



## Climate and Migration: Historical and Present Perspectives

Brno, Czech Republic: **3.–4. June 2024**

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Written records, early instrumental observations or various artefacts represent a significant potential to study past mobility from a climate perspective. Given current concerns over climate change, disasters, and migration, the theme of the meeting is highly topical. Although research into the present impacts of global warming and extreme weather on mobility and immobility has accelerated, the history of climate and migration has received comparatively little scholarly attention.

This meeting aims to **initiate new research activities** on mobility and climate, **share viewpoints** and **experience**, **support new international collaborations** among researchers, and **define research goals**. In addition, the meeting will plan the working group's next activities and publications.

**The organisers invite contributions in all of the following topics:**

- Influences of past climate variability and extreme weather events on human migration;
- Impacts of climate variability on transport;
- Climate and colonialism;
- Different spatial and temporal scales of climate, migration, and mobility;
- Methodological challenges and innovations in the study of climate and migration;
- Climate change, ecosystems, diseases and migration.

The conference is directed at **researchers in all career stages**, including those with backgrounds in **history**, **archaeology**, **climate science**, and related disciplines. We also encourage **museum practitioners**, **climate communicators**, and **societal stakeholders** with an interest in past climate and migration to apply.



Participation is **free of charge**. Limited **travel grants** will be available for early career researchers and from low- and middle-income countries. **Online sessions are planned** for all participants who cannot attend in person.

**Call for abstracts:** 18 February 2024

**Acceptance decision:** 15 March 2024

The meeting is hosted jointly by the [Department of Geography](#) (Faculty of Science, Masaryk University) and the [CRIAS group](#) (Climate Reconstruction and Impacts from the Archives of Societies) of the [PAGES](#) (Past Global Changes) **network**.

More information can be found on the workshop [website](#) or PAGES [calendar](#).

**Confirmed participants** include Prof Rudolf Brázdil (Masaryk University), Prof Julia Mildorfova Leventon (CzechGlobe) or Dr Radim Tolasz (CHMI).

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We would also like to draw your attention to the conference "[Climate of the past and societal responses to environmental changes](#)" taking place 5-8 June 2024 at the University of Bern, Switzerland. There is a very convenient train connection between the venues of both conferences, allowing for effortless participation in both events.

