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Cities, Earthquakes, and Time

Abstract: Earthquakes occur suddenly, in a brief instant of time. But their effects ─ and the actions we take to reduce their effects ─ stretch over many years. In this talk, I explore some of the characteristics of the relationship between earthquakes and time. More importantly, I explain how these various time characteristics affect policy decisions. I draw four policy conclusions from this rumination on time, relating to: mitigation, speed and quality of recovery, planning for resilience, and construction standards.

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Refreshments will be served!

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