

Environmental sustainability study group sponsored session

Climate change and migration

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The session will examine emerging challenges to integrate research and policy development in the fields of climate change and migration studies. The geographical focus will be Asia, the Pacific and Australia. Papers will cover one of the following topics or a related issue, including:

- Issues of nomenclature relating to the definition of migrants resulting from climate change
- Challenges of methodology to estimate the impacts of environmental change on migration patterns, and use those estimates to develop future projections
- The role of migration as an adaptation option to climate change risk
- Whether climate change will lead to thresholds or tipping points after which fundamental changes in migration patterns might be expected
- Integration of policy development for climate change and migration
- Case studies relevant to these issues.