

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Special Issue of *Risk Analysis* on **Resilience Analytics for Cyber-Physical-Social Networks**

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The US government has increasingly emphasized resilience planning for critical infrastructure networks. Presidential Policy Directive 21 [White House 2013] states that these networks “must be secure and able to withstand and rapidly recover from all hazards,” where the combination of “withstanding” and “recovering” from disruptions constitutes *resilience*, a definition with which many agree [e.g., Haines 2009, Aven 2011, Ayyub 2014]. According to the US Department of Homeland Security [2013], the resilient operation of critical infrastructure networks is “essential to the Nation’s security, public health and safety, economic vitality, and way of life.” Governments across the globe have followed suit. Further, the resilience of communities after a disruptive event has become an important topic, acknowledging that infrastructures do not exist for their own sake but serve society (e.g., citizens, industries) [NIST 2015].

As such, three important (and interdependent) cyber-physical-social networks include [Barker et al. 2017]: (i) *Infrastructure networks* that are the engineered cyber-physical systems that enable essential “lifeline” services for society, (ii) *Service networks* that are engaged in a disruption to enable the function of other networks, and (iii) *Community networks* that represent the interconnected society that the other networks support. Infrastructure networks and service networks connect communities, enable economic prosperity, and provide for societal interactivity.

Data describing the performance of such cyber-physical-social networks are particularly important before, during, and after a large disruption because of the central role these networks play in supporting the society’s resilience. These data may come from sensors embedded in the physical infrastructure, or from cameras which monitor system performance, but they also may be generated at the service network level in such forms as data feeds from emergency services operations, or at the community network level in such forms as social media posts. This availability of data has the potential to inform decisions through the application of advanced analytical methods, or *analytics*, thereby improving resilience. *Descriptive analytics* refers to techniques that effectively describe and possibly help visualize

the performance of the interdependent networks before, during, and after a disruptive event. *Predictive analytics* involves models that help determine complex patterns and relationships among variables to quantify the likelihood and the impact of future events and thus reduce the associated uncertainty. While descriptive analytics relate to the current or historic states of system, and predictive analytics attempt to quantify future states, *prescriptive analytics* provides guidance on how to achieve desirable resilience outcomes and combines with system modeling for estimating the benefits of resilience-improving strategies. Further, learning analytics addresses how we adapt with new information, and evaluation analytics assesses the effectiveness of data-driven policies.

To address the increasingly important area of modeling the resilience of cyber-physical-social networks, *Risk Analysis* calls for papers to be published in a special issue with the topic **Resilience Analytics for Cyber-Physical-Social Networks**. Topics of the special issue can include, but are not limited to, the following specific issues:

- Models of reliability, vulnerability, and/or recovery of cyber-physical-social networks
- Measures of resilience driven by descriptive, predictive, and/or prescriptive analytics
- Interdependencies among cyber-physical-social networks
- Community resilience to physical infrastructure disruption
- Emergency response and/or humanitarian logistics integrated with physical infrastructure disruption

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#### **Important dates:**

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