Introduction: This course aims to provide a sound foundation for students on the literature regarding the political and social consequences of climate change in the developing world. The content of the course ranges from introducing the relationship between climate and political instability, to migration, food security and urbanizing trends, but will also engage with new research into the sub-national studies of conflict. Such literature concentrates on the contexts and thresholds in which instability becomes likely and the agency of individuals and groups in responses to environmental stresses and shocks.

Assessment: Group seminar presentation (25%); Individual literature introduction in class (15%); Research essay [up to 3000 words] (50%); Attendance and participation (10%). Group presentations will be assigned on the first day of class. Research essays will be marked and indicative grades returned to students within four weeks of submission date. Manuscripts must be no more than 3000 words and comprise: Title; Abstract (150 to 200 words) specifying the problem under investigation, the method used in the research (if appropriate), and the major findings; Main body of the paper (including an Introduction and Discussion); References. Please note that marks will be deducted for poor structure and referencing. Please use the Harvard referencing system.

While most of the reading will be from online journals, some texts are required and should be shared amongst the class. These include:


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Recommended:


Week 2: Theories of Political Ecology


Fairhead, J., and M. Leach (1998) “ False Forest History, Complicit Social Analysis:


**Recommended:**


**Week 3: Conflict and Instability- a review**

*Geography and Instability- a review*


All of Special Issue for *Journal of Peace Research* Jan 2012

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**Week 4: Sub-national Climate-conflict Indicators**


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*Recommended:*


**Week 8: Internal Displacement Patterns**

All articles from Global Environmental Change Special Issue 21 (2011) on Migration and Climate Change.

Foresight Review of Climate Migration (UK Government Report)

**Week 9: Urbanization in the Developing World**


**Week 10: Slums**


**Week 11: Health**


Recommended:


**Week 12: Presentations**