



Rethinking Climate Change, Conflict and Security

18-19 October 2012

Sussex Centre for International Security, University of Sussex

Conference Programme

<http://rethinkingclimateconflict.wordpress.com>

What are the conflict and security implications of global climate change? This question has received widespread attention from policy makers in recent years, with most concluding that climate change will in all likelihood become a significant 'threat multiplier' to existing patterns of insecurity and discord. Academic debate has tended to be more divided, yet despite differences in emphasis a common set of assumptions have come to dominate contemporary academic and policy discourse on climate change and security.

The guiding premise of this two-day international conference at the University of Sussex is that current academic and policy discourse on climate change, conflict and security is framed too narrowly and would benefit from both broadening and critique. Featuring many of the leading scholars of the links between climate change and security, the conference will both set out some of the most recent findings on likely conflict impacts and contest a range of prevailing orthodoxies. It will include a mix of case study and theoretical analyses, including panels on:

- Theories of climate change and conflict
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Critical discourse analysis and climate security
- The links between water scarcities, climate change and conflict
- Migration
- Case studies from the Arctic to Pakistan
- Peacemaking, cooperation and climate change

The conference will also feature two keynote addresses, plus a roundtable event featuring leading policymakers in the area of climate security.

The conference is fully open to researchers, students, policymakers, practitioners and the public.

The conference is supported by the EC Framework 7 project ['Climate Change, Hydro-Conflicts and Human Security' \(CLICO\)](#), the [Sussex Centre for International Security \(SCIS\)](#), and Sussex's [School of Global Studies](#).

Convened by:

Jan Selby (University of Sussex)

Clemens Hoffmann (Bilkent University)

Thursday 18 October

9.00 – 10.00: Registration and tea/coffee

10.00 – 10.20: Welcome

Jan Selby (Sussex) and **Richard Black** (Sussex)

10.20 - 11.15: Keynote 1

Chair: **Jan Selby** (Sussex)

Mike Hulme (University of East Anglia)

Three Discourses of Climate: Vulnerability, Conflict and Security

11.15 - 11.45: Tea/coffee break

11.45 - 13.15: Panel 1: Theorising Climate Change, Conflict and Security

Chair: **Stefan Elbe** (Sussex)

Jon Barnett, Geoff Dabelko, Stuart Kent (Wilson Center)

Five Pillars: A Framework for Understanding Interactions between Climate Change and Security

Simon Dalby (Balsillie School of International Affairs)

Environmental Geopolitics in the Twenty-First Century

Richard Falk (Princeton University)

Climate Change, Human Security, and a State-Centric World Order

Rita Floyd (University of Birmingham)

On the Morality of Climate Security

13.15 - 14.15: Lunch

14.15 - 15.45: Parallel Panels

Panel 2: The Water-Climate Nexus

Chair: **Clemens Hoffmann** (Bilkent)

Harry Verhoeven (University of Oxford)

Sudan Must Feed the World: Local Agency, Global Water Narratives and the Reproduction of Violence in the Climate Change Era

Mark Zeitoun (University of East Anglia)

Environmental Discourses on the Upper Jordan: Climate Change is What You Make of It

Christos Zografos (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

The Politics of Hydro-Climatic Security: Case Study Evidence from the Ebro Delta in Catalonia

Panel 3: International Case Studies

Chair: tbc

Katie Harris, Simon Levine and Lilianne Fan (Overseas Development Institute)

Re-Politicising the Climate Change Agenda: Implications for Conflict and Local Resilience

Kristin Larson (Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP)

Resource Challenges, Opportunities, and Security in the Emerging Arctic Region

Julian Saurin and Hayriye Kahveci (Middle East Technical University, Northern Cyprus Campus)

Paradoxes of Development: Capitalism, Ideology and Insecurity

Ayesha Siddiqi (King's College London)

Climate Change as a Trigger for Political Change: The Case of Southern Pakistan

15.45 - 16.15: Tea/coffee break

16.15 - 17.45: Keynote 2

Chair: **Peter Newell** (Sussex)

Betsy Hartmann (Hampshire College)

