

CALL FOR PAPERS

SEMINAR: CLIMATE CHANGE, DISPLACEMENTS AND VULNERABLE GROUPS. THE SAHEL AS A CASE STUDY.

PABLO DE OLAVIDE UNIVERSITY (SEVILLE). FEBRUARY 21, 2023.

The devastating effects that climate change can have on certain countries and regions, such as the Sahel, have been highlighted by different international organizations and through a multitude of scientific studies, raising the question of whether climate change can affect the impossibility of the inhabitants of these regions to remain in certain areas, thus causing an exodus and giving rise to forced migrations, entering in the complex area of the application of international protection.

This issue has also been addressed by the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, which in its Objective 2 on minimizing the adverse and structural factors that force people to leave their country of origin, indicated the measures to be carried out to address and mitigate natural disasters, the adverse effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

The treatment of this issue and the link between climate change and people's vulnerability has been carried out in the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, which also released the General Recommendation no. 37 (2018) on gender dimensions of disaster risk reduction in the context of climate change.

The effects of climate change on children have also been the subject of continuous attention by institutions such as UNICEF, which, through various reports, has highlighted the vulnerability of children to floods, droughts, warming or pollution, pointing out the impact it can have on their health.

On the other hand, the Sahel has not ceased to be considered one of the areas most vulnerable to climate change, which together with weak governments, human rights violations or conflicts, has led this region to suffer some of the largest displacements on the continent.

But these displacements have not only been intra-regional, the current situation in the region may also lead people to seek life options outside the region, which would lead them to take the route to Europe, some of them entering as migrants and others as asylum seekers.

In order to analyse this topic a [Seminar](#) will take place on **February 21, 2023**, and is open to the presentation of papers on the following **thematic areas**:

1. Legal regulation of environmental displacements.
2. Climate change, displacements and effects on women.
3. Climate change, displacements and effects on children.
4. Climate change, displacements and effects on other vulnerable groups.

The paper proposal must be submitted by this [link](#) before **00.00 on November 30, 2022**.

The proposal shall have a maximum length of 300 words and must contain title, author, affiliation and thematic area. Proposals may be submitted in both Spanish or English. Special attention will be given to those proposals focused on the Sahel.

The papers will be published, deadline for final submission will be by the end of March.

The possibility of **funding the attendance** to the seminar will be explored with the authors of the selected papers.