



International Conference on:

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Parallel Worlds? Environmental Change, Regional Adaptation and the Role of Migration

Cologne, 3 - 4 July 2014

Organized by the Institute of Geography
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Venue: Klosterstrasse 79a-d, 50931 Köln

The conference aims to discuss two perspectives on the nexus of migration and environmental change: Firstly, it presents the views of NGOs and various political players and secondly, it gives insights into new research horizons in migration research. On the first day of the conference we will bring together the perspectives of NGOs and other actors of international development with those of scientists doing research on the nexus of environmental change and migration.

On the second day, the focus will be on two recent theoretical advancements of migration studies, namely approaches of resilience and adaptation as well as of trajectories. A special emphasis will be put on gender aspects as well as the importance of transnational networks.

Thursday, 3 July 2014

10:30-12:00 Registration
12:00-13:00 Welcome and Opening
13:00-14:00 NGO Perspective
14:30-16:00 Accounts of Evidence
16:30-18:00 Where the Rain falls
(UNU-BONN) & policy
implications

Friday, 4 July 2014

08:30-10:30 Migrant Trajectories
11:00-12:30 Migration as Adaptation?
13:30-15:00 The Gender Perspective
15:30-17:00 Migrant Networks &
Transnational Resilience
17:15-18:00 Conclusion and Farewell

Registration deadline: 22.06.2014

Contact and registration:

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Speakers include:

Adaawen, Afifi, Aksakal, Castagnone,
Debnath, Dorlöchter-Sulser, van der
Felde, Guhathakurta, Keijzer, Knoll,
Kraas, Mallik, Milan, Mosuela, van
Naerssen, Ober, Rademacher- Schulz,
Sakdapolrak, Schapendonk, Schmidt-
Verkerk, Schraven, Siddiqui, Smith,
Teye, Torvikey, Warner, Wirsching,
Ziegelmayr

Conference fee:

70€ (two days), 35€ (one day)
35€ for students (two days)

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Thursday, 3 July 2014

Time	Session Title	Papers and Speakers
10:30-12:00	Registration	
12:00-13:00	Welcome and Opening	Organizing Team, <i>Speaker of the Institute of Geography</i>
13:00-14:30	NGO Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-governmental position on Climate Change-Induced Displacement and the question of Climate Justice (Sophia Wirsching, Brot für die Welt) • The logics of intervention – the external and internal handling of the development agenda (Sabine Dorlöchter-Sulser, Misereor) • Beyond ‘low-hanging fruits’? An analysis of key aspects of migration from a sustainable development perspective in relation to a post-2015 development framework (Niels Keijzer; Benjamin Schraven; Anna Knoll, German Development Institute (DIE)) • Medial representation of the topic (Students, University of Cologne)
14:30-15:00	Coffee Break	
15:00-16:30	Accounts of Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealing with Climate Change/Variability in the Coastal Savannah Zone of Ghana (Joseph Teye; Kwadwo Owusu, University of Ghana) • Changing Reproductive Behaviour and Migration as Response to Climate/Environmental Change: Evidence from Rural Northern Ghana (Stephen Adaawen, University of Bonn) • Complex migration trajectories between rubies, timber and politics in Mogok/Myanmar (Frauke Kraas, University of Cologne)
16:30-17:00	Coffee Break	
17:00-18:30	Where the Rain Falls (United Nationals University – Bonn)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koko Warner • Tamer Afifi • Christina Rademacher-Schulz • Andrea Milan • Increasing inequality and deagriculturalisation? Shifting seasonal migration in Northern Ghana in response to rainfall variability and food insecurity (Christina Rademacher-Schulz, United Nations University; Benjamin Schraven, German Development Institute (DIE))

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08:30-10:30	Migrant Trajectories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fluid flows and diversification of routes of African migration to Europe (Eleonora Castagnone, Fieri, Turin) (tbc)• Trajectory research; where will it take us? Reflections on the turbulent journeys of African migrants heading for Europe (Joris Schapendonk, Radboud University Nijmegen)• Climate Change and Migration Pathways in Ghana (Francis Jarawura, University of Ghana; Lothar Smith, Radboud University Nijmegen)• A Threshold approach to human mobility (Ton Van Naerssen, Martin Van der Velde, Radboud University Nijmegen)
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00-12:30	Migration as Adaptation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Migration as adaptation": reality or rhetoric? (Kayly Ober, University of Bonn)• Migration and Adaptation Conversation in Bangladesh (Tamanna Siddiqui, University of Dhaka; Bishawjit Mallick; Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT))• "One has to do what a man has to do" – Senegalese migrant trajectories from Dakar to the Canary Islands (Usha Ziegelmayr, FU Berlin)• From "migration as adaptation" to "translocal social resilience". Conceptual and methodological considerations (Patrick Sakdapolrak, University of Bonn)
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30-15:00	The Gender Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate Change Induced Migration and Remittance Responses through a Gender Lens (Priyanka Debnath, Carleton University, Ottawa)• Indigenous Women's Migration to Cities: root causes, coping mechanisms and gendered transformations (Meghna Guhathakurta, Research Initiatives Bangladesh (RIB))• Adapting Once or Adapting Twice: Tongu Men and Women's Responses to the Damming of the Volta River (Dzifa Torvikey, University of Ghana)
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30-16:30	Migrant Networks & Transnational Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate change, migration and social protection: The case of rural Mexico (Mustafa Aksakal; Kerstin Schmidt-Verkerk, University of Bielefeld)• The role of a priori cross-border migration after extreme climate events: The case of the Philippines after typhoon Haiyan (Cleovi Mosuela, University of Bielefeld)
16:30-16:45	Coffee Break	
16:45-17:30	Conclusions and Farewell	Felicitas Hillmann, Marie Pahl, Birte Rafflenbeul, Harald Sterly, University of Cologne