

# HOW TO DEAL WITH ENVIRONMENTAL CRISES? THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF ACUTE AND LATENT CHALLENGES IN TIMES OF POLYCRISIS

CONFERENCE OF THE LEIBNIZ RESEARCH NETWORK  
“ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS – CRISIS ENVIRONMENTS”

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A whole series of risky, interrelated environmental changes threaten the well-being of the planet and human livelihoods. In current times, acute as well as long-term, latent crises emerge and exist interdependently and parallelly. Acute crises, like violent conflicts, humanitarian crises or unexpected disasters, need rapid joint action and response. Long-term crises, like the climate crisis, additionally pose serious challenges to the entire globe.

While it might be difficult to draw a clear line between the different forms of crises, both simultaneously need social and political handling to address the increasingly dysfunctional relationship between people and their social and political environment. The goal of the Conference of the Leibniz Research Network “Environmental Crisis – Crisis Environments: The Contestation and Governance of Environmental Changes as Crisis (CrisEn)” is to discuss how acute and latent crises can be dealt with together.

The network generally analyses various forms of crisis and discusses how specifically changes in the environment are understood and/or (not) conceptualized as crisis. The conference deals with theoretical approaches as well as with concrete empirical cases of acute and less acute crises as well as their interactions. The conference brings together senior experts and early career researchers and it invites active practitioners in order to discuss viable policy implications with them.

We kindly ask for registration via email to [bannan-fischer@prif.org](mailto:bannan-fischer@prif.org).



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## PROGRAM

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**14.00 | WELCOME NOTE BY THE ORGANIZERS**

**14.30 | KEYNOTE AND DISCUSSION: TURNING ENVIRONMENTAL CRISES INTO RISKS TO PREVENT CATASTROPHES?** JOCHEN SCHANZE, IÖR

**16.00–17.30 | PANEL I: RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN CRISES**

**WITH** SHIBIRE BEKELE ESHEKTU, ZALF / MEKDIM D. REGASSA, IGZ / MIRANDA SVANIDZE, IAMO  
**MODERATED BY** KATHARINA LÖHR, ZALF

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

**09.00–10.30 | PANEL II: ENVIRONMENT AND CONFLICT**

**WITH** STEFAN KROLL, PRIF / SABINE KURTENBACH, GIGA / STEFANIE WESCH, PIK  
**MODERATED BY** LAURA BANNAN-FISCHER, PRIF

**11.00–12.30 | PANEL III: POLARIZATION IN THE FACE OF A CHANGING CLIMATE**

**WITH** ALEXIA KATSANIDOU, GESIS / DANIEL MULLIS, PRIF / TBC  
**MODERATED BY** CHRISTINA EDER, GESIS / STEFAN KROLL, PRIF

**12.30–13.00 | WRAP-UP AND WAY AHEAD**



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