

International Conference on Conflict and Violence Research 2025

IKG, Bielefeld University, September 17th-19th, 2025

Conflict and violence in times of climate change

	DAY 1 - SEPTEMBER 17		DAY 2 - SEPTEMBER 18		DAY 3- SEPTEMBER 19	
09:00 – 10:30	Pre-conference workshop for Early Career Researchers: How to – publishing in peer-reviewed journals (Susan Elliott)		Keynote Lecture II: Susan Elliott (University of Waterloo): <i>Women, water and wellbeing in the face of climate change: what's violence got to do with it?</i>		Symposium 9: Migration & climate change: A micro-perspective on chances and challenges	Symposium 10: Societies in times of climate change: attitudes, negotiations and transformations
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Conference Registration opens</i>		<i>Coffee Break</i>		<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00 – 12:30	<i>Welcome Coffee</i>		Symposium 5: Gender and health as lenses to understand climate change-related processes	Symposium 6: Political systems & ecological transformation	Panel Discussion B: Opening up for more voices: African perspectives on climate change	
12:30 – 14:00	Conference Opening: Angelika Epple (<i>Rector, Bielefeld University</i>) Keynote Lecture I: Kari Marie Norgaard (University of Oregon): <i>Global Violence and Climate Change: Themes and a Case Story of Indigenous led Success from the Klamath River Basin</i>		<i>Lunch Break</i>		Conference Closure: Reflections & Directions End approx. 13.30	
14:00 – 15:30	Symposium 1: Resource conflicts & climate change	Symposium 2: Populism & climate change	Symposium 7: Migration & climate change: A macro-perspective on changing patterns and structures	Symposium 8: Social unrest in times of climate change		

15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break		Coffee Break	
16:00 – 17:30	Symposium 3: Societies in times of climate change: discourses and perceptions	Symposium 4: Violent conflicts & climate change	Panel Discussion A: Conflicts & Inequalities: Challenges in a transforming society	
17:30 – 18:30	Welcome Reception			
18:30 – 20:00	Public Panel Discussion: What happens when the climate changes? Perspectives on conflict and violence research		Conference Dinner	

KEYNOTE LECTURES

**Keynote Lecture I:
Environmental justice research with the Karuk Tribe on
the Klamath River**

Wednesday, September 17, 12:30-14:00

Room: X-E0-001

Chair: Tobias Hecker & Anna-Lisa Müller

Speaker: Kari Marie Norgaard (University of Oregon)

**Keynote Lecture II:
Women, water and wellbeing in the face of climate
change: what's violence got to do with it?**

Thursday, September 18, 09:00-10:30

Room: X-E0-001

Chair: Katharina Mattonet

Speaker: Susan Elliott (University of Waterloo)

SYMPOSIA

Symposium 1: Resources, conflicts and climate change

Wednesday, September 17, 14:00-15:30
Room: X-E0-001

Chair: Lisa Spanierman

Jotham Talemwa: Armed Groups, Mining, and Conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Laura Betancur Alarcón: Living from Rivers, Defending with Fish: Armed Violence and Everyday Environmental Defense of Riverine Communities in Post-Peace Agreement Colombia (2021 - 2025)

Saskia Schäfer: Local decision-making in times of accelerated resource extractivism: examples from Indonesia

Verena Lasso Mena, Chris Höhne, Markus Lederer & Jens Marquardt: Land for energy? Evolving conflicts around renewable energy in Colombia, India and Indonesia

Janpeter Schilling, Rowan Alumasa Alusiola, Rebecca Froese & Paul Klär: Identifying Peace Pathways: How Can Forest Conservation Contribute to Environmental Peacebuilding?

Symposium 2: Populism and climate change

Wednesday, September 17, 14:00-15:30
Room: X-E0-200

Chair: Leon Walter

Jens Struck: The climate disaster as a criminological subject? Crime in the context of climate change with a focus on climate protest and its criminalization

Rahel Sarai Kellich: Christian Fundamentalism and Climate Change Denial: A Socio-Political and Ideological Analysis

Beate Küpper & Fritz Reusswig: Climate change and Energy Populism

Fritz Reusswig & Wiebke Lass: From discrepancy to conflict: Populist strategies in dealing with climate change and climate policies.

