



# **Climate Loss, Conflict and Peace: Relational Responses to Existential Crisis**

**International Workshop  
Hamburg  
16 – 18 September, 2024**



## Host Organisations

### **Toda Peace Institute**

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### **Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH)**

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### **Research Group Climate Change and Security (CLISEC)**

The Research Group Climate Change and Security (CLISEC) of Universität Hamburg conducts multi-disciplinary research and education on the interactions between security risks, social instabilities and conflicts related to climate change and on possible strategies for international cooperation, conflict management and sustainable peacebuilding. Research focuses on data and modelling of climate-society interaction on global and local scales, including field research in regional climate hot spots. CLISEC was established in 2009 at the Institute of Geography and the Center for Earth System Research and Sustainability (CEN), connected to the Climate Clusters of Excellence CliSAP and CLICCS, in collaboration with the Center for Science and Peace Research (ZNF), and the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH).



## About the Workshop



### **Climate Loss, Conflict and Peace: Relational Responses to Existential Crisis**

How can we develop a relational understanding of security and peace in a world of an existential climate crisis? This workshop discusses new ideas and insights on the links between climate loss, conflict, and peace through the prism of relationality. For this, it will bring together a unique group of scholars and practitioners from the Pacific, Northern Europe, and the Arctic, fostering mutual learning, curiosity, and the recognition of epistemic diversity. While the climate crisis is increasingly perceived as a planetary security challenge, its impacts in different places are markedly different, as are its connections to conflict and insecurity. Both the Pacific region and the Arctic have long been hotspots of the climate crisis, facing existential losses and serious risks to the security of ecosystems, humans, and non-humans. Too often, however, these insecurities have been viewed from a purely European perspective, centered on Western notions of (inter)national security and European concerns about the global ramifications of climate loss and related forms of human mobility. Silencing local perspectives, concepts and demands of those most affected by the unfolding climate crisis raises serious questions of epistemic injustice and violence. These debates have to be put into the context of colonial legacies. In the Pacific, for example, the climate crisis – and hegemonic climate policies – are perceived by many as a continuation of the colonial extractivist experience, as a form of neo-colonialism – given that the former colonised countries suffer most from the climate crisis, while the main climate perpetrators are the former colonisers.

To disentangle the debate on climate change, loss, and conflict while working towards environmental security, epistemic justice, and climate justice more generally, we put indigenous notions of relationality at centre stage. Pasifika relationality enables us to problematize existing notions of security – but also to articulate new perspectives and concepts. What would climate security look like, for example, if we turned the view around: instead of using Western concepts of security to look at uncertainties in the Pacific region, relational ontologies could help us to understand climate uncertainties in North America or Europe differently. Grounded in place-based indigenous traditional knowledge, notions of relationality will be engaged in conversation with other discourses, not only the mainstream hegemonic ‘Western’ climate/security discourse, but also various other, emplaced, indigenous traditional approaches to adaptation, conflict, transformation and environmental peacebuilding. An exchange of experiences and findings in the climate/security field between different localities, grounded in fine-grained ethnographic research, as well as an exchange between different place-based epistemological approaches can generate new insights in the climate/security field as well as innovative ideas for conflict-sensitive climate policies and adaptation, and environmental peacebuilding. Accordingly, this workshop aims at dialogue across places, cultural differences, epistemologies, research and policy approaches.

The workshop will explore how relational responses play out in various thematic areas of significance for the climate/conflict/peace nexus, with a particular focus on the issue of loss.

While questions of loss and damage have increasingly drawn attention in international climate discourses, interpretations of what is meant by climate loss, however, diverge. In the Pacific, for

example, non-economic loss and damage is a major issue, against the background of the relational/spiritual land/people connection. Accordingly, conflict and security implications of loss and damage encompass not only direct and structural effects, but also cultural and epistemic violence. Climate-induced human mobility through a Pasifika lens presents itself also as loss – of fundamental, identity-threatening dimensions. This might be the case in other parts of the Global South as well. A specific form of climate mobility, namely planned community relocation, is increasingly being debated as a future-oriented adaptation measure and social coping mechanism; it comes, however, with a variety of conflictual issues – which shows that well-intentioned responses to climate effects (can) lead to conflict and insecurity. Therefore, debates around (un)inhabitability of places and (im)mobility of people have gained prominence in the Pacific (and elsewhere) more recently, connected to localised everyday forms of conflict.

