Hurricane Sandy dramatically exposed New York's vulnerability to the ravages of climate change. Panelists here explore city-level efforts to reduce carbon emissions and fossil fuel consumption, adapt to climate change, and ensure infrastructure resiliency. With Hillary Brown, Professor, City College of New York; Tara DePorte, Director, The Human Impacts Institute; and Klaus H. Jacob, Senior Research Scientist, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. Moderator: Cindi Katz, chair of the Earth and Environmental Sciences Department at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

Hillary Brown, FAIA, is founding principal of the firm New Civic Works and professor at the Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture at the City College of New York. Previously, Brown served as assistant commissioner of the City of New York, where she was founding director of New York's Office of Sustainable Design and led publication of the nationally recognized City of New York High Performance Building Guidelines and High Performance Infrastructure Guidelines. She currently serves on the National Research Council of the National Academies' Board on Infrastructure and the Constructed Environment. Brown has served on both the national and New York Chapter board of directors for the U.S. Green Building Council and is a Fellow of the Post-Carbon Institute. Tara DePorte works with colleagues throughout the world on creative community development, environmental education, and social justice. She is the founder and director of The Human Impacts Institute, which fosters sustainable human impacts on ecosystems through knowledge building and creative expression. Klaus H. Jacob, a senior research scientist at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, specializes in multihazard risk assessment, including risks from global climate change, sea level rise, and coastal storm surges. He has worked with the Emergency Management Communities at federal, state, and local levels on risk mitigation strategies and is a member of the New York Panel on Climate Change. Professor Jacob was named one of Time magazines People Who Mattered in 2012 for his modeling of the effects of a hypothetical coastal storm on New York City, borne out by Hurricane Sandy. Cindi Katz is chair of the Earth and Environmental Sciences Department and professor of geography at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. She has published widely on the consequences of global economic restructuring for everyday life.

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