivotal role in London planning including serving as a judge advising the Mayor of London on planning awards. He also managed the third party development interface „safeguarding“ for HS1 (the high speed international rail development into St Pancras) was a planner at the London Borough of Camden looking after design for the area of Bloomsbury and development management and environmental improvements for Somers Town, where he will be leading the walk.
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CONFERENCE VENUES

6-8 JULY
Roberts Building
PROF. FREDERICK KRIMGOLD  
(VIRGINIA TECH, USA)

Frederick Krimgold is director of the Disaster Risk Reduction Program of the Advanced Research Institute of Virginia Tech. His areas of research include design decision analysis, benefit/cost analysis for hazard mitigation, post-disaster recovery and reconstruction, institutional development for community sustainability and resilience and market incentives for mitigation investment. He has led major studies of critical infrastructure resilience at the regional level in the US National Capital Region, Danville and Hampton Roads in Virginia. Current research is on building and land use regulatory efficiency and effectiveness in disaster-prone developing countries.

**Title:** Building and Land Use Regulation for Disaster Risk Reduction in Low and Middle-income Countries: Opportunities in Reconstruction

DR. ALLAN LAVELL  
(FLACSO, LA RED)

Allan Lavell, British, Ph.D in Geography, the London School of Economics and Political Science. Currently Coordinator of the Programme for the Social Study of Disaster Risk at the Secretariat General’s Office of the Latin American Social Science Faculty-FLACSO- in San Jose, Costa Rica. Founding member of the Latin American Network for the Social Study of Disaster Prevention-LA RED. He has given more than 150 conferences in 42 countries, written and published over 70 specialized items on disaster risk management and undertaken more than 60 consultancy missions in 20 different countries, for over 15 international agencies. Awarded the 2015 UN Sasakawa prize for contribution to disaster risk management

**Title:** Urban process and urban risk: opportunities and constraints on reconstruction, risk reduction and avoidance

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**Title:** Is post-disaster reconstruction an opportunity for informal settlers to attain the right to adequate housing?
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Title: Tacloban after Super Typhoon Haiyan: The Road to Recovery

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Title: Communicating the impacts of crises and the experiences of recovery.
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Title: Post-disaster planning issues: lessons from five recent disasters

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Information and Research for Reconstruction (i-Rec)
i-Rec is a web-based international network focused on the study of reconstruction after disasters. i-Rec deals with information exchange between its members in order to contribute with knowledge related to building activities in situations of crisis, particularly disasters in developing countries. It creates links between more than 200 specialists in the field of post-disaster reconstruction, particularly in the areas of architecture, engineering and construction, humanitarian aid, international development and social sciences. i-Rec organizes an international conference every two years: Montreal (Canada), 2002; Coventry (UK), 2004; Florence (Italy), 2006; Christchurch (New Zealand), 2008, Ahmedabad (India), 2010, Ascona (Switzerland) 2013. The i-Rec conferences bring together academics and practitioners interested in this field. In this regard, the conferences are a suitable environment for knowledge transfer and training based on experience and research.

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Crises occurring in the urban context pose particular challenges for recovery and reconstruction, due in part to intense social inequalities, complex infrastructure and governance systems, competing agendas for access to land, density of the built environment and the numbers of people affected. This conference seeks to understand how urban contexts are shaping disaster recovery and to take a critical look at reconstruction and recovery activities in urban areas. It is designed to bring researchers and practitioners together to collaborate in moving this critical issue forwards, and in bringing it to the attention of decision makers faced with the realities of post-disaster organization and action.

The conference is organized around a number of thematic roundtables, including:
1. Disasters in urban contexts
2. Housing and beyond: reconstructing lives, reconstructing cities
3. Linking past, present and future: histories, urban imaginaries, urban design and its influence on urban recovery
4. Supporting urban risk reduction through reconstruction
5. Relocation from hazardous areas
6. The role of local governments in recovery