The Securitisation of Climate-Induced Migration: Critical Perspectives

Workshop Programme

Organisers: Chris Methmann, Delf Rothe (University of Hamburg)
Venue: Climate Service Center Hamburg

Sunday, June 10

19:00 Welcome and Introduction
20:00 Informal Dinner

Monday, June 11

9:00 Session 1: Theories of securitization and CIM

Which theoretical perspectives have been, and can be, applied to conceptualise the securitisation of climate migration?

Securitization theory, climate change and migration
Julia Trombetta

The vulnerable as becoming dangerous: A Foucaultian perspective on the securitization of climate change induced migration
Angela Oels

The Biopolitics of Climate-Induced Migration
Julian Reid

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Session 2: Concepts of security in the climate change and migration discourse

What kind of security concepts characterise discourses on CIM?

Human security: Contrasting human mobility in the climate negotiations and in security fora
Koko Warner

From Defence to Resilience. Pursuing Security in an Age of Risk
Olaf Corry

The exceptions that prove the rule: Overcoming the exceptionalization of climate migration in order to counter its securitization and depoliticization
Giovanni Bettini
12:30 Lunch

13:30 **Session 3: Discourses of CIM**

*Which discourses render climate-induced migration governable?*

- The green-washing of the anti-immigration discourse. An environmental history perspective  
  *Marco Armiero*

- Race and security in the climate change and migration discourse  
  *Andrew Baldwin*

- Invisible images imaging the invisible: Picturing Climate Refugees as the Human Face of Global Warming  
  *Chris Methmann*

15:00 Coffee Break

15:30 **Session 4: The securitisation of CIM and its political implications in different cases**

*Which actors are involved in the securitisation of CIM? What are the policy implications of the securitisation of climate migration? What are its effects in terms of (de-)politicisation of migration and the environment?*

- Discourses on policy responses to climate-induced migration in Bangladesh  
  *Alice Baillat*

- Flooding the fortress: The securitisation of climate change impacts in the Mediterranean and its policy implications  
  *Delf Rothe*

- Climate migration and security in the UK: Examining the role for interests and beliefs in securitisation processes  
  *Ingrid Boas*

17:00 Venue change

17:30 **Keynote Lecture by Melinda Cooper**
followed by a joint reception with a COST workshop on “Debt, Guilt & Evidence” that takes place in Hamburg simultaneously.

20:00 Workshop Dinner
Tuesday, June 12

9:00  Session 5: Empirical perspectives

What are the empirical connections between climate change, migration and security?

New or all threats to the destabilisation of the system? How climate induced changes are perceived and handled in vulnerable social-ecological systems
Maria Manez

Security dimensions of ‘climate migration’ in Kenya: Experiences from a field study in the Tana Delta
Jeanette Schade

Migration and Climate Adaptation in Regional Contexts
Jürgen Scheffran

10:30  Coffee Break

11:00  Session 6: Countering securitisation - alternatives to a security framing of CIM

What are the positive and negative implications of constructing climate migration as a security issue? Which alternatives to a security framing of CIM do exist?

Fraternity, Responsibility, Sustainability: The International Legal Protection of Climate Migrants at the Crossroads
Benoit Mayer

Securitising, insecuritising and de-securitising the mobility and environmental change nexus: practices, domains and the everyday
Bruno Magalhaes

Why climate refugees are not the canaries in the coalmine. An escape from environmental determinism
Francois Gemenne

12:30  Discussion

13:30  Departure