Liliia Korol & Pieter Bevelander: How Institutional Trust Shapes Antisemitism and Anti-Israel Attitudes in Sweden: Implications for Climate-Driven Polarization

SYMPOSIA

Symposium 3: Societies in times of climate change: discourses and perceptions

Wednesday, September 17, 16:00-17:30

Room: X-E0-001

Chair: Beate Küpper

Maida Kosatica (online): Conflictual “nature” restoration and the politics of “green” rehabilitation narratives: A semiotic landscape study of Tagebau Hambach

Ashley Kohl (online): Ideological Conflicts: Environmental Countermovements in Western Canada

Damla Karagöz (online): Climate Injustice and Self-Settled Syrians in Ankara: Rising Vulnerabilities in an Era of Climate Change and Urban Conflict

Sarah Paul (online): Examining the Effect of Conflict on Pregnancy Outcomes in sub-Saharan Africa: A Geospatial Analysis

Symposium 4: Violent conflicts & climate change

Wednesday, September 17, 16:00-17:30

Room: X-E0-200

Chair: Florian Scharpf

Amelie Freiberg: Why do some rebel groups fragment while others do not?

Mohammed Gebrail & Anke Höffler: The Burden of War and Environmental Fragility: The Case of Sudan

Sarah Feldmann & Franka Braun: Introducing Remote Sensing as a Tool in Climate Change - Conflict Studies

Katharina Gößmann: CANVAS: A large-scale interdisciplinary project to investigate children’s attitudes and norms around violence in the societies they live in

SYMPOSIA

Symposium 5:

Gender and health as lenses to understand climate change-related processes

Thursday, September 18, 11:00-12:30

Room: X-E0-200

Chair: Zeynep Demir

Christiane Lübke & Anne-Kristin Kuhnt: Climate change denial in Europe: Exploring the role of threatened masculinity and subgender backlash

Jonathan Hall & Stefan Döring: Compounding Crises: Mental Health Impacts of Climate Variability and Conflict on Refugee Mothers and Young Children in Uganda

Florian Scharpf, Lars Dumke & Tobias Hecker: The Gendered Wounds of Conflict: How Trauma Type Shapes Mental Health in Children and Adolescents

Georg Bucher: Condemnation, guilt and hope Religion and religious motifs as a layer in the climate conflict - obstacle or opportunity for reconciliation?

Symposium 6:

Political systems & ecological transformations

Thursday, September 18, 11:00-12:30

Room: X-E0-001

Chair: Kerstin Eppert

Pamela Wicker, Lara Lesch & Christoph Breuer: Socio-economic inequality and attitudes towards ecological sustainability: The moderating role of participation in a major sport event

Isabell Diekmann: Does the Future Have a Lobby? Environmental Responsibility towards Future Generations

Daniel Chigudu (online): Climate Change as a Catalyst for Non-State Armed Groups: Resource Scarcity and Radicalization in the Fragile States

Dadlez Sabak: Restorative Justice and the Kurdish Conflict: Preparing for Peace in Turkey

SYMPOSIA

Symposium 7:

Migration & climate change: A macro-perspective on changing patterns and structures

Thursday, September 18, 14:00-15:30

Room: X-E0-001

Chair: Anette Kirika

Maria Paulina Arnal: Learning to survive at the borders of nations: Community pedagogies in the face of migratory necropolitics in the Americas

N. Ela Gokalp Aras: Navigating the Nexus of Climate Change and Migration Governance: Insights from Meso-Level Actors in Turkey

Peter Thompson (online): Justice, Reintegration, and Power Dynamics in Conflict-Affected Northern Nigeria

Rezhna Mohammed, Sina Neldner, Frank Neuner: Migration and Political-Climate Shifts: Who Becomes Most Vulnerable? Latent Profiles of PTSD, and Distress Acutely After the Iranian Bombing of Azadi Camp

Symposium 8:

