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## **How Hurricane Maria Exposed Puerto Rico's "Colonial Boom and Bust"**

Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico and its 3.4 million residents. Power and resources are still scarce on the island, and federal aid has been slow. In addition to this immediate crisis, the storm highlighted Puerto Rico's existing infrastructure problems.

In the following conversation with Zaire Dinzey-Flores, associate professor of sociology and Latino and Caribbean studies at Rutgers University and author of *Locked In, Locked Out: Gated Communities in a Puerto Rican City*, we explore what led to Puerto Rico's decline before Hurricane Maria and what's next for the island.

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