Resilience of Human-machine Systems to Cope with Increasing Challenges from Disasters

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Abstract: Threats from natural disasters, industrial incidents, and public health crises impose significant challenges to individuals and organizations. To better cope with these challenges, resilience, an ability to adjust performance to changes and disturbances, has emerged as a key factor of successful management of the disasters. This seminar presents research projects on resilience of incident management teams and human workers in oil and gas industries, and challenges to psychological resilience during the current COVID-19 pandemic. First, resilience of incident management teams is analyzed through two lenses of work-as-imagined and work-as-done. Second, this seminar presents human workers’ interactions with operating procedures used in oil and gas industries, a representative example of work-as-imagined. Third, impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on college students’ mental health are also presented. Implications of the findings and plans for future efforts to enhance resilience of the human-machine systems are also discussed.

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