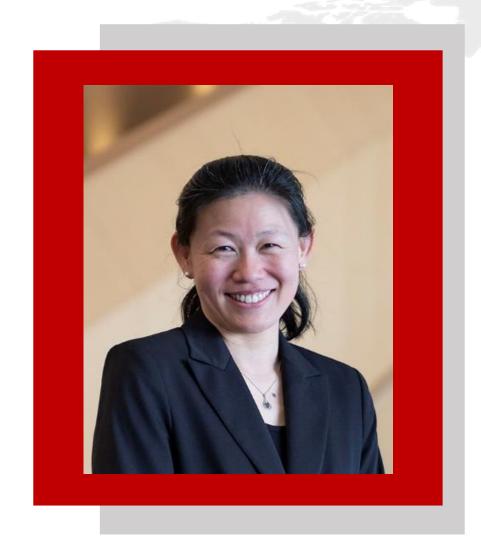
### SESSION 2: Challenges of DMHA at the Local Level



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# Challenges of DMHA at the local level

## Critiques of the policy discourse:

## No academic evidence

- 1. Policy communities intuitively <u>assume</u> that localization *should* work.
- 2. Their assumptions are based on <u>fragmented</u> in-field experience.
- 3. There are <u>varied interpretations</u> of what "localization" actually means
- 4. Less attention paid to locally-led disaster responses deriving from culture, history and tradition in Asia
- 5. Less attention paid to non-institutional local actors