

Special Issue

Flood Risk Governance for More Resilience

Message from the Guest Editors

Resistance-based strategies for flood risk management (FRM), based on controlling flood via structural infrastructure, laws and regulations, have been increasingly challenged in the last 20 years. Instead of seeking to remove the threat and to minimize societal and economic losses, new approaches embrace uncertainty and put emphasis on adaptation instead of control. Recent research efforts have significantly contributed to knowledge on the mechanisms through which a diversification and alignment of strategies takes place in different contexts. Different sub-themes have attracted attention, such as the role of citizens and stakeholders in FRM; the structures, assumptions, and limitations of FRM policies and particular FRM measures and tools. A crosscutting issue in this area of research is the role of governance. FRM has become an increasingly reflexive preoccupation. This Special Issue invites contributions that look critically at flood risk governance, unpack some of the issues discussed above or identify important new research areas. We particularly welcome cross-disciplinary papers, within and across the domains of natural and social sciences.

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