

Innovative partnership responses to natural disasters

Session time/ date/ duration: Thursday 28th (after lunch - 90 minutes)

Session Chair: A/Prof Ann Dupuis

Academic Presenter: Dr Suzanne Vallance (30 minutes plus questions)

Bio: Dr Suzanne Vallance began teaching full-time at Lincoln University in 2008 having completed her PhD on the topic of urban sustainability in New Zealand. She has subsequently extended her interests to include resilience, and is most intrigued with the ways in which formal and informal versions of both of these ideas are planned and implemented in the urban context. Through her work on community engagement and public participation around, for example, earthquake recovery, urban planning and development, infill housing, community gardening, vacant spaces, seafood gathering, and temporary use, she seeks a better understanding of people's collective attempts to shape the world in which they live, according to their needs, aspirations, and framing of risk. She currently has Marsden Fast Start funding to compare and contrast the contingent planning strategies associated with various 'emergent' and 'insurgent' publics and community-led planning networks.

Title: The artist, the academic, the hooker and the priest: Exploring the notion of partnership in the recovery of post-quake Canterbury

Abstract: The Canterbury earthquakes of 2010/11 caused widespread devastation to the built environment and infrastructure, decimated communities, and disrupted or destroyed many businesses. While there are many tragic elements, the disaster has also prompted the development of new - and sometimes unlikely - partnerships, many of which operate in emergent and rapidly changing 'spaces' of collaboration. In this presentation I will explore several of these more innovative spaces in order to interrogate the notion of 'partnership' in the post-disaster context.

Other presenter: Liz Hampton, Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs Manager, IBM, NZ

Title: The 'once' opportunity for Christchurch – Christchurch and an IBM Smarter Cities grant

Abstract: The Canterbury re-build presents a unique opportunity to revisit an entire modern city with a clean sheet of paper. How will Christchurch ensure that the billions of dollars invested lead to long term, sustainable economic and social development? In May 2013 a team from IBM, in partnership with Canterbury Development Corporation and Christchurch City Council, set out to address this question thanks to an IBM 'Smarter Cities Challenge' Grant.