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Dear Viennese Geographers,

As the weather is getting colder and the holiday season approaches, I want to wish you all a wonderful winter filled with warmth, joy, and a good rest.

It has been a nice experience being your Flash-News Falke, sharing updates and getting a glimpse into your amazing work. Now, it's time for me to say goodbye as I step back from this role, but don't worry—the **Flash-News updates will continue in January**, bringing you fresh insights and stories from our great colleagues.

Thank you for your engagement, your posts, and the inspiration you've shared. Stay tuned for what's next, and enjoy a festive holiday season!

We encourage you to share and promote your research and activities through this platform. We are excited to hear from you!

1. Publications

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- Jampaklay, A., Vapattanawong, P., Lucktong, A., Yakoh, K., Chow, C., Fu, Y., Adulyarat, M., & Jordan, L. P. (2024). Continuity in child mental health from preschool years to adolescence in parental migration contexts: Evidence from a longitudinal study in Thailand. *Acta Psychologica*, 247, 104329. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actpsy.2024.104329>.

2. Congratulations

Mongkon Thongchaithanawut has joined Mahidol University as a full-time researcher at the ASEAN Institute for Health Development (AIHD) after completing his PhD in Vienna with the Working Group on Population Geography and Demography. His work will focus on advancing research in population and health dynamics, contributing to Mahidol's leadership in sustainable health development. Congratulations!

3. News

New Guide: Human Mobility & Climate Change

The WIM Executive Committee with Harald Sterly has released the "Technical Guide on Integrating Human Mobility and Climate Change Linkages into National Planning Processes". Developed by the Task Force on Displacement, co-led by IOM, UNHCR, and ILO, it provides practical tools for incorporating human mobility into climate policies, including National Adaptation Plans (NAPs). An essential resource for policymakers tackling climate-related mobility challenges.

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Lifting the Veil of Journal Editing

Dr. Kyle Boodoo has been appointed as a JGR: Biogeosciences Early Career Editorial Fellow, where he will contribute to shaping the future of scientific publishing through mentorship and training, with a focus on diversity, ethics, and innovation.

Get Active

The opportunity to participate in active breaks with movement sessions at the institute has already begun! These 15-minute exercise sessions will take place twice a week during working hours, right here at the institute. They started in November, and the specific days are Tuesday at 1pm and Thursday at 11am at the Konferenzraum (5. Stock) and takes 15 mins.! Let's join and get Active.

Grant Awarded for Peatland Carbon and Microbial Research

Dr. Kyle Boodoo (University of Vienna), Dr. Petra Pjevac, and Dr. Christina Fasching received a €10,000 grant from the Environmental and Climate Research Hub in April 2024. The project explores links between peatland carbon and microbial communities across European and Canadian sites and is now in the sample analysis phase, aiming to advance understanding of carbon cycling and climate impacts.

Kooperate Stadt- und Regionalentwicklung

Together, Franz and Heintel co-edited the book "Kooperative Stadt- und Regionalentwicklung," which explores cooperative approaches in urban and regional development. They also lead the postgraduate program "Kooperative Stadt- und Regionalentwicklung" at the University of Vienna, focusing on collaborative strategies in spatial development.

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Human Mobility at COP29

The "Pointers and Key Messages on Human Mobility for COP29 Negotiations," developed with key partners and endorsed by experts, including Daniela Paredes Grijalva. The brief outlines actionable recommendations for integrating human mobility into key COP29 agenda items, including climate finance, Loss & Damage, NDCs, and NAPs.

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4. Events

Inaugural lecture of Professor Meike Levin-Keitel

When: 16 December 2024, 16:30

Where: Main Ceremonial Hall of the University of Vienna

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5. Call for papers

EUGEO 2025

When: 8–11 September 2025

Where: Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna

The 10th EUGEO Congress, themed "**Geographies of a Changing Europe**," invites scholars to submit abstracts from **29 November 2024 to 20 January 2025**. Explore Europe's dynamic transformations through diverse geographical perspectives.

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6. ...Viennes Researchers around the World

CoSaV-Migration Workshop on Environmental Migration in Paris

On November 7-8, 2024, Coline Garcia and Marion Borderon participated in the workshop "**Concepts, Theories, and Methodologies for Addressing Environmental Migration**", organized by the CoSaV-Migration Working Group in Paris. This event brought together experts from diverse disciplines to explore innovative approaches to understanding environmental migration. Coline and Marion gave a talk on "**Rethinking Habitability for an Unequal and Connected World**", emphasizing the need for bottom-up perspectives that incorporate local values, social differentiation, and the interconnectedness of places. They also facilitated discussions in the habitability-focused working group, which aimed to refine methodologies and conceptual frameworks.

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7. Project Updates

CPT Workshop Eijkelkamp

On October 30, 2024, the CPT device from Royal Eijkelkamp was handed over to WG ENGAGE. In the course of this, Robert Kanta organized a workshop on CPT (cone penetration testing), in which, after the introduction by Philipp Marr, the trainers from Eijkelkamp (William Bond, Markus Reißig) gave a detailed introduction to the topic of CPT and then gave a practical exercise in the meteorological garden of the UZA2 for testing. The workshop not only benefited the Faculty of Geosciences (FGGA), but was generally well attended by visitors from the Vienna University of Technology as well as international guests from countries such as the Netherlands, Greece and Denmark.

NoeDRILL

From November 18 - 20, a deep drilling will take place in Brandstatt as part of the NoeDRILL project, in the course of which a 40 m long inclinometer chain will be installed, which transmits data to the NoeSLIDE server at 5-minute intervals. This allows a possible

landslide to be observed in relative real time and provides information on shear depth and movement rates.

Exploring Indigenous Knowledge in Climate Adaptation: Blogpost

Magdalena Berger has authored a blog post for the CuHeMo project, titled "The Unrecognized Potential of Indigenous Knowledge in Climate Adaptation." Published on October 15, 2024, this piece delves into how the Nyangatom community, an agro-pastoralist group residing along the Ethiopia-South Sudan border, utilizes traditional knowledge systems to navigate the challenges posed by climate change. Magdalena emphasizes the importance of integrating indigenous perspectives into climate adaptation strategies, highlighting the need for a more inclusive and decolonized approach to sustainability.

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