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CIB W120 – Disasters and the Built Environment New Joint Commission Coordinator

In February 2018 the CIB Programme Committee appointed Dr Ksenia Chmutina as Joint Coordinator of the CIB Commission W120 – Disasters and the Built Environment.

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Short CV

Dr Ksenia Chmutina is a Lecturer in Sustainable and Resilient Urbanism at the School of Architecture, Building and Civil Engineering at Loughborough University, UK. Her main research interest is in synergies and tensions of resilience and sustainability in the built environment, including holistic approach to enhancing resilience to natural and human-induced threats, and a better understanding of the systemic implications of sustainability and resilience under the pressures of urbanisation and climate change.

Her other research interests include transdisciplinary integration of pre-emptive hazard mitigation strategies into decision making process of construction stakeholders, and disaster risk management of cultural heritage. Ksenia uses her work to draw attention to the fact that disasters are not natural.

Personal Statement

Rapid urbanisation presents numerous challenges to humanity, many of which can be addressed through built environment solutions. With the increase in frequency and intensity of various hazards and threats, the future of vulnerable and growing populations is increasingly perilous.

The work of the CIB W120 is becoming more and more important, in particular in providing a forum for cutting-edge research dissemination and dialogue and advocating a transdisciplinary and culturally sensitive approach to research in the context of 'Disasters and the Built Environment'.

I am delighted to be appointed as a Joint Co-ordinator of CIB W120, and I look forward to working with Co-ordinator Dr Jason von Meding and the members of the commission on mainstreaming disaster risk reduction knowledge among the built environment professionals - and thus resisting disaster risk creation.

Information

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