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Resilience and Voluntary Temporary Populations: A mobility concept in an immobile world

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The pandemic has thrown into stark relief the importance of resilience for local areas. However, when discussing the degree of community resilience in particular, there is clear variability dependent on the adaptability of groups, institutions and individuals to prevent, prepare, recover and thrive in the event of shocks, such as natural hazards, health, economic or political crises. However, much of the research on community resilience has been based in the in assumption that the community is comprised of a permanent population, with little inclusion of the voluntary ‘temporary’, ‘seasonal’, or ‘mobile’ populations (i.e. fly-in/fly-out workers, second homeowners, students, seasonal workers), which often play a substantial role in the local community. Such temporary populations may be termed as voluntary so as to contrast them from forced migrant populations. Resilience is a holistic concept and as such requires the consideration of all aspects of place, inclusive of all place-specific actors. The importance of inclusivity has been heightened by COVID-19 which resulted in many individuals being caught “out of place”. Thus, the need to include all stakeholders, as acknowledged in theory, has become essential. The emphasis on permanent populations marginalizes voluntary temporary populations (VTPs) who may not only be active members of the community but also key components of the local economy. Given the identified gaps, this session hopes to stimulate debate through papers on, but not limited to, the following themes:

- Disaster and crisis resilience and VTPs
- COVID-19 and VTPs
- The wellbeing of VTPs during COVID-19 non-pharmaceutical interventions
- The relationships between sustainability and resilience with respect to VTPs
- Economic resilience and seasonality
- Seasonality and its relationship to the sustainability of places and organizations
- Climate change resilience and VTP
- Resilience planning and VTP
- VTP and risk awareness
- Community integration, resilience and VTP

- What does resilience mean for VTP?
- Why do VTP need to be resilient?
- Economic resilience and dependency on seasonal workers
- Governance and recognition of VTP
- The sustainability of places with substantial VTP populations
- Demographic recognition of VTPs
- VTPs and second homes/multiple dwelling

Please submit your 250 word abstract to Bailey Adie at bailey.adie@imtlucca.it by **March 6, 2020**.

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