

## CLIMATE SECURITY: TOWARD A CRITICAL CONCEPTUALIZATION

What is security in an age of ecological devastation? How do our understandings of security need to change along with the escalating effects of rapid climate change for the planet we live on? Our workshop investigates a bundle of emerging questions on the materialities, temporalities and scales of climate security as a new paradigm of research.

Climate change has long been linked to questions of (in)security. Yet, current investigations have largely stayed within clearly demarcated empirical research fields and (sub-)disciplinary boundaries. On the one hand, empirical research has focused on the question of whether climate change would trigger conflict or other forms of political violence – often with a focus on potential climate hotspots in the global South. Given the context-specific character and narrow focus of such studies, they have little to say about how these conflicts interact with broader dynamics and practices of security. On the other hand, authors have traced how climate change has been discursively turned into a security threat and discussed the political implications of this securitization trend. These works represent important first steps towards what could be called a critical theory of climate security. However, discourse-centric works struggle to grasp the changing logics and materialities of security in times of dramatic planetary change.

To better conceptualize the implications of climate change for the (in)securities of our time and our future, we seek to bring more diverse research perspectives into conversation with each other. With this workshop we want to contribute to a better understanding of how matters of climate security are problematized, negotiated, and interwoven on different scales ranging from the very local to the planetary. How do effects of global warming, and related problems of deforestation, resource extractivism, or biodiversity loss, become (security) “matters of concern” (Latour), e.g. in parliaments and institutions, on the streets, or in wars?

WORKSHOP  
PROGRAMME

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# WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

## Wednesday, September 28

**15:00–15:30** ARRIVAL & WELCOME COFFEE

**15:30–16:30** INTRODUCTION AND WORKSHOP RATIONALE  
*Christine Hentschel, Delf Rothe and Ursula Schröder*

### COFFEE BREAK

**17:00–18:00** TROUBLING CLIMATE SECURITY I:  
RACISM AND THE LIMITS OF CRITIQUE  
*Jason Cons (Austin):*  
The Unbearable Whiteness of Climate Security  
*David Chandler (Westminster):*  
Climate Security: Refusing the Lure of Critique  
*Christine Hentschel (Discussant; Hamburg)*

**18:00–19:00** TROUBLING CLIMATE SECURITY II:  
SCIENCE AND EPISTEMIC VIOLENCE  
*Shannon O’Lear (Lawrence, KS):*  
The Slow Violence of Climate Security  
*Cecilia M. Oliveira (Potsdam):*  
Militarization of science in the Amazon rainforest:  
new planetary hotspots of climate security  
*Ursula Schröder (Discussant; Hamburg)*

**20:00** INVITED WORKSHOP DINNER  
Restaurant La Monella  
Hallerplatz 12  
20146 Hamburg

## Thursday, September 29

**09:30–11:00** NEW DIRECTIONS IN CLIMATE SECURITY RESEARCH I  
*Olaf Corry and Duncan McLaren (Leeds/Lancaster):*  
New Directions in Climate Security  
*Matt McDonald (Brisbane):*  
Climate Change, Security and Legitimacy  
*Johanna Malm (Stockholm):*  
Interrogating climate insecurity and women’s  
participation in peace processes  
*Jürgen Scheffran (Discussant; Hamburg)*

### COFFEE BREAK

**11:30–13:00** NEW DIRECTIONS IN CLIMATE SECURITY RESEARCH II  
*Patrick Flamm (Frankfurt):*  
Ecological security at the poles: for planet, people,  
and penguins alike?  
*Sofia Kabbej (Brisbane):*  
Climate security coloniality: France in Mali  
*Judith Hardt and Adrien Estève (Berlin/Paris):*  
Climate Security at the Extremes: Comparing French and  
Indian Approaches in the United Nations Security Council  
*Jan Wilkens (Discussant; Hamburg)*

### LUNCH BREAK

**14:00–15:00** NEW SPACES OF CLIMATE INSECURITY I: CITIES  
*Gulnaz Anjum, Arabella Fraser et al. (Oslo/Milton Keynes):*  
The 24 Hour Risk City: Rethinking Urban Climate Security from  
Nairobi, Karachi and Colombo  
*Patrick Bond and Mary Galvin (Johannesburg):*  
Conflicting climate security narratives in Durban, South Africa  
*Franziska Müller (Discussant; Hamburg)*

**15:00–16:00** NEW SPACES OF CLIMATE INSECURITY II:  
MORE-THAN-HUMAN SPACES  
*Pooja Nayak (Philadelphia, PA):*  
Securing ‘Lively’ Work: A Multispecies Political Economy  
of a Science Field-Station  
*Indrawan Prabaharyaka (Berlin):*  
Mapping Invisible Harms: Climate as  
Distributed and Translocal Object  
*Eray Çaylı (Discussant; London)*

### COFFEE BREAK

**16:30–18:00** FUTURE IMPERFECT: DYSTOPIAS  
AND UTOPIAS OF CLIMATE SECURITYS  
*Garnet Kindervater (Fordham):*  
Trembling: Paradoxes of Climate Urgency  
*Christie Nicoson (Lund):*  
Envisioning utopias: A phenomenological study of  
feminist ethics of care for climate transformation  
*Neel Ahuja (College Park, MD):*  
Race, migration, and the speculative politics  
of climate adaptation  
*Delf Rothe (Discussant; Hamburg)*

**18:15–19:45** PUBLIC BOOK PANEL: AUTHORS MEET CRITICS  
Roundtable with *Simon Dalby (Waterloo), Jan Selby (Sheffield),*  
*Antje Wiener (Hamburg), Shannon O’Lear (Lawrence)*  
and *Ursula Schröder (Hamburg).*

**20:30** OPTIONAL DINNER (NON-FUNDED)  
Restaurant Peacetanbul  
Kampnagel Hamburg  
Jarrestraße 20, 22303 Hamburg

## Friday, September 30

**09:30–11:00** CLIMATE INSECURITIES, AFFECT AND EXCESS  
*Gitte du Plessis (Tampere):*  
Dirt, Excess, and War: A Bataillan reading of climate change  
*Andrew Telford (Amsterdam):*  
Climate Security and ideology: a tentative exploration  
of conceptual relationships  
*Suhail Mir (Srinagar, Kashmir):*  
Socio-Ecological Psychosis and Climate Change Risks  
in Border Spaces of Kashmir  
*Frank Adloff (Discussant; Hamburg)*

### COFFEE BREAK

**11:30–12:30** STRUGGLES FOR FUTURE:  
CLIMATE SECURITY FROM BELOW  
*Julianne Liebenguth (Elon):*  
Climate Security from the Perspective of Struggle  
*Charlotte Huch (Hamburg):*  
Climate in/security in the everyday and ‘from below’  
*Angela Oels (Discussant; Hamburg)*

### LUNCH BREAK

**13:30–14:30** INFRASTRUCTURING CLIMATE SECURITY  
*Alejandro Esquerro (Bielefeld):*  
Infrastructures as Security Threats  
*Silvia Danielak (Cambridge, MA):*  
The ‘Legacy’ of the Electricity Grid  
*Benno Fladvad (Discussant; Hamburg)*

**14:30–15:00** WRAP-UP AND CONCLUSION  
*Christine Hentschel, Delf Rothe and Ursula Schröder*