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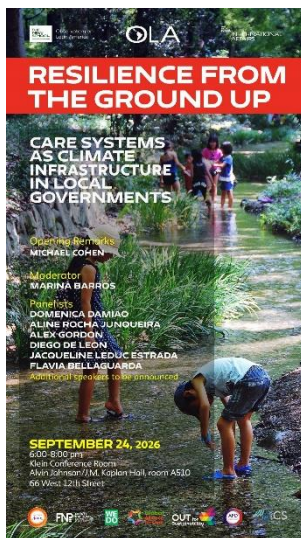
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[Resilience from the Ground Up: Care Systems as Climate Infrastructure](#)



As climate impacts intensify, local governments are recognizing that social resilience and ecological resilience are deeply intertwined. This session explores how municipal care systems, ranging from community support networks and social safety nets to public health and caretaking services, function as critical, frontline climate infrastructure. By centering equity, gender justice, and local governance, speakers will share experiences in how investing in care work and community well-being strengthens urban adaptability, protects vulnerable populations during extreme climate events, and builds long-term institutional resilience from the ground up.

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Thursday, September 24, 2026,
6:00PM to 8:00PM
Klein Conference Room
Alvin Johnson/J.M. Kaplan Hall, room A510
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Speakers & Program

Opening Remarks

- **Michael A. Cohen**, The New School / Observatory on Latin America

Moderator

- **Marina Barros**, Executive Director, Instituto Alziras

Panelists

- **Domenica Damião**, Municipal Secretary of Housing, Environment, Climate and Energy – Francisco Morato, Brazil
- **Aline Rocha Junqueira**, Municipal Secretary of Sustainability and Climate Change– Juiz de Fora, Brazil
- **Flavia Bellaguarda**, Special Advisor for COP30, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
- **Alex Gordon**, Manager, Policy and Development, WEDO
- **Diego de Leon**, Out for Sustainability
- **Jacqueline Leduc Estrada**, Programme Officer Global Alliance for Care

**Additional speakers to be announced*

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