

## Lecture Series “Signatures of World Society”

# All That is Solid Melts into Mobility: Understanding Climate-Related Migration and Immobility as a Socio-Ecological Question

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“All that is solid melts into air, all that is holy is profaned, and man is at last compelled to face with sober senses his real conditions of life, and his relations with his kind.” Adapting this famous passage from the Manifesto of the Communist Party (1848) toward understanding climate change, inequality, and mobility, the following question emerges: How are environmental degradation and migration or immobility entangled? The politics around climate change, (im)mobility, and inequality constitute the socio-ecological question which refers to the double exploitation of labor and land, and the social closure against non-members of national states. Climate change contributes to both more and less migration. Globally, what can be observed is not massive climate migration but widespread immobility and selective internal and transnational migration. Immobility can be an expression of in situ adaptation but also a sign of absolute deprivation. Overall, the climate-(im)mobility nexus presents a number of political dilemmas both in the global South and the global North which cannot be solved within the frame of the national state.

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