These debates have (or should have) direct implications for conflict-sensitive climate policies, of both national governance actors in locations affected by the climate crisis, and governments and donors who intend to support people in those locations. While the workshop will allow in-depth academic dialogue, it will also address issues in a policy-relevant manner and provide for exchange between academics, policymakers and practitioners about how to translate Pasifika – and other – emplaced wisdom into state policies and align it with Western, in particular German, policy frameworks. For example, the workshop will explore how, in addressing the climate/conflict/peace nexus, the German Foreign Climate Policy differs from and/or can align with Oceanic Diplomacy, as a form of indigenous international relations, grounded in traditional knowledge and customary governance. Or how the Rising Nations Initiative (RNI), heavily supported by the German government and targeted in particular at the low-lying atoll nation states in the Pacific region (Kiribati, Marshall Islands, and Tuvalu as the ‘pilot country’), is understood from a Tuvaluan climate justice perspective. Or how GIZ community relocation support in Fiji aligns to problems and perceptions on the ground and, more generally, how local voices, networks and capabilities are included in internationally designed and funded projects so as to actually achieve resilience and prevent conflict escalation. Again, dialogue in order to deepen insights and to develop innovative ideas for future (post-colonial) policies and research is the aim of such explorations, guided by Pasifika relationality’s holistic ‘both/and’ approach (as opposed to the Western compartmentalised and divisive ‘either/or’).

The climate–security nexus is the thread binding together the workshop discussions. There will be openness to different conceptualisations of security, from the local everyday to the strategic level, from national security through international to ontological and human security – and beyond, to de-/post-colonial concepts. In a Pasifika relational understanding, for example, even the concept of human security is found wanting: it is anthropocentric, separates human society from nature and humans from ‘the rest’ of (other-than-human) beings (animals, plants, sky, sea, rocks, ancestor spirits, unborn generations, ...) and therefore is insufficient to comprehensively address the climate–security challenges which require concepts of relational non-anthropocentric security and fundamental social–ecological transformation(s) in the interest of long-term social and political stability, climate resilience and liveable futures – not only for humans.

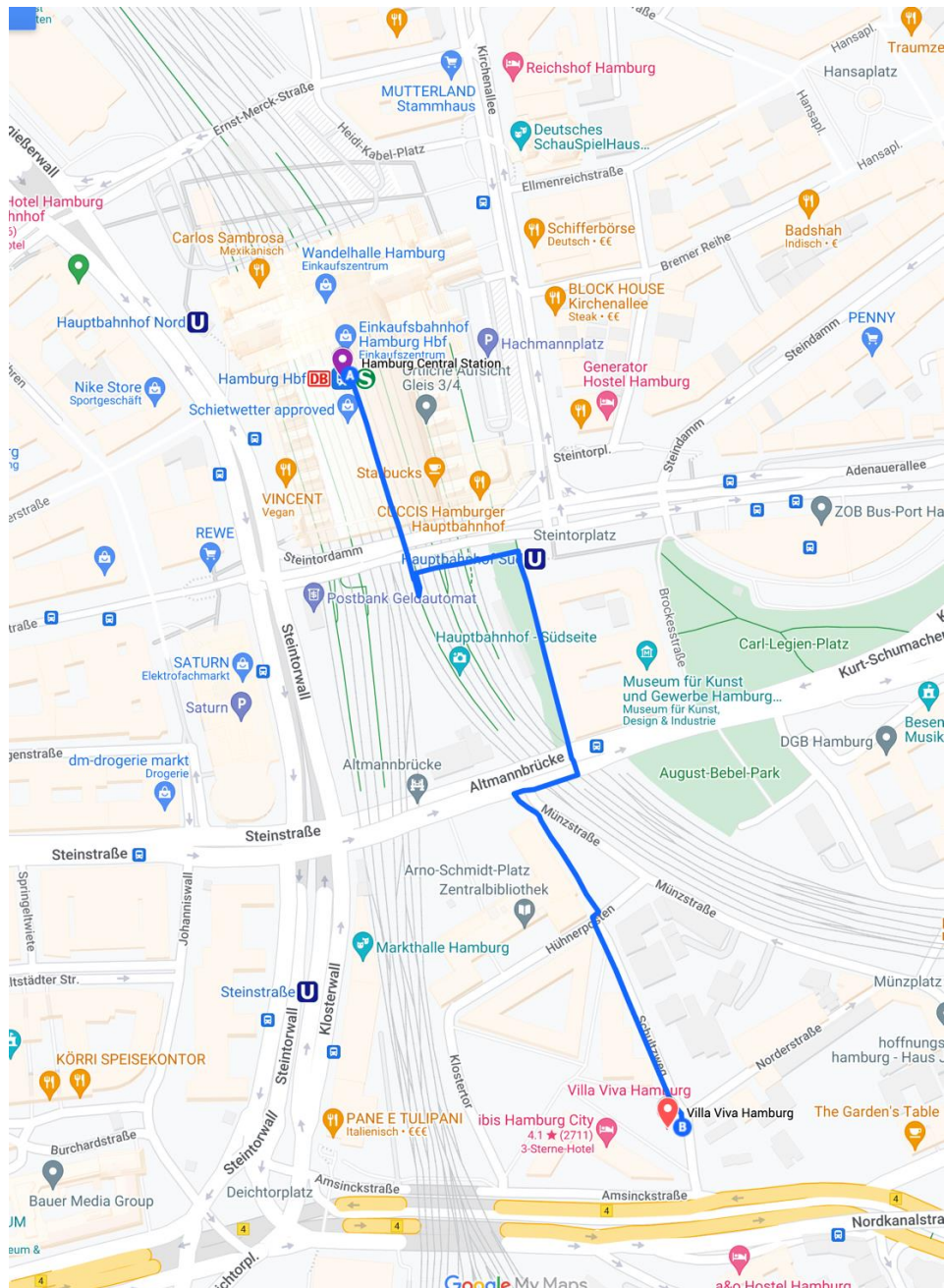
The workshop builds on previous workshops organised by the Toda Peace Institute and local partners in Auckland in 2018, Tokyo 2019, Suva/online 2020, Wellington 2022, and Canberra 2023. It will run for two and a half days (16 to 18 September) in Hamburg and will be attended in-person by around 25–30 people, with a few others joining online.

