



Colloquium Series

Sociology of Transnationalization

“Environmental Degradation and Climate Change: Voice, Exit or Quiescence”

“Towards climate nomadism? Displacement and escape in the face of planetary crises”

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How will climate change intersect with human migration? This question has gained significant traction in recent years, gesturing towards fundamental issues concerning sovereignty, habitability, mobilities, and ultimately justice. However, most often the question has been answered by extending into the future today's forms of migration. Instead of re-imagining how (im)mobility might or should look like once climate change really kicks in, the figure of the climate migrant / refugee has been mobilised as presage of the 'migration crises' to come. Thereby, today's unequal socio-ecological constellations and constrained geographies of mobility, displacement and immobilisation, are projected into an even direr future. Drawing on nomadic theory (as introduced by Deleuze and others), this intervention problematises two key tenets of this deadlock, i.e. the biopolitical nexus State-territory-citizenship and the reification of the figure of the migrant, which I argue are underlying ingredients of mainstream framings. Working with the figuration of 'climate nomadism', this intervention suggests a de- and reterritorialization of discourses on mobility, as well as a shift towards the political subjectivity of those (not) on the move. The provocation of 'climate nomadism' aims to contribute untangling how future mobilities are imagined from the deadlock of currently dominant discourses.

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