

Heatwave Resilience - Climate Change Strategies in the Global South?

13 December 2024

2 pm to 6 pm CET (UTC+1)

FREE ONLINE SEMINAR

The hot days are becoming even more stifling worldwide and their number is increasing. The oceans are also warming. In 2023, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) pointed out that the increasing frequency and intensity of heatwaves observed since the 1950s will lead to more extreme weather events, increasing drought, water shortages, power outages and losses in agriculture.

Our seminar will feature scientists who will explain the phenomenon of heatwaves, their origin, global impact and the significance of the oceans in this context.

We will analyse the social consequences of climate change on vulnerable populations across the Arab Mediterranean and Central/East Africa: how will it impact children, farmers, vulnerable social groups, and refugee communities? The seminar will also explore civil society's potential engagement to mitigate these effects and foster climate resilience.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

▶ Heatwaves – Causes and Effects on Climate Change

Robert Schlegel. Data Scientist & Research Engineer, Ecomonitor, previously Sorbonne Université, based in Nice (France)

▶ Heatwaves – Social Impact, Vulnerability and Solutions – the case of Lybia

Lara Nassar. Jordan, Program Manager at the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)

▶ Heatwaves in the Mediterranean – the invisible threat to ecologically important sea grass meadows

Manuel Marinelli. Marine Biologist & Marine Environmental NGO Leader, Project Manaia, based in Austria & on the Mediterranean

▶ Empowering refugees to cope with heatwaves in the context of climate change – the case of Uganda

Patrick Otim. Journalist, Project Manager of the Refugee Law Project, Uganda



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ticks differently. We know and name crises and conflicts. But we do not stop at analysing the status quo. We also ask questions about the future. Where are the solutions for a problem? Who are the actors seeking those solutions – and implementing them?

Climate change and environmental degradation demand answers – for the survival of mankind and the well-being of the earth. Journalists and the media have a responsibility to ask for these answers and to show what needs to be done and what is feasible to do.

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