The workshop is co-organised by the Toda Peace Institute and the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH), in collaboration with the Hamburg Cluster of Excellence “Climate, Climatic Change, and Society” (CLICCS) and the Research Group Climate Change and Security (CLISEC) at Universität Hamburg.

## Venue, Accommodation and Ground Transport

The 'Climate Loss, Conflict, and Peace: Relational Responses to Existential Crisis' workshop will be held at the **Villa Viva Hamburg Hotel**, Schultzweg 4, 20097 Hamburg (marked with a red dot on the map below). All accommodation is at the **Villa Viva Hamburg Hotel**

The hotel is 10 km from the Hamburg Airport. From the airport, please either take a [taxi](#) or there is [public transport](#) operating every 10 minutes from the airport to Hamburg Central Station (25 min. ride with the S1 line ). From the Central Station (purple dot) it is a 10 min walk to the Villa Viva Hotel (red dot)



## Relevant Locations:

### Villa Viva Hamburg Hotel (Red Arrow)

Accommodation and Conference Venue  
Schultzweg 4, 20097 Hamburg

### Central Station (Purple Arrow)

Hachmannplatz 16, 20099

### Anleger 1870 Restaurant (Yellow Arrow)

Dinner on Sunday 15.09.24

Hartwicusstraße 7, 22087 Hamburg

Reached Via Bus Lines 18/17/6 (Bus Stop Central Station → Mundsbürger Brücke Station)

