



Environmental Change and Migration in Historical Perspective

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While a lot has been written in the last two decades about theoretical problems and terminological questions of environmentally induced migration, and while the amount of empirical studies on contemporary problems is slowly, but steadily, growing, we still know very little about the historical dimension of this relationship.

This multi-disciplinary conference brings together scholars from all parts of the world who will elaborate on the historical intersections between environmental change and migration.

Friday, August 5

09:00 - 09:30 **Welcome and Introduction**

Christof Mauch (RCC)
Uwe Lübken (RCC)
Franz Mauelshagen (KWI)

09:30 - 10:30 **Session 1**
Opening Lecture

Anthony Oliver-Smith (University of Florida)
Environmental Migrants?: Nature, Society, and Population Displacement
(Introduction: Christof Mauch)

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:30 - 13:00 **Session 2**
Climates of Colonization

Chair Franz Mauelshagen (KWI)

Lawrence Culver (Utah State University)
The Desert and the Garden: Climate as Attractor and Obstacle in the Settlement
History of North America

Kevin C. Brown (Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA)
Environment, Markets, and Migration to the Cutover Lands of
Minnesota, 1900-1940

12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch break**

14:30 - 16:00 **Session 3**
Relocation, Resettlement, and Rehabilitation

Chair Christof Mauch (RCC)

Stefanie Belharte (RCC)
Cultures of Migration: A Case Study from Far Northwest Papua New Guinea

Robin Bronen (University of Alaska)
Climate-Induced Community Relocation: Creating an Adaptive Government
Response Based in Human Rights Doctrine

C. Valatheeswaran (Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala)
The Environmentally Induced Displaced People in Tamil Nadu: Rehabilitation
Mechanisms and Rebuilding Livelihood Strategies

16:00 - 16:30 **Coffee break**

16:15 - 17:45 **Session 4**
Mobility / Migration as a Coping Strategy

Chair John McNeill (Georgetown University / RCC)

Annelies Zoomers (Utrecht University)
Climate Change, Environmental Change, and "New Mobilities" in the Bolivian Andes

Vipul Singh (University of Delhi)
Environmental Migrants: Migration Pattern and Everyday Forms of Resistance of a
Pastoral Community of Rajasthan, India

Saturday, August 6

- 09:00 - 11:00 **Session 5**
The Complexities of Environmental Migration
- Chair** Calum Nicholson (Swansea University)
- Ndu Life Njoku (Imo State University, Owerri, Nigeria) &
 Angela Udeoji (National Open University of Nigeria, Victoria Island, Lagos)
 The Atlantic Slave Trade, Environmental Change, and Human Migrations in West
 Africa: The Case of the Aro of Southeastern Nigeria
- David Soll (Lafayette College, Easton, PA)
 The Irony of Sanitation: Health, Population Change, and Rural Outmigration
- Rüdiger Glaser (Freiburg University)
 Spatio-Temporal Change of Climate-Induced Regional Vulnerability and
 Resilience in Central Europe since AD 1000
- 11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:30 - 13:00 **Session 6**
The Migrants' Environmental Experience and Impact
- Chair** Francois Gemenne (Sciences Po)
- Fei Sheng (Peking University / Australian National University)
 Shaping the New Gold Mountain: Environmental Experience of Chinese in the Mid-
 Nineteenth Century Australian Gold Rush
- Sílvia Marcus de Souza Correa (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina,
 Florianópolis)
 Immigration and Its Environmental Impacts on the "German Tropics"
- 13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch break**
- 14:30 - 16:00 **Session 7**
Disaster and (Return) Migration
- Chair** Uwe Lübken (RCC)
- Ranjan Chakrabarti (Jadavpur University, Kolkata)
 Climate and Settlement: A Case Study of the Kolkata Cyclone / Earthquake of 1737
- Giacomo Parrinello (University of Siena)
 Post-Disaster Migrations and Returns in Sicily: The 1908 Messina Earthquake and the
 1968 Belice Valley Earthquake
- Johnson Okorafor Ndubuisi (Imo State University, Owerri, Nigeria)
 The Sahelian Drought and Migration of the Fulani's into Nigeria, 1970-2000
- 16:30 - 17:00 **Coffee break**
- 17:00 - 18:00 **Final Discussion**
 Introductory Comments by Francois Gemenne (Sciences Po)
- 19:00 **Conference dinner**

Venue: Internationales Begegnungszentrum der Wissenschaft (IBZ)
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from the main station

- by subway (U-Bahn): **U1/U2** in the direction Sendlinger Tor, than transfer to **U3/U6** in the direction Olympiazentrum/Garching-Hochbrück. Get off at Universität, 1 1/2 blocks from the IBZ (20 minutes).



Registration: The workshop is free and open to the public; however registration is required. Please send an e-mail to events@carsoncenter.lmu.de by July 31, 2011, to sign up.