

Natural Disasters and Agricultural Systems in Haor Region of Bangladesh: Looking through the Lens of Flood

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In recent years, 'climate change,' especially flood disasters, has garnered significant attention in the context of global environmental issues. With over 80% of Bangladesh's land being floodplains, floods have become a major societal issue, symbolized by the term 'climate (change) refugees.' However, Bangladesh has a history of responding (adapting) to the local natural phenomenon of water level fluctuations (floods) not just as disasters to be suppressed but as opportunities to harness 'blessings,' such as managing water resources effectively during rising water periods while avoiding periodic flood disasters. This seminar will explore the characteristics of floods in the Haor region of Bangladesh, their impact on agriculture, the intensity of damages year by year, the roles of various organizations in flood management, and several recommendations for efficient flood management. Considering the viewpoint that the region's regular large-scale floods harbor incalculable opportunities for agricultural practices and improving residents' livelihoods, the latest research findings on effective flood management in this area will be presented.