

# SCENARIOS AND THE POLITICS OF THE FUTURE

This cross-disciplinary workshop investigates scenarios as useful devices to analyse the politics of the future in the fields of climate change and security. Scenarios and scenario exercises have become popular techniques in the politics concerning issues of climate change, insecurity and conflict. In our understanding, scenarios are stories about possible futures; they are exercises in “worldmaking” (Vervoort et al. 2015), and, as such, offer fascinating insights into struggles to assume agency under conditions of uncertainty and acute threat. The workshop seeks to inquire into scenarios as social techniques used by different communities to hedge against, prepare for and act upon different climate-security futures and related risks.

The workshop is developed in the context of a project on „Conflict and Cooperation at the Climate-Security Nexus“ and is part of the cluster of excellence “Climate, Climatic Change, and Society” (CLICCS) in Hamburg. It brings together scholars with different perspectives (e.g. more conceptual or empirical, applied or critical perspectives) in their respective research and aims at forging an understanding of scenarios and scenario methods at the intersection of different disciplines – from security studies to anthropology and geography, from political science to environmental studies, futurology, climate research, and anthropocene studies.



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## WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

SCENARIOS AND THE POLITICS OF THE FUTURE AT  
THE CLIMATE SECURITY NEXUS

# WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

## 14. NOVEMBER

**11.30 - 13.00 - Introductory session & talk by Malin Mobjörk**

**13.00 - 14.00 - Lunch**

**14.00 - 15.30 - Scenarios, imaginaries and anticipation**

*Delf Rothe & Ann-Kathrin Benner (Hamburg):*  
Fighting the future - The premediation and remediation of geoengineering risks

*Paul Raven (Lund):*  
"Jumping the shark": lessons from media fandoms regarding the coherence of climate imaginaries

*Bettina Paul & Simon Egbert (Hamburg & Berlin):*  
Modern Lie Detection Systems as Double Future Devices

**15.30 - 16.00 - Coffee Break**

**16.00 - 17.30 - Practicing scenarios: mediating present future relationships**

*Katinka Wijmans & Bart Orr (New York):*  
Panoramic and Peripheral Visions: making Resilience Future Scenarios in an Environmental Justice Community in New York City

*Regine Schönenberg & Rüdiger Schaldach (Berlin & Kassel):*  
Scenarios as mediators of present-future relationships

*Sara Talebian & Henrik Carlsen (Stockholm):*  
A Scenario-based Analysis Framework to Assess Future Transnational Climate Impacts: Extended SSPs for Kenya

**18.00 - Evening keynote:**

*Limor Samimiam-Darash (Jerusalem):*  
Uncertainty by Design: Imagining and enacting the future through scenarios. Venue: Allendeplatz 1, Room 250

**20.30 - Invited Dinner for Speakers**

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Hallerplatz 12  
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## 15. NOVEMBER

**09.00- 11.30 - The art of scenario design**

*Henrik Carlsen (Stockholm):*  
Is scenario diversity something to strive for?

*Dawud Ansari (Berlin):*  
Combining multiple scenario generation and numerical energy modelling for global futures of energy, climate, and policy

*Ricarda Scheele (Stuttgart):*  
An Interdisciplinary Exploration of the Concept of Scenario Plausibility: Enhancing Conversations about the Scenario Users Perspectives

*Hermann Held (Hamburg):*  
Scenarios as Expressions of an Attitude towards Decision-Making under Deep Uncertainty

*Sergio Urueña & Hannot Rodriguez (Basque):*  
Worldmaking through Future Scenarios: Plausibility and Relational Quality

**11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break**

**12.00 – 13.15 Conceptualizing the climate-security nexus**

*Anjan Kumar Sahu (Ajmer, Rajasthan):*  
'The Discourse of Climate Change Threat, Securitisation of Development and Open Impartiality: An Analysis of India'

*Jürgen Scheffran & Miguel Rodriguez Lopez (Hamburg):*  
Possible and Plausible Futures of Human Migration in the Context of Climate Change and Security

*Judith Hardt (Hamburg):*  
Climate change in security perceptions, conceptions and practice of UNSC member states

**13.15 - 14.15 - Lunch**

**14.15 – 15.45 Prototypes, futurecasting and their ethics**

*Emily York & Shannon Conley (Harrisonburg):*  
Scenario Analysis as Pedagogy, Research, and Expert Engagement: Using Scenarios and Design Fiction to Imagine and Critique Climate Futures

*Jessica Spijkers, Malin Mobjörk & Andrew Merrie (Stockholm):*  
Prototyping the future of fisheries conflict: Narrative scenarios of fisheries as an emerging security issue

*John Anton Berten & Matthias Kranke (Tübingen & Warwick):*  
Knowledge of the Future: Anticipatory Governance by International Organisations

**15.45 - 16.15 - Coffee Break**

**16.15 – 17.45 Conflicts, survival and the apocalypse**

*Christian Hilgert (Konstanz):*  
Environmental Apocalypse Now and Then. Ecological Scenarios and the Politics of Collective Futures

*Md. Nadiruzzaman (Hamburg):*  
Environmental Change, Framing and Displacement: Knowledge, Politics and Voices of the Survivors'

*Christine Hentschel (Hamburg):*  
„Feeling catastrophic: Thinking beyond scenarios“

**17.45-18.30 Closing discussion and way forward**

**Informal dinner and drinks**