Emergency Management and Community Engagement. Approaches and Challenges

In the last fifty years we saw different models and techniques in emergency management, some more hierarchical, some other more democratic, some oriented to restore physical city, some other based on community reactivation. Edward Blakely, former Chair of the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of California, Berkeley, and responsible in post disaster recovery after some of the most heavy catastrophes in USA, as Katrina Hurricane in New Orleans and 9/11 attack in New York, would help us to understand the most performing approaches starting from his experience. Which models work better? Which dangerous short streets are to be avoided? How important is it to involve citizens in recovering choices and practices?

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