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Climate Change Refugees: myth or reality?

It is commonplace to speak about climate change migration and climate change refugees as one of the major issues of forced migration globally. This lecture will problematize these claims. The major method for measuring climate change migrants tends to exaggerate them; legally, there can be no such thing as a climate change refugee; and there is a great danger that the entire debate repeats the mistakes we made in discussions over famine by ignoring the centrality of institutions.

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