

“Coastal communities, major environmental change, and inherent resilience: insights from the Fukushima coast”

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The Fukushima Dai'ichi nuclear accident is among the largest-ever instances of marine pollution. It continues to affect communities on the Fukushima coast through ongoing effects on fisheries, plus the possible need for further releases of contaminated water into the sea due to a lack of storage space on land. In this session I talk about how the nuclear accident and subsequent contamination has impacted upon community relations and socially and culturally meaningful practices on the Fukushima coast. I pay particular attention to how the disaster continues to affect the inherent resilience of Fukushima's coastal communities – in other words, informal practices, sustained through social memory and everyday actions, which enable communities to respond to shocks and stresses.



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Dr Leslie Mabon is a Senior Lecturer in Social Science at the Scottish Association for Marine Science-University of the Highlands and Islands. His research focuses on how communities and societies living in coastal zones respond to climate and environmental change, and to how different ways of knowing are balanced when making decisions about governing a rapidly-changing coastal environment. A human geographer by training, Leslie has a particular interest in Japan, Taiwan and Vietnam as well as his native Scotland.

This virtual event is part of a series exploring issues concerning environmental justice, energy, climate change, community, and forms of resilience in coastal areas in Texas and beyond. For more information, see events related to the Glasscock Center's Humanities: Land Sea Space initiative.



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