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Indigenous Placemaking in the Marshallese Climate Diaspora

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This study investigates the role of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) in the transnational placemaking of Indigenous communities. Within growing transnational networks of communities facing climate change impacts, the aim of the study is to understand how IKS is maintained through placemaking. The study examines the existing diasporas of transnational Marshallese populations threatened by climate forced displacement in order to understand how IKS is used in the production of culturally supportive built-environments. The hypothesis of the study is that Indigenous Design Knowledge produces culturally supportive built environments within the transnational communities of Indigenous populations facing climate forced displacement and resettlement. An additional aim of the research is to understand how the interchange of Indigenous Design Knowledge and placemaking is altered by the influence of climate change and increased inhabitability of sending communities. As part of this, the study seeks to understand how the transportation of Indigenous design knowledge occurs, and how it can be leveraged in aiding the continuity of Indigenous cultures in the production of a supportive built-environment.



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