



Untangling the Climate Change/Migration/Security Nexus

Halifax, August 24 and 25, 2023

WORKSHOP DRAFT PROGRAM – July 23 version

all events in Steele Ocean Sciences Building (SOSB) room 3-44, unless otherwise indicated below

Thursday, August 24

9:45-10:00 Welcome (and coffee) – Katherine Fierlbeck (Political Science chair) / Leah Sarson (CSSD director)

10:00-11:15 PANEL 1: Climate, security, and migration: connecting the dots

Chair: Brian Bow

1. Kanta Kumari Rigaud (World Bank, USA), “The potency of climate migration: an anticipatory approach to avert the crisis” (online, confirmed)
2. Gregory White (Smith College, USA), “Anticipatory frameworks and climate security: the fictive threat of climate migration” (in-person, confirmed)
3. Elizabeth Ferris (Georgetown University, USA), “Climate change, internal migration, and security” (online, confirmed)

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30-12:15 PANEL 2: Climate migration: European perspectives, part 1

Chair: Ruben Zaiotti

1. Niklas Bremberg (Stockholm University, Sweden), “Climate, peace and security in a changing geopolitical context: next steps for the European Union” (in-person, confirmed)
2. Dimitrios Kantemnidis (Lesvos Reception and Identification Center for Refugees, Greece), “Migration, Europe, and the environmental factor” (online, confirmed)

12:15-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:15 PANEL 3: Climate migration: European perspectives, part 2

Chair: Kate Swanson

1. Stefania Panebianco (University of Catania, Italy), “Climate migration in the wider Mediterranean: A European policy in the making?” (online, confirmed)
2. Chiara Scissa (Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Italy), “Italy’s response to protection against disaster displacement” (in-person, confirmed)

14:15-14:30 Break

14:30-15:45 PANEL 4: Regional perspectives on crisis and adaptation to climate change

Chair: Kiran Banerjee

1. Jeannie Sowers (University of New Hampshire, USA) and Erika Weinthal (Duke University, USA), “Migration and environmental insecurity in the Middle East and North Africa” (in-person, confirmed)
2. Joshua W. Busby (University of Texas at Austin, USA), “Dry growing seasons predict Central American migration to the US” (online, confirmed)
3. Bob Huish (Dalhousie University, Canada), “A place without time: understanding climate refugee preparedness for small island Pacific States” (in-person, confirmed)

19:00-20:30 Dinner at Agricola Street Brasserie, 2540 Agricola St (<https://www.rcr.ca/restaurants/agricola-street-brasserie/>)

Friday, August 25

9:45-10:00 Coffee & croissants/muffins

10:00-10:45 PANEL 5: Understanding the climate-migration nexus

Chair: Anders Hayden

1. Etienne Piguet (Université de Neuchâtel, Switzerland), “Climate, mobility, and migration: making sense of a complicated nexus” (online, confirmed)
2. Sarah Nash (Danube University, Austria), “Control by definition? European policy discourses on climate change and migration” (online, confirmed)

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:15 PANEL 6: Gender, race, and climate-driven migration

Chair: Rachael Johnstone

1. Francesca Rosignoli (Univertitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain), "The gender-climate migration-security nexus in EU policies" (online, confirmed)
2. Susana Borràs Pentinat (Univertitat Rovira i Virgili University, Spain), "Climate migration from a gender-sensitive perspective: Socio-legal avenues for the European Union" (online, confirmed)
3. Lydia Ayame Hiraide (Goldsmith University of London, UK), "Climate refugee discourse in the popular press in Britain" (online, confirmed)

12:15-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:15 PANEL 7: Canadian reflections

Chair: David Black

1. Will Greaves (University of Victoria, Canada), "Reconsidering climate insecurity and migration in Canada" (in-person, confirmed)
2. Heather Smith and Gabrielle Daoust (University of Northern British Columbia, Canada), "Starting with the everyday: interrogating Canadian climate change policy" (in-person, confirmed)

14:15-14:30 Break

14:30-15:00 PANEL 8: Wrap-up and next steps

1. Kiran Banerjee, Brian Bow, Allison Chandler, and Ruben Zaiotti (Dalhousie University, Canada), "Climate/security/migration: outline for a research agenda" (in-person, confirmed)

16:00-17:30 Site visit to **Pier 21**, 1055 Marginal Road

20:15-22:00 Dinner at Ristorante a Mano, 1477 Lower Water Street (Bishop's Landing)
(<https://www.ristoranteamano.ca/>)