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Cultural Ecology: Adaptation - Retrofitting a Concept?

The paper identifies ways in which geographers and others are currently using the concept of adaptation, and traces both continuities and discontinuities with its earlier heritage. The paper argues that we should avoid the limitations of some past uses of adaptation, and enhance its operation with new techniques and approaches.

[Cultural Ecology: Adaptation - Retrofitting a Concept?](#) Lesley Head (University of Wollongong, Australia), Progress in Human Geography, pp. 1-10, Sage Publications, 2009 [subscription required]

Adaptation Planning Framework to Climate Change - HCMC

The paper uses the concepts of vulnerability and adaptive capacity to assess the climate-related impacts and possible adaptation options for the urban environment of Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC), Vietnam. It develops an adaptation planning framework to climate change for HCMC. The paper informs decision-makers about climate change risks to increase their capacity for implementing necessary adaptation measures.

[Adaptation Planning Framework to Climate Change for the Urban Area of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam](#), Harry Storch et al., Fifth Urban Research Symposium, France, 2009 [5.94 MB, PDF]

El Nino Teleconnections in Africa, America and Asia-Pacific

Based on an analysis of past El Niño years, this document provides maps that show the increase in odds that many developing countries have in receiving below-or above-normal rainfall in the future. The document helps policy makers understand and assess how vulnerable different areas of the world are to climate-related socioeconomic impacts.

[El Nino Teleconnections in Africa, Latin America and Caribbean, and Asia-Pacific: Overview of Current Socio-economics and of Enhanced Odds of Anomalous Seasonal Precipitation](#), Shiv Someshwar et al., The International Research Institute for Climate and Society, Earth Institute, Columbia University, USA, October 2009 [6.90 MB, PDF]

Development, Malaria and Adaptation to Climate Change

Taking the example of malaria incidence in India, this paper attempts to integrate climate change and developmental variables in shaping a framework for integrated impact assessment and adaptation responses. The paper finds that well developed policies could result in enhanced resilience of communities, and lower health impacts due to climate change.

[Development, Malaria and Adaptation to Climate Change: A Case Study from India](#), Amit Garg et al., Environmental Management, vol. 43, pp. 779-789, Springer, 2009 [subscription required]

Catalyzing Climate and Disaster Resilience - India, Nepal, Pakistan

The report evaluates the costs and benefits of disaster risk reduction (DRR) across a series of case areas, including: Tarai, Nepal; Eastern Uttar Pradesh, India; and Rawalpindi, Pakistan. It attempts to demonstrate that DRR pays and that it can make a substantive contribution towards helping people adapt to the impacts of climate change.

[Catalyzing Climate and Disaster Resilience: Processes for Identifying Tangible and Economically Robust Strategies - India, Nepal, Pakistan](#), Final Report of the Risk to Resilience Study, Moench, M., Fajber, E., Dixit, A., Caspari, E., & Anil Pokhrel, ISET, ISET-Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal, 2009 [3.46 MB, PDF]

Australian Climate Hearing - Melbourne

This event (Australian Climate Hearing) will take place in Melbourne, Australia on 23rd November 2009. The hearing includes a panel of four experts and social commentators discussing key climate change issues in Australia, Asia-Pacific, and beyond. Participants can interact by asking a question, making a comment or simply being there.

[Australian Climate Hearing](#), Oxfam Australia, Village Roadshow Theatre, State Library, Corner Latrobe and Swanston Streets, Melbourne, Australia, 23 November 2010

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