

Version (29 October 2019)

Symposium:

Political Economy of Climate Change and Natural Disaster with Reference to Iran and the Arab World

Friday 1 November (Iran)	
15:00	Registration
15:30-16:00	Welcome & Introduction (Anja Hoffmann & Mohammad Farzanegan)
16:00-18:00	<p>Public Panel: Climate Change in Iran – the Forgotten Crisis? Chaired by Mohammad Farzanegan (CNMS, School of Business & Economics)</p> <p>Ali Fathollah-Nejad (Brookings Doha Center): Contextualizing Iran's Ecological Crisis</p> <p>Shirin Hakim (Imperial College London, Centre for Environmental Policy): The Impact of Economic Sanctions on the Environment: The Iranian Example</p> <p>Tinoush J. Jaghdani (Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies, Halle (Saale)): The Political Economy of Phasing Out Subsidies for Irrigation Water in Iran</p>
20:00-22:00	Dinner with presenters/chairs
Saturday 2 November (Iran & Beyond)	
9:00-9:45	<p>Reza Sohrabi (FU Berlin) The Sociopolitical and Economic Consequences of Drought in Iran Q&A</p>
9:45-10:30	<p>Björn Vollan (University of Marburg, School of Business & Economics) Disaster Resilience of Victims from Typhoon Yolanda in Panay, Philippines Q&A</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-11:45	<p>Lutz Philip Hecker (Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg) Spotlight on Spatial Environmental Policy Spillovers: An Econometric Analysis of Wastewater Treatment in Mexican Municipalities Q&A</p>
11:45-12:30	<p>Eckart Woertz (GIGA Institute of Middle East Studies & University of Hamburg) Climate War Narratives in the Middle East: Myth and Reality Q&A</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch

Conference theme

The conference theme is **Political economy of Climate Change and Natural Disaster with reference to Iran and Arab region**. In line with this theme, the aim of the conference is to provide a venue for presenting and discussing cutting-edge research in natural resource management. The conference is supported by Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung.

Our goal is to study how climate change and natural disasters (e.g., drought, floods, sand storms, earthquakes etc) affect economies and political systems in the MENA region.

How quality of political, economic, and financial institutions may moderate the economic and human costs of climate change and disasters?

What are the latest technical developments in dealing with climate change and disasters?
What are the policy lessons from the rest of the world?

These questions and other relevant ones will be the issues, which we aim to discuss with experts during the conference. For this meeting we aim to combine a variety of multi-disciplinary perspectives that add original insight to the subject.

Venue of Symposium & Contact Information

Address:

Deutschhausstraße 3, Institutsgebäude (F | 04)
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The event is open to all who are interested in environmental challenges especially in Iran. Please register in advance via narem@uni-marburg.de (by 21 October 2019).

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How to get to the Venue

You can reach venue of conference from Marburg Main Train Station by walking in about 12 minutes. Marburg can be reached by commuter train via Frankfurt central railway station in around 1 – 1.5 hours or from Kassel Hbf in about 1 hours. From Frankfurt Airport (via Frankfurt main station), you will need about 2 hours by train.

