The Octopus’s Garden?

Planning for Sea Level Rise Series

A free public talk and discussion series: June - November 2017

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An octopus? A sea star?

Sea Level Rise and Forced Migration:
The Challenges for Climate Refugees

Thursday, October 19, 2017, 7 pm
SFU’s Harbour Centre, Room 1900, 515 West Hastings

Invitation:
We are pleased to invite you to the third talk in the series featuring Dr. Saleemul Huq (Director, Centre for Climate Change and Development), Dr. James Horncastle (Lecturer, Hellenic Studies, Simon Fraser University) and Anna Zhuo (Co-founder, Climate Migrants and Refugees Project).

Anna Zhuo, Co-founder

Anna Zhuo is a co-founder of the Climate Migrants and Refugees Project, a non-profit organization working to increase capacity for urban resilience and planning in the face of climate change and global migration. She is from Vancouver and has a Master’s in Community and Regional Planning from UBC SCARP. Her experience as part of an immigrant family and involvement with the temporary resettlement of a refugee family drives her interest in advancing settlement and integration planning in Canada and she recently attended the Habitat III conference in Quito as part of the Canadian delegation. Anna’s multi-disciplinary interests stem from her academic background in life science and psychology, in addition to work experiences in health geography research, campus planning and sustainability, and urban development research on implementation challenges.

Dr. Saleemul Huq, Director

Saleemul Huq joined the International Centre for Climate Change and Development in 2009 as the Director and is also a Senior Fellow at the International Institute for Environment and Development. He is an expert on the links between climate change and sustainable development, particularly from the perspective of developing countries. He was the lead author of the chapter on Adaptation and Sustainable Development in the third assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and also for the chapter on Adaptation and Mitigation in its fourth assessment report. His research currently focuses on the least developed countries’ vulnerability to climate change and the impact of adaptation measures.

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Bio-Sketches

James Horncastle, Lecturer

James Horncastle is a lecturer in the Hellenic Studies program at Simon Fraser University. A specialist in the history of the Balkans, Dr. Horncastle’s research focuses on how conflict and refugee movements helped give rise to the contemporary national and state identities in the region during the Twentieth Century, on which he has published extensively. Currently, Dr. Horncastle is pursuing research on the role of population movements and security in Southeast Europe. The contemporary refugee crisis has brought into sharp relief the security issues brought on by population movements, but this is not a new phenomenon. Dr. Horncastle’s current project helps show how climate variances have played a crucial role in the past in facilitating both population movements and conflict in the twentieth century, and how states and peoples responded to these developments in the past can help inform future responses.

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Regions around the world are experiencing climate change impacts such as droughts, floods, wildfires, and heat waves, while planning for the long-term effects of sea level rise and coastal storms. These stressors are driving damages and increased costs for communities, and increasing the risk of mass migration. Building on the success of the Resiliency and YOU talk, this series, will run from June-November 2017, and features experts on sea level rise from a variety of backgrounds who will address ways we can adapt and build resilience, with a focus on local to global challenges and solutions. Topics to be addressed include the science and physical challenges to sea level rise, local, provincial and international preparations and initiatives, climate refugees, traditional knowledge and indigenous responses to sea level rise, and finally what to expect globally - and what we can do about it locally.

Upcoming Talks:
October 19, 2017 - 7pm,  Sea Level Rise and Forced Migration, The Challenges for Climate Refugees
Dr. Saleemul Huq, Director, Centre for Climate Change and Development, London, U.K. (via video conference); James Horncastle, Lecturer, Hellenic Studies, Simon Fraser University and Anna Zhuo, Co-founder, Climate Migrants and Refugees Project, Vancouver.
https://slr_climate_refugees.eventbrite.ca

Nov. 8, 2017 - 7pm, Sea Level Rise - The Big Picture
John Englander, Oceanographer, Consultant and Leading Expert on Sea Level Rise, Florida, USA and Gil Kelley, Chief Planner and General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, City of Vancouver.
https://slr_big_picture.eventbrite.ca

Previous Talk:
October 5, 2017 - 6:30 pm, Sea Level Rise and the International Response - Policy Action
Special Envoy on Water for the Netherlands Henk Ovink and Flood Consultant Tamsin Lyle (Ebbwater) and Lawyer Deborah Carlson (West Coast Environmental Law) who will explore policy options from international to local followed by discussion.  https://slr_international_response.eventbrite.ca

September 21, 2017 - 7pm, Sea Level Rise in Deep History: Coastal First Nations Flood Stories
Squamish Chief Ian Campbell and Captain Gold, Haida elder
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szkCK85JERs&t=3s

Series launch on June 8th, 2017 in celebration of World Oceans Day, a discussion about sea level rise and what it means to coastal BC and Metro Vancouver featuring Angela Danyluk, City of Vancouver, John Readshaw, SNC Lavalin and Andy Yan, SFU’s City Program. View video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lUmhfQRE4

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