The Parable of the Herdsman and Other Tall Tales

Friday 19 October

9.00-9.30: Tea/coffee available

9.30 - 10.45: Parallel Panels

Panel 4: Climate Security Discourse: Critical Readings

Chair: **David Ockwell** (Sussex)

Nina Hissen (University of East Anglia Tyndall Centre)

Climate Wars? Implications of the Climate Change Discourse for Conflict and Cooperation over Transboundary Water Resources

Michael Mason (London School of Economics)

Beyond the Emergency Imaginary: A Critique of the Application of Human Security Discourses to Climate Vulnerability in (Post)Conflict Zones

Jonna Nyman (University of Birmingham)

Rethinking energy, climate and security: a critical analysis of energy policy in the US

Panel 5: Migration and Climate Conflict

Chair: **Richard Black** (Sussex)

Alexander Alexeev and Rafael Reuveny (Indiana University, Bloomington)

Climate Change, Weather Disasters, and International Migration

Alice Baillat (Sciences Po)

Including the Concept of "Human Security" into Security-Based Discourses on Climate-Induced Migration: A Way to Ensure Political Stability

Ingrid Boas (University of Kent)

The securitization of climate migration and its implications for climate and migration politics: the case of India

10.45 - 11.15: Tea/coffee break

11.15 - 12.45: Policy Roundtable

Chair: **Jan Selby** (Sussex)

Jamie Shea (Deputy Assistant Secretary General, Emerging Security Challenges Division, NATO)

Perla Srour-Gandon (Research Programme Officer, European Commission)

James Fairhead (Sussex)

TBC (Foreign and Commonwealth Office)

12.45 - 13.45: Lunch

13.45 - 15.15: Parallel Panels

Panel 6: Sub-Saharan Africa

Chair: **Jeremy Allouche** (Institute of Development Studies)

Wario R. Adano (Moi University)

Long-Term and Comparative Analyses of Climate Change and Violent Conflict in Northern Kenya Drylands

Halvard Buhaug (Peace Research Institute Oslo), **Tor Benjaminsen**, **Espen Sjaastad** (Norwegian University of Life Sciences), **Ole Manus Theisen** (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)

Food Insecurity and Violent Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa

Alan J. Kuperman (University of Texas, Austin)

How Domestic Political Institutions Mediate the Climate-Conflict Nexus in Africa

Alex Ronald Mwangi (Makerere University)

The Relationship between Climate Change, Conflict and Security in Uganda

Janpeter Schilling (Colgate University) and **Jürgen Scheffran** (University of Hamburg)

Climate Change and Violent Conflict in Kenya: A Two-Way Relationship

Panel 7: Science Meets Policy

Chair: **Richard Tol** (Sussex)

Henrik Carlsen, **Malin Mobjörk**, **Per Wikman-Svahn** (Swedish Defence Research Agency)

Utilising Socioeconomic Scenarios in the Study of Conflict and Security Implications of Future Climate Change

Marcel Leroy and **Fana Gebresenbet** (UN-Mandated University for Peace, Ethiopia)

Science, Facts and Fears: The Debate on Climate Change and Security

Dan Smith and **Janani Vivekananda** (International Alert)

Policies for Development, Adaptation and Peacebuilding

Benjamin Zala (Oxford Research Group)

Bridging the Divide between Academic Analysis and Policy Assessments on Climate Change and Security: 'Theory Multipliers' versus 'Threat Multipliers'

15.15 - 15.45: Tea/coffee break

15.45 - 17.15: Panel 8: Climate Peace?

Chair: **Simon Dalby** (Balsillie School of International Affairs)

Shlomi Dinar (Florida International University), **Lucia De Stefano** (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), **Brian Blankespoor** (World Bank) and **David Katz** (Haifa University)

Climate Change and State Grievances: The Resilience of International River Treaties to Increased Water Variability

Erik Gartzke (University of California, San Diego)

Bad Weather: The Effects of Climate Change on the Timing and Location of Interstate Disputes

Amit Tubi and **Eran Feitelson** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Drought and Cooperation in a Conflict Prone Area

Christian Webersik, **Hanne Jorstad** and **Sven Åke Bjørke** (University of Agder)

Climate Conflict and the Canary in the Coal Mine: Climate Change, Population Growth, Poverty and Peace in Malawi