### Harbour Cruise (Green Arrow)

Anleger Vorsetzen, Barcassen Centrale Ehlers

Reached via U3 Metro Line (Direction Schlump-Barmbek) Central Station → Baumwall

### Oberhafen-Kantine (Blue Arrow)

Dinner on Monday 16.09.24

Stockmeyerstraße 39, 20457 Hamburg

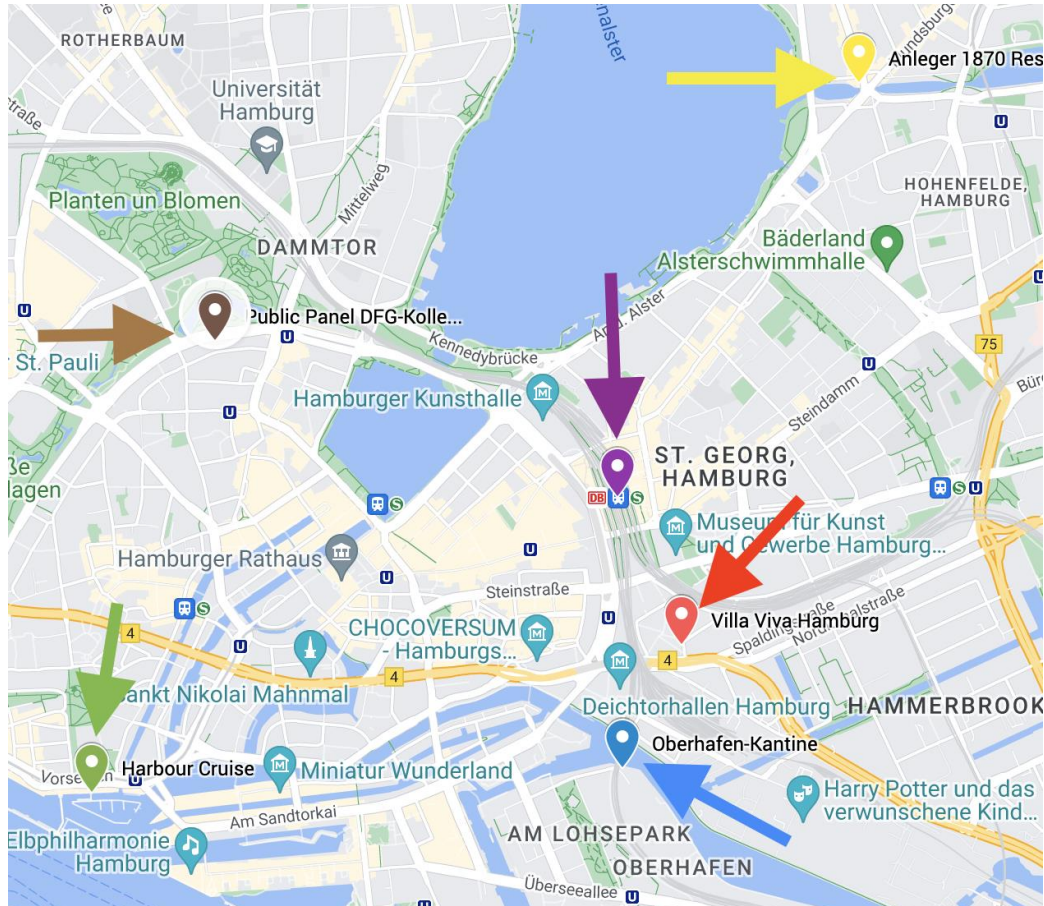
Best Reached on foot after the harbour cruise (alternatively by taxi)

### DFG-Kolleg Forschungsgruppe "Zukünfte der Nachhaltigkeit" (Brown Arrow)

Public Panel on Tuesday 17 September

Gorch-Fock-Wall 3, 20354 Hamburg

Room 1021



*Please note: For travellers, Toda will cover hotel breakfasts and provide all meals during the conference. Personal costs such as room service or minibar and other meals outside the conference period are the responsibility of participants.*

### **Weather and climate information**

The temperature in Hamburg in September is typically ranges between a high of 18°C and a low of 11°C (64° to 52° Fahrenheit). There is a good chance of rain in September.

For more information, please visit:

<https://weatherspark.com/m/68301/9/Average-Weather-in-September-in-Hamburg-Germany>





**Programme**



**Climate Loss, Conflict and Peace:  
Relational Responses to Existential Crisis**

**Sunday 15 September**

18:00 Welcome dinner:  
Restaurant Anleger 1870  
Hartwicusstraße 7  
22087 Hamburg

**Monday 16 September**

8:00 – 8:30 Arrival, registration, coffee and mingle

8:30 – 8:40 Welcome, organisational matters  
Ursula Schröder  
Kevin Clements  
Jürgen Scheffran

8:40 – 9:20 Introduction of participants

9:20 – 10:00 Climate, conflict and peace in Hamburg and Tokyo:  
Two streams converge (introduction to workshop)  
Ursula Schröder  
Volker Boege

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee/tea

**Theme one: Relational Responses to Climate Change in Pacific and Arctic Regions**

10:30 – 10:50 Climate change and Pacific relationality:  
Reclaiming the wisdom of restraint  
Upolu Luma Vaai

10:50 – 11:10 Sustainability, insecurity and politics of hope  
in the Arctic  
Marjo Lindroth

