

HUC Academy 2025 on Climate Change and Migration

4–9 August 2025 | Dhulikhel, Nepal

Day	Focus of the day
Day 1 4th August 2025	<p>Introduction to the climate and migration nexus: Key concepts, frameworks, and evolving evidence of migration as adaptation</p> <p><i>Resource persons: Amina Maharjan, Arun Bhakta Shrestha, Neil Adger, Nitya Rao,</i></p> <p>The first day will focus on building a foundational understanding of the Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) climate landscape and broader climate discourse, with an introduction to the climate and migration nexus, including key concepts and emerging evidence on migration as a form of adaptation. The day will also provide space for participants to get to know one another, identify shared research interests, and explore potential areas for collaborative research.</p>
Day 2 5th August 2025	<p>Socio-ecological and cultural constructions of gender, climate, and multispecies worlds, and their implications for research on migration as adaptation</p> <p><i>Resource persons: Nitya Rao, Jelle J P Wouters, Amina Maharjan</i></p> <p>Session I: Exploring the meanings of gender and intersectionality: conceptual input</p> <p>This session will explore the gendered dimensions of climate vulnerability and adaptation. It will highlight intersectionality, and how gender intersects with class, poverty, and culture to shape risk and resilience, examining coping strategies, institutional roles, and the lived realities of people beyond victim narratives. It will build on gender and intersectionality in climate and migration research, including gender roles, institutional influences, and gender environment linkages.</p> <p>Session II: Climate change as a multispecies affair and more-than-human migration</p> <p>This session explores multispecies migration, viewing climate-induced movement as involving not just humans but also plants, animals, water, soil, and other non-human entities. Focusing on the Himalayas, it highlights how climate change reshapes human–nonhuman relations and how nonhuman movements co-shape human responses and place-based attachments.</p>
Day 3 6th August 2025	<p>Climate, Migration, Security, and Adaptation</p> <p><i>Resource persons: Elisabeth Gilmore, Amina Maharjan</i></p> <p>Session I and II: (Re)assessing the evidence for and researching the climate, social tensions, and migration relationships</p> <p>This session will focus on links between environmental stress, conflict, migration, and social tensions, especially in fragile contexts. The session highlights conditions that foster cooperation over conflict and examine how institutions and governance affect</p>

	<p>outcomes. Participants will engage with key literature and research approaches used to assess climate's social impacts and the broader climate conflict debate.</p> <p>Session III: Climate security, adaptation, and peacebuilding</p> <p>This session involves a participatory mapping exercise where participants collaboratively explore climate impacts, migration, conflict, adaptation, and peacebuilding. The maps will reveal complex, context-specific links and help identify leverage points for effective policy and intervention strategies.</p>
<p>Day 4 7th August 2025</p>	<p>Thinking and re-thinking urban climate resilience: framing, frameworks and response</p> <p><i>Resource persons: Amir Bazaz, Amina Maharjan</i></p> <p>Session I: Urban resilience in the face of climate change: Framing, key concepts, vulnerabilities, practice, and the evolving discourse</p> <p>This session explores climate change, migration, and resilience in South Asia's mountain and urban areas, focusing on vulnerabilities, responses, and political challenges. Grounded in mutual learning, participants will examine urban governance under climate stress through case studies on migrant resilience.</p> <p>Session II: Migrant resilience in urban settings of South Asia: Multiple imaginations and pathways to resilience</p> <p>Participants will form groups to select a mountain city and design a context-specific intervention addressing climate impacts and migrant resilience. Using earlier learnings, groups will create realistic intervention plans detailing governance, financing, and monitoring, while situating interventions within broader urban opportunities.</p>
<p>Day 5 8th August 2025</p>	<p>Displacement and Planned Relocation</p> <p><i>Resource persons: Tasneem Siddiqui, Amina Maharjan</i></p> <p>This session will explore climate-induced displacement and planned relocation within the global and local context of climate change adaptation, examining whether these are failures of adaptation or adaptive strategies shaped by local realities, governance capacities, and socio-political dynamics.</p>
<p>Day 6 9th August 2025</p>	<p>Group Work: Collaborative research proposal development and collaborative planning, and presentation</p> <p>Participants will group based on shared interest to collaborate and create research proposals on climate change and migration in mountainous settings, drawing on insights from earlier sessions. All groups will present their proposals to the entire group, drawing on peer feedback, constructive criticism, and mutual learning to elaborate on ideas and intensify insights.</p>
<p>Daily integrated sessions: Leadership Module</p>	

Resource person: Tshewang Tandin

The leadership module will focus on personal development and wellbeing. It is designed to support participants in strengthening their self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and resilience through a combination of declarative (knowledge-based) and procedural (practice-based) learning methods.