



Call for contributions:

**Migration in the Face of Emerging Risks:
Historical Case Studies, New Paradigms, and Future Directions**

An edited collection to be published by Palgrave-Macmillan

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The John Molson School of Business and the School for Irish Studies at Concordia University kindly invite contributions to the edited book collection, entitled *Migration in the Face of Emerging Risks: Historical Case Studies, New Paradigms, and Future Directions*, to be published by **Palgrave-Macmillan**.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Human migration and population movement are subjects as vast and varied as the disciplinary and methodological lenses that academics, artists, activists, and policy-makers have employed in seeking to make sense of them. A significant trend in more recent scholarship has couched discussions of the movements of people (voluntary or forced, across or within national and regional borders, relocation or displacements, and anticipatory or reactive) within the frame of human-earth relationships. Both the acceleration of climate change and the global rise of “xenophobia, racism, and nationalism” (Armiero & Tucker, 2017, p.1) have inspired significant interest in the umbrella term “environmental migration.” According to the Migration Data Portal, “at the end of 2020, around 7 million people in 104 countries and territories were living in displacement as a result of disasters that happened not only in 2019, but also in previous years” (Migration Data Portal, 2021). Yet, for the large number of people displaced in Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Sudan, China, Syria, and the Philippines to name but a few, isolating a natural disaster or extreme weather event as the “cause” for the movement of people obscures more than it reveals with respect to political, economic, and social influences. Indeed, the conceptualization of the interaction between ecological, political, economic, and social factors as a complex nexus rather than a causal sequence has repositioned natural disasters as social issues, and war, “racism, religion and politics of commodities, land markets and currency circulation” as ecological concerns (Olivier-Smith, 2012, p.1063).

With famines, vast wildfires, droughts, and record heatwaves uprooting human settlements internationally at the time of this call’s publication, research on migration in the face of emerging risks is all the more urgent. The co-editors seek to provide a space for new and emergent research in environmental migration, particularly in the context of a world beginning to emerge from the grip of a debilitating public health crisis that kept many firmly rooted in place while displacing others internationally. As Balsari, Dresser, & Leaning (2020, p.409-410) point out, “the wall-building, xenophobic, and insular” platforms of some global powers in their immigration and asylum policies, and the ever-increasing stresses placed on the natural world that continue to make sites of human settlement less and less hospitable, make research on this topic both very timely and much needed.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Per our intended global scope, the co-editors welcome contributions from international experts in both the academic and practitioner communities in research, policy formation, and activism as well as related fields such as economics, development studies, geography, law, diaspora studies, history, and public health.

The co-editors invite chapters that adopt an interdisciplinary approach and that incorporate new concepts or tools beyond the academic fields of population, environmental, and legal studies, including the applied, natural, and social sciences. Authors are encouraged to consider the geographic coverage and scalar relevance – at the local, regional, national, and supranational levels – of their contributions. Case studies or comparative studies (between different solutions, applications in different contexts, or variations between regions) are welcome. The co-editors invite case studies, historical analyses, projections, models, and recommendations for both policy and future research directions. The editorial team welcomes contributions from academics and practitioners in this fertile interdisciplinary field of academic inquiry, and encourages contributions at the intersection of population and environment studies, history, geography, law, diaspora studies, economics, public health, and sociology (among others).

Submitted chapters must be original and exclusively prepared for the book, with no part of the article having been published elsewhere. Finally, although the book can be used as a reference book in academic courses, it is not explicitly organized as a textbook

POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR CHAPTERS

- 1. Migration in the face of emerging risks: region-specific, factor-specific, and historical case studies**
 - 1.1. Regional/country-specific studies
 - 1.2. Urban studies
 - 1.3. Rural studies
 - 1.4. Famines, extreme weather events, natural disasters, and ecological processes (including but not limited to floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, droughts, forest fires, sea-level rise, soil erosion, water scarcity and saltwater intrusion, heat and rising temperatures)
 - 1.5. Imperialism, racism, xenophobia, and nationalism
 - 1.6. Armed conflict and civil wars
 - 1.7. Poverty

1.8.Education

1.9.Public health concerns

1.10.Eviction and issues surrounding housing

1.11.Intersections of gender and environmental migration

1.12.Intersections of race and environmental migration

1.13.Historical case studies of environmentally motivated migration

1.14.Historic and current public perceptions of migrant communities

2. Studies in methodology, terminology, and paradigms

2.1.Analyses of evolving, and in some cases, contested terminology (e.g., “environmental migrant,” “environmentally displaced person,” “planned relocation,” “forced/involuntary displacement,” “economic migrant,” “climate migrant,” “environmental refugee,” etc.)

2.2.Modelling and mapping of historical and expected future migration patterns

2.3.Analyses of legal frameworks

2.4.Vulnerability, risk, and capability assessments

2.5.Incorporating Indigenous knowledge into the study of environmental migration

3. Future directions

3.1.Projections

3.2.Recommendations for future research priorities

3.3.Recommendations for policy formation

IMPORTANT DATES

- Abstract and CV submission deadline – **February 28, 2022**
- Selection of abstracts and notification to successful contributors – **March 11, 2022**
- During **April 2022** the publisher’s release forms will be forwarded to successful contributors (**pending acceptance of proposal**)
- Full chapter submission – **May 20, 2022**
- Revised chapter submission – **July 30, 2022**

GUIDELINES FOR CONTRIBUTORS

Submissions should be written in English using a non-technical writing style. The contributions may include diagrams/illustrations in order to present data, or photographs/figures (all in black & white) to better illustrate the topic of discussion. Submitted chapters should be original and exclusively prepared for the present book. **No part of the article should be published elsewhere.** Chapters must not exceed 7,000 words (including all references, appendices, biographies, etc.), must use 1.5-line spacing and 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and must use the APA 7th edition reference style. Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit abstracts of no more than 500 words, a bibliography for their proposed chapter, and a CV. Abstract submission are expected by **February 28th, 2022**. Submissions should be sent by email to env.migration@concordia.ca.

Authors will be notified of the status of their proposals and will be sent complete chapter guidelines. Full chapters are expected to be submitted by **May 20th, 2022**.

Please note there are no submission or acceptance fees for the manuscript.

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