11:10 – 12:00 Discussant/Questions  
Jürgen Scheffran

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

**Theme two: Ecological Security – and Beyond**

13:00 – 13:20 Ecological security and climate change  
Matt McDonald

13:20 – 13:40 Relational ontologies: limits and possibilities  
Madeleine Fagan

13:40 – 14:30 Discussant/Questions  
Delf Rothe

14:30 – 15:00 Coffee/tea

### **Theme three: Dimensions of Climate Loss and Remembrance**

15:00 – 15:20	Climate (im)mobility associated loss and conflict: Relational perspectives from 17 Pacific communities	Tina Newport
15:20 – 15:40	Commemorative climates: Exploring the intersections of heritage, value, and climate loss	Rebecca Elliott
15:40 – 16:30	Discussant/Questions	Christine Hentschel
16:30 – 17:15	Reflections on the day in small groups	
17:35 – 19:15	Thematic harbour cruise “Harbour of Hope – Migration and Racism”   Barkassen-Centrale Ehlers (Hamburg harbour, at Subway-Station “Baumwall”)	
19:30 – 21:30	Dinner: Restaurant “Oberhafenkantine”   Stockmeyerstraße 39	

### **Tuesday 17 September**

9:00 – 9:15	Coffee and informal mingle	
9:15 – 9:30	Welcome and recap of the first day	Kevin Clements

### **Theme four: Climate Change, Security, and Mobility: Decolonial Perspectives and Their Limits**

9:30 – 9:50	Climate mobility solutions in Tuvalu: international, regional, state, and indigenous	Carol Farbotko
9:50 – 10:10	On the limits of de- (and post-) colonial climate change research	Jan Selby
10:10 – 11:00	Discussant/Questions	Franziska Müller
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/tea	

### **Theme five: Understanding Relational Security: Case Studies from Pastoralism and Small Islands**

11:30 – 11:50	Beyond relational-territorial divides? Reflecting on responses to the socio-ecological crisis facing pastoralism	Louise Wiuff Moe
11:50 – 12:10	Climate change, culture and relational security: a Vanuatu perspective	Anna Naupa
12:10 – 13:00	Discussant/Questions	Eray Cayli
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	

### **Theme six: Climate Change and Peace – Practices, Challenges, Concepts**

14:00 – 14:20	Peacebuilding in the context of climate-induced community relocation in Fiji	Paulo Baleinakorodawa
14:20 – 14:40	Coping with the complexity of the relationships between climate change, peace, and security: An adaptive peace approach	Cedric de Coning
14:40 – 15:30	Discussant/Questions	Ursula Schröder
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/tea	

### **Theme seven: Indigenous Responses to Climate Change-Related Loss**

16:00 – 16:20	Lost to the waves: climate impacts on sacred places in three coastal communities in Fiji	Merewalesi Yee
16:20 – 16:40	Sustainability by concealment: Sinking Manila, non-persons, and the 18,000: Indigenous lives in a smart city	Macario Lacbawan
16:40 – 17:30	Discussant/Questions	Volker Boege
17:30 – 18:00	Reflection on the day; discussion	Benno Fladvad
18:15 – 19:45	<b>Public Panel:</b> Philippe Maupai, Upolu Luma Vaai, Janani Vivekananda, Cedric de Coning, Anna Naupa <b>Moderator:</b> Ursula Schroeder DFG-Kolleg Forschungsgruppe "Zukünfte der Nachhaltigkeit"	
20:00 – 22:00	Dinner in Villa Viva	

### **Wednesday 18 September**

9:00 – 9:15	Coffee and informal mingle	
9:15 – 9:30	Welcome and recap of the second day	Ursula Schröder

### **Theme eight: Transformative Journeys: Coping with the Climate Crisis**

9:30 – 9:50	Climate Change's Intangible Loss and Damage: Exploring the Journeys of Pacific Youth Migrants	Ria Shibata
9:50 – 10:10	Peacebuilding and social-ecological transformation	Jürgen Scheffran
10:10 – 11:00	Discussant/Questions	Benno Fladvad
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/tea	

## **Workshop wrap-up: Key Conclusions and Where To From Here**

11:30 – 12:30 Fishbowl with all, initiated by Kevin Clements, with (in the first round): Delf Rothe, Tina Newport, Volker Boege

