



‘Climate Refugees’: Beyond the Legal Impasse?

Workshop co-hosted by Centre d’Estudis de Dret Ambiental de Tarragona; CICrA Justicia Ambiental; School of Law, University of Warwick; School of Law, University of East Anglia

Date: Thursday 22nd-Friday 23rd May 2025

Location: Sala de Junes, Universitat Rovira I Virgili, Av. de Catalunya, 35, 43002 Tarragona

Programme

Thursday 22nd May

9:30-9:45 Welcome and Introductions

9:45-11:00 **Panel 1** Chair: Avidan Kent (University of East Anglia)

- Atle Solberg (Platform for Disaster Displacement): *10 Years of Efforts for Better Protection of People Displaced in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change: Commemorating The 2015 Nansen Initiative Protection Agenda*
- Olivia Garcia & Ezekiel Simperingham (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies): *Local Solutions for Global Challenges – Red Cross Red Crescent Insights on Locally-Led Action to Address Climate Displacement*
- Susanne Melde (International Organisation for Migration): *The Global and Regional Governance of Climate Migration*

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-13:00 **Panel 2** Chair: Beatriz Felipe Pérez (CICrA Justicia Ambiental and Centre d’Estudis de Dret Ambiental de Tarragona):

- Roland Smith (University of East Anglia): *Post-Migration Vulnerability and the Limits of Adaptation: Climate Mobility, Risk, and Precarity in Coastal Bangladesh*
- Mrinalini Banerjee & Nikita Pattajoshi (National Law University Odisha): *Voices of the Vulnerable: Case Study of the Sundarban Delta*

- Camilla Schloss (Office of the Federal President of Germany): *Article 3 ECHR Non-Refoulement and Disaster Displacement - Developments in the German Courts and Implications for the Interpretation of the Standards of European Court of Human Rights*
- Enrique Del Álamo Marchena (Universidad de Cadiz): *Displacement and climate change in the Southern EU Member States: Notes on Spain and Italy case law*

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:15 **Panel 3** Chair: Avidan Kent (University of East Anglia)

- Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh (University of Amsterdam): *Preserving Cultural Identity in an Era of Climate Displacement - Evolving Legal Dimensions of the Right to Culture*
- Beatriz Felipe Pérez (CICrA Justicia Ambiental and Centre d'Estudis de Dret Ambiental de Tarragona): *Beyond the Shortcomings of International Law: How Far Have We Progressed in the Legal Protection of "Climate Migrants"?*
- Susana Borràs Pentinat (Universitat Rovira I Virgili): *The Situation of Trapped Populations Through the Lens of Climate Justice: The Right to Stay*

15:15-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-16:45 **Panel 4** Chair: Simon Behrman (University of Warwick)

- Francesca Rosignoli (Eurac Research): *Is There Room for a Gender Dimension in the Climate-Induced Migration Discourse? A Document-Based Analysis of the Policy Documents of the Main EU Institutions*
- Irene Sacchetti (Nottingham Trent University): *Exploring Protection from Below: From Sovereignty to Solidarity for the Climate Refugee Subject*
- Zana Sylva (University of East Anglia): *Current State Practice Regarding Small Island Statehood Futures in the Context of Climate Change*

17:00-18:00 Wine tasting

20:30 Dinner

Friday 23rd May

9:00-10:30 Networking/Funding Planning