

Engaged research 2: honing the nuts and bolts of co-development

Student Forum 2020 - Session 2

Case Study # 1

Climate Change Displacement in BC

Despite heightened awareness about climate displacement—due in part to media coverage of more frequent climate-related extreme weather events, sea level rise and wildfires, for example—British Columbia, like many jurisdictions, has yet to start thinking about proactive policies to better prepare communities in the province for the displacement of people.

The purpose of this project is to establish a network of relevant parties from governments and society to identify knowledge gaps and develop a research agenda on solutions to the climate displacement challenge in British Columbia. Parties in this network may share concerns or interests around services for immigrant communities, resilience and adaptation planning, displacement and evacuations in the face of floods or wildfires, and or planned relocations in areas at high risk of flooding, storm surge, slope destabilization or other climate change impacts. This project is driven by the partners' interest in advancing dialogue, knowledge and preparation in British Columbia for the movement of people to and within the province in the context of a rapidly changing climate.

--

The solution seeker, the NGO *Climate Migrants and Refugees Project*, has asked the research team to find potential partners, organizations, and individuals whose work intersects with climate displacement in British Columbia; identify their specific interests or information needs; and initiate a process to grow a network of those whose work intersects with this issue.

PICS Project: [The Climate Change Displacement – Mapping the BC Context](#)

Partners:

Researchers

Centre for Global Studies, UVic

Solution seeker

Climate Migrants and Refugees Project

Parties: BC Government (Climate Action Secretariat, EMBC), Local Governments,
Regional Districts

PICS