12:30-13:00 Next steps/publication?  
Thanks and closing

Kevin Clements,  
Ursula Schröder  
Jürgen Scheffran



## Participants



Günther Baechler	Former Director of the Swiss Peace Foundation (swisspeace)
Paulo Baleinakorodawa	Director Programs and Co-Founder of Transcend Oceania, Fiji
Volker Boege	Senior Research Fellow, Toda Peace Institute, Australia
Eray Çaylı	Professor of Human Geography with a Focus on Violence and Security in the Anthropocene at University of Hamburg, Germany
Kevin Clements	Director, Toda Peace Institute, New Zealand
Cedric de Coning	Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Norway
Rebecca Elliott	London School of Economics, England
Madeleine Fagan	Associate Professor and Director of Research Degrees in the department of Politics and International Studies at the University of Warwick, England
Carol Farbotko	Australian Research Council Future Fellow, Griffith Centre for Social and Cultural Research, Griffith University, Australia
Benno Fladvad	Assistant Professor for Natural Science Peace Research with a focus on Climate and Security at the Institute of Geography, University of Hamburg, Germany
Matthias Helf	Research Assistant at the IFSH and local coordinator of the workshop in Hamburg, Germany
Christine Hentschel	Professor of Sociology: Security and Resilience at the Department of Social Sciences at the University of Hamburg, Germany
Macario Lacbawan	Research Associate, University of Hamburg, Germany
Marjo Lindroth	Senior researcher, Arctic Centre at the University of Lapland, Finland
Matt McDonald	Associate Professor in International Relations, School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland, Australia
Philippe Maupai	Deputy Head, Geopolitics of Climate Change, Climate and Security, Federal Foreign Office, Germany
Franziska Müller	Assistant Professor for Global Climate Governance, University of Hamburg, Germany
Anna Naupa	ni-Vanuatu PhD candidate at the Australian National University's School of Culture, History and Language, Australia
Tina Newport	Akairo Consulting, Cook Islands
Delf Rothe	Senior researcher at the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg, Germany
Hideki Sakomoto	Administration Director, Toda Peace Institute, Tokyo, Japan

Jürgen Scheffran	Professor of Geography (em.) and Chair of the Research Group Climate Change and Security (CLISEC) at University of Hamburg, Germany.
Ursula Schröder	Scientific Director of the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy and Professor of Political Science at the University of Hamburg, Germany
Jan Selby	Professor of International Politics and Climate Change at the University of Leeds, UK
Ria Shibata	New Zealand Centre for Global Studies and Toda Peace Institute
Upolu Luma Vaai	Principal and Professor of Theology and Ethics at Pacific Theological College, Fiji
Janani Vivekananda	Adelphi and Toda Peace Institute, Germany
Louise Wiuff Moe	Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences and Business, Roskilde University, Denmark
Andrea Wulf	Author of "The Invention of Nature. Alexander von Humboldt's New World".
Herbert Wulf	Associate Researcher, Bonn International Center for Conflict Studies (BICC)
Merewalesi Yee	University of Queensland, Australia



## Participant Bios



**Paulo Baleinakorodawa** is the Director Programs and co-Founder of Transcend Oceania, a just peace and development regional non-governmental organisation based in Fiji in the South Pacific. Previously, he served in many roles as a peacebuilding specialist in various peacebuilding development organisations and institutions. Paulo has worked as an independent peacebuilding consultant across the Pacific, providing peace and conflict training, technical support and mentoring as well as providing group process facilitation as a nonviolent strategy. He leads Transcend Oceania's integrated peacebuilding approach to deal with climate change-related conflicts in communities affected by climate change using dialogue, mediation and trauma healing. Paulo holds an MA in Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding from Eastern Mennonite University in the USA.

**Volker Boege** studied history, political science and German literature and has a PhD from the University of Hamburg, Germany. He first worked as a research assistant with the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg in the 1980s. Later he was a peace and security policy advisor to the parliamentary group of the Green Party in the German Parliament. In the 1990s, he worked as a research fellow with the Unit for the Study of Wars, Armaments and Development of the University of Hamburg and for the Swiss Peace Foundation's ENCOP project (Environment and Conflicts Project). In the early 2000s, he was a lecturer at the Institute for Development and Peace at the University of Duisburg, Germany. In 2003, he joined the peace research institute BICC (Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies). In 2005, he moved to Australia and started work with the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (ACPACS) at the University of Queensland as a Research Fellow. Currently he is a Senior Research Fellow at the Toda Peace Institute, Tokyo, Japan, and Honorary Research Fellow at the School of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Queensland. His main fields of work are post-conflict peacebuilding and state formation, and environmental degradation and conflict. His main regional area of expertise is Oceania, with a focus on the Melanesian island countries.

