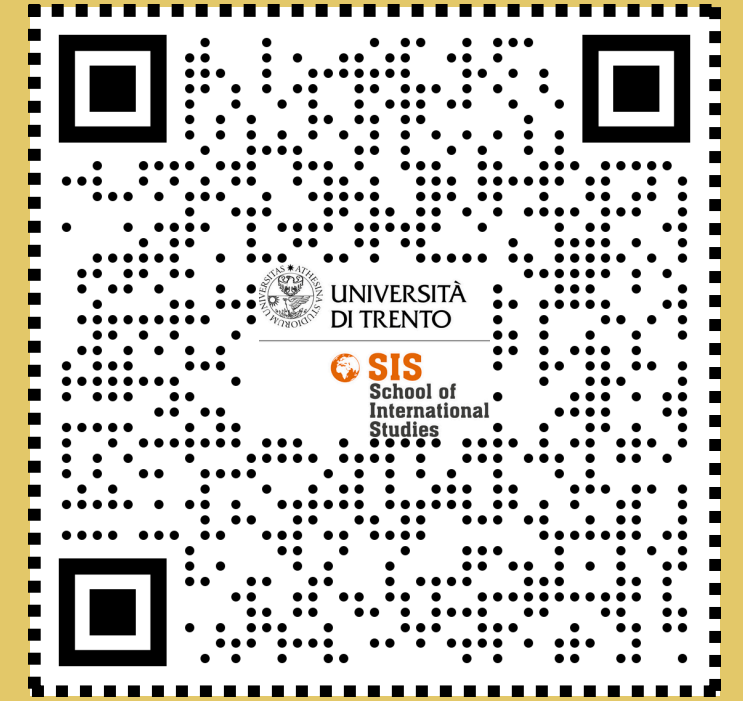


Breaking Climate Borders

'Climate borderscapes' and the limits of state-centric approaches to climate migration



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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, planetary habitability, and justice. However, most often the question has been answered by projecting present-day migration frameworks into the future.

Instead of reimagining what (im)mobility might – or should – look like under conditions of accelerating climate change, the figure of the climate migrant or refugee has been mobilised as a harbinger of future “migration crises.” Thereby, today’s unequal socio-ecological relations and constrained geographies of mobility, displacement, and immobilisation are projected into an even direr future.

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