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A New Climate for Regionalism? Governing Florida's Climate Adaptation

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Abstract: Metropolitan regions have long had difficulties coordinating their land use, infrastructure, and housing, especially in ways that produce equitable and sustainable regions. Climate change exacerbates these challenges, perhaps nowhere more so than in Florida. This talk will present new evidence of the fiscal impact of sea level rise on Florida's cities, which are severest in smaller, denser, whiter, and wealthier coastal municipalities. It then considers the kind of regional governance that is needed, the regional governance that exists, and the implications for future climate migration and socio-spatial inequality.

Bio: Linda Shi is Assistant Professor at Cornell University's Department of City and Regional Planning. Her research concerns how to plan for urban climate adaptation in ways that improve environmental sustainability and social justice. She studies how aspects of urban land governance – including the fiscalization of land use, property rights regimes, and metropolitan regional institutions – shape climate vulnerability and adaptation responses. She comes at these issues having worked on watershed restoration, water and sanitation, and development planning all over the world for AECOM, the World Bank, the Institute for International Urban Development, and Rocky Mountain Institute. She has a PhD in urban and regional planning from MIT.