**Eray Çaylı**, PhD (University College London, 2015), is Professor of Human Geography with a Focus on Violence and Security in the Anthropocene at University of Hamburg. His work explores the spatial and environmental politics of nation-statist and colonialist violence in Turkey and its environs, and among their diasporas by interweaving geography, anthropology, and material/visual culture. His publications include the monographs *Extractivism as Aesthetics: Visual Ecologies of Violence and Agency in Turkey's Kurdistan* (2025, University of Texas Press), *Victims of Commemoration: The Architecture and Violence of Confronting the Past in Turkey* (2022, Syracuse University Press), and the anthology *Architectures of Emergency in Turkey: Heritage, Displacement and Catastrophe* (2021, Bloomsbury/I.B.Tauris). He is one of the editors of the *Journal of Visual Culture*.

**Kevin P. Clements** is the Director of Toda Peace Institute, the Foundation Chair of Peace and Conflict Studies and former Director of the New Zealand National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (NCPACS) at the University of Otago, New Zealand. For several years, he served as Secretary General of the International Peace Research Association (IPRA), President of the IPRA Foundation and Secretary General for IPRA's Asia-Pacific region (APPRA). He was also Secretary General of International Alert, London; Lynch Professor and Director of Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR) at George Mason University; and Head of the Peace Research Centre at Australian National University. He has been a regular consultant to a variety of non-governmental, governmental and intergovernmental organisations on conflict resolution, peacebuilding, disarmament and arms control, and human security issues. Dr. Clements received the New Zealand Peace Foundation's 2014 Peace Award, and in 2022 was the recipient of an ISA Distinguished Scholar Award and the Luxembourg Peace Prize.

**Cedric de Coning** is Research Professor at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI). He is also a Senior Advisor for the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD) in South Africa. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the African Journal on Conflict Resolution and he coordinates the Effectiveness of Peace Operations Network (EPON). He has a PhD from the Department of Philosophy at the University of Stellenbosch. His research makes use of complexity theory to study how social-ecological systems adapts under pressure, including from climate change, and what the implications are for international peace and security. He has served in various missions and advisory capacities for the African Union and United Nations, including on the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board for the Peacebuilding Fund. He has co-edited 10 books, of which the most recent two are on 'Adaptive Mediation' (2022) and 'Adaptive Peacebuilding' (2023), both published by Palgrave MacMillan.

**Rebecca Elliott** is an Associate Professor of Sociology at the London School of Economics. At LSE, Dr Elliott is a Research Associate at the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment and at the LSE Centre for the Analysis of Risk and Regulation. She is a Faculty Affiliate of the LSE Phelan United States Centre. Her research focuses on how climate change, as a material and symbolic phenomenon, reshapes social and environmental landscapes. She is the author of *Underwater: Loss, Flood Insurance, and the Moral Economy of Climate Change in the United States* (Columbia University Press, 2021). In addition to publishing in academic journals, she has contributed to *The New York Times*, *The Houston Chronicle*, and *Harper's Magazine*.

**Madeleine Fagan** is Associate Professor and Director of Research Degrees in the department of Politics and International Studies at the University of Warwick. Her current research explores the politics and ethics of the Anthropocene. From 2020-2022, she held a Leverhulme Research Fellowship for the project 'Contending Cultures of the Anthropocene: Prospects for Political Mobilization' (RF-2019-356\7). Her current research investigates the implications for political mobilization of contending representations of the Anthropocene across academic disciplines, popular culture and media reporting, and artistic and cultural production. She is interested in the implications of different ways of conceptualising the human/nature distinction, temporality, subjectivity and spatial imaginations found in these accounts for theories of security and political community. Initial outputs from this research appear in *International Political Sociology* (2023), *Political Geography* (2019), *European Journal of International Relations* (2016) and the *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* (2017).



**Carol Farbotko** is an Australian Research Council Future Fellow at the Griffith Centre for Social and Cultural Research, Griffith University, Australia. A cultural geographer, her research interests include climate mobilities, the politics of climate risk, and the indigenization of development. Her work focuses on understanding climate change challenges in the Pacific Islands, particularly Tuvalu.

**Benno Fladvad** is Assistant Professor for Natural Science Peace Research with a focus on Climate and Security at the Institute of Geography, University of Hamburg. He was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Centre for Global Studies at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada (June to August 2024) and at the Research Institute for Sustainability in Potsdam (September 2022 to March 2023). Previously, he worked as postdoctoral researcher at the Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies "Futures of Sustainability" at the University of Hamburg and as a PhD candidate at the Institute of Geography, University of Kiel. His research focuses on climate security, environmental justice, energy transitions, food sovereignty, nuclear justice, and democracy in the Anthropocene.

