

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND MIGRATION IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC:
LEGAL AND POLICY RESPONSES**

**NSW Parliament House, Sydney
Thursday 10 and Friday 11 November 2011**

Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law, Faculty of Law, UNSW

DAY 1 Thursday 10 November

8.30am Registration opens

9.00am **Welcome** by the Dean of the Faculty of Law, UNSW, Professor David Dixon

9.15am **Session 1: Conceptualizing climate change-related movement**

Chair: Professor Jane McAdam

- Professor Walter Kälin, Faculty of Law, University of Bern and former UN Representative on Internally Displaced Persons: ‘A Typology for Climate-Induced Migration’
- Dr François Gemenne, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations, Sciences Po Paris: ‘From Scepticism to Alarmism: Conceptualizing Climate-Related Movement’
- Professor Graeme Hugo, Department of Geographical and Environmental Studies, University of Adelaide: ‘Environmental Change and Migration: A Complex and Neglected Relationship’

11.00am Morning tea

11.30am **Session 2: The nature of movement – what does the evidence tell us?**

Chair: Professor Ben Saul

- Professor Richard Bedford, Population Studies Centre, University of Waikato: ‘A History of Mobility in Tuvalu’
- Professor Jon Barnett, Department of Resource Management and Geography, University of Melbourne: ‘Premature Evacuation: Issues of Time, Choice and Power’
- Dr Maryanne Loughry, Jesuit Refugee Service and Boston College: ‘Relocation, Adaptation and Internal Displacement in Papua New Guinea’

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm

Session 3: International legal frameworks

Chair: Professor Walter Kälin

- Professor Rosemary Rayfuse, Faculty of Law, UNSW: ‘Sea-Level Rise and Maritime Zones: Preserving Maritime Entitlements of “Disappearing States”’
- Professor Geoff Gilbert, Faculty of Law, University of Essex: ‘Like an Elephant Balancing on a Ball: Extending International Criminal Law to Climate Change-Induced Displacement’
- Professor Jane McAdam, Faculty of Law, UNSW: ‘Overarching Normative Frameworks: Developing Principled Legal Responses to Climate-Related Displacement’

3.30pm

Afternoon tea

4.00pm

Session 4: International governance

Chair: Dr David Leary

- Dr Elizabeth Ferris, Brookings Institution, Washington: ‘Lessons Learned from Displacement from Development Projects and Natural Disasters’
- Professor Lavanya Rajamani, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi: ‘What Role Does the UNFCCC Process Play in Climate-Related Movement?’
- Dr Koko Warner, UN University, Bonn: ‘Migration as Adaptation in the UNFCCC Climate Negotiations’ (by videolink)

5.30pm

Close

6.30pm

Dinner for speakers

DAY 2

Friday 11 November

9.30am

Session 1: Adaptation and ‘migration with dignity’

Chair: Professor Richard Bedford

- Tessie Lambourne, Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Kiribati: “‘Migration with Dignity’”: Kiribati and Climate Change’
- The Hon Saber Chowdhury MP, Bangladesh: ‘Climate Change and Mobility in Bangladesh’

10.30am

Morning tea

11.00am

Session 2: Relocation and land tenure

Chair: Professor Jon Barnett

- Associate Professor John Campbell, Department of Geography, Tourism and Environmental Planning, University of Waikato: ‘Climate-Induced Community Relocation in the Pacific and the Meaning and Importance of Land’
- Professor Brian Opeskin and Gil Tabucanon, Faculty of Law, Macquarie University: ‘The Resettlement of Nauruans in Australia: An Early Case of Failed Environmental Migration’
- Anita Jowitt, University of the South Pacific: ‘Legal and Policy Implications of Climate Change-Induced Migration in Kiribati, Tuvalu, Yap and the Marshall Islands: A Field Study’

12.30pm

Lunch

1.30pm

Session 3: Climate change migration and (human) security

Chair: Professor Geoff Gilbert

- Professor Lorraine Elliott, Department of International Relations, ANU: ‘Climate Migration and Climate Migrants: What Threat, Whose Security?’
- Rabab Fatima, Representative, International Organization for Migration: ‘Assessing the Evidence: Climate Change and Migration in Bangladesh’
- Professor Ben Saul, Faculty of Law, Sydney University: ‘The Security Implications of Climate-Induced Migration in Bangladesh’

3.00pm

Afternoon tea

3.30pm

Session 4: Institutional responses – where to from here?

Chair: Professor Rosemary Rayfuse

- Rick Towle, Regional Representative, UNHCR: ‘The Role of UNHCR in Climate Change and Migration in the Pacific’
- Nina Hall, PhD Candidate in International Relations, University of Oxford: ‘Institutional Change and Climate Change in UNHCR and IOM’
- Marc Limon, Legal Advisor to the Government of the Maldives: ‘Human Rights Obligations and Accountability in the Face of Climate Change’

5.00pm

Closing remarks

Thank you to The Hon Trevor Khan MLC for hosting the conference at NSW Parliament House.