

Review of: "On the Resilience of Urban Real Estate Development"

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I was happy to read your paper and many thanks for sharing it through this system. I am unsure what is the direction that you would like to take with it, but I would like to share some suggestions that you might find helpful (or not).

1. You present the concept of resilience as something that is needed to develop some form of resistance in places and mostly as a benevolent concept. Nonetheless, this is a concept that can lead to places to become 'locked-in' in undesirable states (see Hudson 2010: 'Resilient regions in an uncertain world: wishful thinking or a practical reality' published by Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society). Furthermore, the rhetoric of resilience can become problematic depending how it is used and by whom it is mobilised. I think that your paper would benefit from at least recognising the various issues surrounding the concept of resilience.
2. Although there is some recognition in your paper that resilience can/should be developed as bottom-up practice (e.g., communities becoming organised in response to crises), it seems to be that your view of resilience mostly focus on what policymakers and the state can do to support the real estate development. Related to my previous point, there is research that suggests that design-driven resilience practices (e.g., political decisions that aim to provide a common benefit) can influence further marginalisation and inequalities (see Cox et al 2022 'Design-driven resilience and the limits of geographic critique' published by the Royal Geographical Society).
3. While is true that localities have been placed under significant strain after the pandemic which provokes an interest to understand the development of resilience after this crisis, some would argue that resilience is something that is developed through time and so it might be worth to understand how decisions taken prior to the pandemic in the real estate might have shaped the resilience of specific localities.

Good Luck!!