**Matthias Helf** is Research Assistant at the IFSH and local coordinator of the workshop in Hamburg.

**Christine Hentschel** is Professor of Sociology: Security and Resilience at the Department of Social Sciences at the University of Hamburg. She currently works on catastrophic and visionary imaginaries of the future as well as practices of in/security from a sociological and a cultural studies perspective. Throughout her research she seeks to understand how societies make sense of, and prepare for, planetary insecurity in the face of climate crisis and species extinction and how they relate to a future of loss – affectively, strategically and practically. This includes work on government and community plans to prepare for a crisis-ridden future, apocalyptic and postapocalyptic trends in different social and intellectual milieus, as well as emerging protest movements on urban grounds. Her methodological approach includes inventive affective and narrative methods and as well as collaborative futures labs. She co-directs the Hamburg-based DFG Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies "Futures of Sustainability".

**Macario Lacbawan:** I am an anthropologist belonging to the Igorot indigenous community in the Cordillera Mountains of Northern Philippines. My current research analyzes the extent to which interventions into climate change create conditions where indigenous lives become ineligible and absent as subjects with claims to visibility and recognition. More specifically, I conduct an ethnography of emergent indigenous life as the Philippine and Indonesian governments construct future smart and sustainable capitals to replace their current administrative centers (Manila and Jakarta), both of which are projected to be underwater due to climate change.

**Marjo Lindroth**, PhD, is a senior researcher in the Arctic Centre at the University of Lapland, Finland. Her research critically investigates the intersections between power, rights and development in international politics, especially in the context of Indigenous-state relations. Her particular research interests at present are hope, resilience and contemporary colonialism. Her latest books include *The Colonial Politics of Hope: Critical Junctures of Indigenous-State Relations* (co-authored with Heidi Sinevaara-Niskanen, Routledge, 2022) and *Critical Studies of the Arctic: Unravelling the North* (edited with Heidi Sinevaara-Niskanen and Monica Tennberg, Palgrave Macmillan, 2022).

**Matt McDonald** is Professor in International Relations in the School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland. His research is in the area of critical theoretical approaches to security, and their application to environmental change and foreign and security policy. He has published widely on these themes and is the author of *Security, the Environment and Emancipation* (Routledge, 2012), co-author (with Anthony Burke and Katrina Lee-Koo) of *Ethics and Global Security* (Routledge, 2014) and author of *Ecological Security: Climate Change and the Construction of Security* (Cambridge UP, 2021). He is currently completing an Australian Research Council-funded project examining comparative national responses to the security implications of climate change.

**Franziska Müller** is Assistant Professor for Global Climate Governance at the University of Hamburg. Their research engages with politics in the Anthropocene, energy colonialism and energy futures, and sometimes touches the weird sphere of postapocalyptic science fiction.

Recent publications:

Franziska Müller (2024). Energy Colonialism. *Journal of Political Ecology* 31 (1),

<https://journals.librarypublishing.arizona.edu/jpe/article/id/5659/>

Laura Horn, Aysem Mert & Franziska Müller (Eds.) (2023). *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Politics in the 22nd Century*, London: Palgrave, <https://www.springerprofessional.de/en/the-palgrave-handbook-of-global-politics-in-the-22nd-century/23870870>

**Anna Naupa** is a ni-Vanuatu PhD candidate at the Australian National University's School of Culture, History and Language where she is researching the intersection between *kastom* and diplomacy in Vanuatu and with its neighbours. She has worked at the regional level in the Pacific, and has previously held senior advisory and management roles at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, UN-ESCAP and the Pacific Fusion Centre. She is active in community-based cultural heritage documentation and is interested in how relations between cultural and state-based environments evolve. She holds an MA in Geography from the University of Hawai'i, Manoa and a Master's in Public Administration from Harvard University. She is based in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

**Tina Newport** is a descendant of Ngati Tamakeu and Ngati TeTika in Rarotonga with links to Mangaia and Aitutaki in the Cook Islands. Since 2010, Tina operates Akairo Consulting providing a range of climate change and development related research and policy services. Tina has a PhD in Development Studies from the University of Auckland. Her thesis is titled '*Vakamoana as policy space: Navigating the Cook Islands case of climate change mobility*'. She has recently completed two multi country studies on Climate Change and Mental Health and Wellbeing for Pacific Peoples and climate mobility in the Pacific.

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