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**CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL REFUGEEHOOD:
UNDERSTANDING THE DIALECTICS OF THE DEBATE IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH**

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ABSTRACT

Concerns over linkages between climate change and phenomenal increase in displacements due to increasing number of natural disasters have become critical in recent decades. Environmental refugees in particularly in the Global South countries are alarming. What takes away attention from this immediate concern is a tendency to straight jacket, a complex issue embedded in the political ecology of Global South with a general discourse on measures needed to meet the rising challenge. Climate change does impact populations differently based on age, gender, ethnicity, class to name a few markers of society. While there is an increasing body of research focused on climate change-related migration, there is not yet adequate research on how environmental refugees overcome their 'vulnerability' and enhance their individual and collective agency to successfully deal with climate, health, and livelihood challenges in their 'new' socioeconomic and political settings (Black et al. 2011, Hunter and Norton 2015, Mcleemann 2017).

The panel proposes to look at the dialectics of environmental change that has been fashioned by anthropological intervention, social policy, and our response to this 'grand challenge' in the past few decades. Also, the panel will focus on 'human agency' seeking papers that engage with multi-modal analysis of climate change issues using different virtual and physical representations and assemblies-based photo voices, digital diary, citizen assembly etc. We also invite papers using narrative research and qualitative methodologies that capture human experience e.g., oral history, observations, auto-ethnography to name a few.

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