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Human Mobility, Natural Hazards and Policy Responses

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### HOW CAN LAW AND POLICY ENGAGE WITH THE IMPACT OF NATURAL HAZARDS ON HUMAN MOBILITY?

Environmental processes shape human mobility, including displacement, migration and planned relocation, within countries and even across borders. They can also entrench immobility for specific groups. Natural hazards that shape mobility in such contexts encompass the slow-onset impacts of climate change and environmental degradation, as well as sudden-onset disasters linked to storms, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and even biological hazards like the COVID-19 pandemic.

This seminar series brings together diverse scholarly and practitioner perspectives on how law and policy can respond to this global challenge. Its six topical sessions will be broadcast live in an interactive format via Zoom technology to enhance participation from across the globe. The series is convened by the Refugee Law Initiative (RLI) and its Internal Displacement Research Programme, in partnership with the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), a state-led initiative working to improve protection for people displaced in the context of disasters and climate change.

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Conceptualising policy - do 'climate refugees' or 'environmental migrants' really exist?



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Data and knowledge on human mobility in the context of natural hazards



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Global policy debates, mobility and natural hazards



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Internal displacement, migration and planned relocation in the context of natural hazards



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Legal responses to cross-border 'environmental' mobility



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Implications for policy of a (post-?) COVID-19 world...

