PEARL RIVER DELTA NETWORK – RESILIENT URBANISM WITHIN LOCAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ECONOMIC FLOWS

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In a globalizing world the success or failure of urban communities is increasingly determined by their position within local, regional and global economic networks. This means that a community’s local urban knowledge needs to be supplemented with an understanding of its relative meaning to the world around it. This could lead to ‘resilient urbanism’ in which a community can adapt to external shocks from its surrounding environment. In this way it becomes interesting how a new community like Hung Shui Ku is positioned in the economic networks of other parts of HK, Shenzhen, the PRD, Guandong Province, Asia, or the world. From this it becomes interesting to define urban programs that can give Hung Shui Kiu a strategic advantage within these networks, and what kind of adaptive planning may be needed to accommodate future change.

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