Social unrest in times of climate change

Thursday, September 18, 14:00-15:30

Room: X-E0-200

Chair: Dirk Lampe

Fabian Hess: Threat to personal control as a reinforcer of conformity to radical climate protest norms

Abiodun Olaleye: Climate Stressors and Insurgency: A Conflict Analysis of Boko Haram in the Lake Chad Basin

Micha Bröckling: Hiking as Radicalisation: Nature, Socialisation, and Far-Right Youth in Germany

SYMPOSIA

Symposium 9:

Migration & climate change: A micro-perspective on chances and challenges

Friday, September 19, 9:00-10:30

Room: X-E0-200

Chair: Katharina Leimbach

Leon Walter: Understanding and Preventing Violence Against Transit Workers: A Framework for Scholars, Policy and Practice

Daniel Meierrieks: Does climate change shape immigrants' return intentions? Evidence from a representative survey of West Africans in Germany

Sarah Wüllner: School-based support for refugee children in Germany: The project "SchulBasis"

Abd Alkader Alhag Fteah: Experiences of socio-economic integration in Spain and Germany of refugees and immigrants from Middle Eastern and North African countries

Symposium 10:

Societies in times of climate change: attitudes, negotiations and transformations

Friday, September 19, 9:00-10:30

Room: X-E0-001

Chair: Zeynep Demir

Alina Isakova: Prospects for the International Early Warning Regime?

Philipp Ruppert: Mapping complexity thinking and its effect on persuasiveness in online discourse

Mats Deland & Paul Fuehrer: The Swedish 1951 study of authoritarian upbringing; methods, results and ethical issues

Ece Sezen Bağcı (online): The role of perceived efficacy on bystander support for confrontational climate action

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Public Panel Discussion:

What happens when the climate changes? Perspectives on conflict and violence research

Wednesday, September 17, 18:30-20:00

Room: X-E0-001

Moderation: Katharina Mattonet & Anna-Lisa Müller

Panelists: Michał Bilewicz, Tereza Capelos, Karen Devries, Daniela Fuhr, Andreas Zick

Panel Discussion A:

Conflicts & Inequalities: Challenges in a transforming society

Thursday, September 18, 16:00-17:30

Room: X-E0-001

Moderation: Simon Kühne

Panelists: Martin Kroh, Anja Abendroth, Jule Adriaans

Panel Discussion B:

Opening up for more voices: African perspective on climate change

Friday, September 19, 11:00-12:30

Room: X-E0-001

Moderation: Margaret Ekatushabe & Tobias Hecker

Panelists: Peter Sanful, Faustine B. Masath, Daniel Chigudu, Pamela Wadende

SOCIAL EVENTS

Welcome Reception

Wednesday, September 17, 17:30-18:30

Room: X-E0-001

Conference Dinner

Thursday, September 18, 18:30

Location: Wirtshaus 1802 (Kurt-Schumacher-Straße 17a,
33615 Bielefeld)

PRE-, OPENING & CLOSURE OF CONFERENCE

Pre-conference workshop for Early Career Researchers:

How to – publishing in peer-reviewed journals

Wednesday, September 17, 09:00-10:30

Room: X-E0-200

Host: Susan Elliott

Conference Opening

Wednesday, September 17, 12:30

Room: X-E0-001

Moderation: Tobias Hecker & Anna-Lisa Müller

Guest: Angelika Eppe (Rector, Bielefeld University)

Conference Closure:

Reflections & Directions

Friday, September 19, 12:30-13:30

Room: X-E0-001

Moderation: Katharina Mattonet & Anna-Lisa Müller

Panel: Andreas Zick & Karen Devries

ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE VENUE:

Bielefeld University
Building X
Universitätsstraße 25
D-33615 Bielefeld

Campus maps are available [online](#).

TRAVELLING TO THE CONFERENCE VENUE:

→ From anywhere in the city, take tram line 4 in the direction of Lohmannshof to the Universität stop (journey time from train station/city centre: 7-10 minutes).

[Timetable information for the Bielefeld tram lines](#) (in German)

[Network map of the Bielefeld tram lines](#) (in German)

Taxis are always available directly in front of the main station. The fare to the university is currently around 16 euros.

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