

# Global Migrations, Environment and Climate Change

An international Symposium

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# Speakers

## **Emeritus Professor Dirk Hoerder**

[School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies, Arizona State University, United States](#)

Dirk Hoerder is Emeritus Professor of history in the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies in Arizona State University, United States. He is considered one of the pioneers and leading figures in global migration history research. In addition, he is especially familiar with national and multicultural identities and affiliations.

## **Professor Etienne Piguet**

[Institute of Geography, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland](#)

Etienne Piguet is Professor of Geography at the Institute of Geography at University of Neuchâtel and Vice-President of the Federal Migration Commission, Switzerland. He has been observing migratory flows and policies for over twenty years. His areas of expertise are migration flows and immigration policies, integration, refugees and ethnic-business.

## **Professor Richard Black**

[College of Social Sciences, University of Birmingham, UK](#)

Richard Black is Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Social Sciences in the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom. As an academic geographer and Professor of International Development, he has been a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences since 2012. His research interests lie in the relationship between migration and mobility, poverty and climate change.

## **Assistant Professor Ingrid Boas**

[Environmental Policy Group, Wageningen University, the Netherlands](#)

Ingrid Boas is Assistant Professor at the Environmental Policy Group at Wageningen University, the Netherlands. She does research in the fields of environmental change, mobilities, and governance, with a focus on the topic of environmental/climate change migration. Currently she is studying environmental migration in the digital age.

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**0930** Words of welcome

*Tuomas Martikainen*

**0945** Global historical migrations and how the environment has affected them since the Last Ice Age

*Dirk Hoerder*

**1045** History of research on the climate migration nexus

*Etienne Piquet*

**1145** Discussion

**1215** Lunch

**1315** Environmental change and human migration in the 21st century

*Richard Black*

**1415** Discussion

**1430** Coffee

**1500** Environmental change and migration:  
Local realities

*Ingrid Boas*

**1600** Discussion and final remarks

**1630** End of the symposium

## About the conference

People have always been on the move. Environmental factors and change have been a prime reason for human locations and re-locations. Human induced change to the environment and climate are also not new, even though the current and forecasted scope of such changes may well be so. The symposium takes both a historical as well as contemporary look at the role of the environment and climate in shaping human migratory movements. In particular, we are interested of the future implications of climate change to human mobility, but we want to view this in light of previous migrations.

The symposium is the launch of the Climate Change and Migrations: the Multidisciplinary Research of Root-causes of Migrations Project that aims to enhance mutual learning between climate change and migration researchers in Finland. The symposium is organized jointly by the Department of Geography and Geology at the University of Turku and Migration Institute of Finland, and funded by the Tiina and Antti Herlin Foundation.

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