

SESSION 2: Challenges of DMHA at the Local Level

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Critiques of the policy discourse:

No academic evidence

1. Policy communities intuitively assume that localization *should* work.
2. Their assumptions are based on fragmented in-field experience.
3. There are varied interpretations 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