

DETECTION, ATTRIBUTION, AND PROJECTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND IMPACTS FOR A RESILIENT SOCIETY

Session Program 19 June 2023

- 10:30 – 10:40 WELCOME**
Prof. Dr. Jürgen Böhner, Chair of Physical Geography
Prof. Johanna Baehr, Co-Speaker, Climate Climatic Change and Society
- 10:40 – 11:10 No-regret climate change adaptation with a paradigm shift in water-related disasters**
Prof. Eiichi Nakakita
- 11:10 – 11:30 SAGA applications in regional climate and environmental modeling – current state of development and implementation**
Prof. Dr. Jürgen Böhner
- 11:30 - 11:50 Extreme weather impacts on airflows and air quality at urban scales**
Prof. Tetsuya Takemi
- 11:50 – 12:10 On Extreme Ocean Waves Modeling, Prediction, and Prevention – An Overview of Experimental Activities**
Associate Prof. Amin Chabchoub
- 12:10 – 12:30 Future projections on the line-shaped convective system associated with the Baiu front in Japan**
Assistant Prof. Yukari Naka
- 12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH**
- 13:30 – 13:50 Second Hamburg Climate Futures Outlook**
Dr. Anna Pagnone
- 13:50 – 14:10 Assessing possible and plausible land future**
Prof. Dr. Uwe Schneider
- 14:10 – 14:30 Greenhouse gases-induced marine heatwaves exacerbate climate change impacts in the Arctic**
Dr. Armine Barkhordarian
- 14:30 – 14:45 Climate Change Impact Attribution of Himalayan Water Resources**
Dr. Shabeh ul Hasson
- 14:45 – 15:00 Extremes in the Earth System – Dynamics, Interactions & Impacts**
Dr. Leonard Borchert
- 15:00 – 15:30 COFFEE BREAK**
- 15:30 – 15:40 CEN – A Collaboration Platform**
- 15:40 – 16:00 Existing Collaborations KU-UHH**
Prof. Matthias Hort, Dr. Shabeh ul Hasson
- 16:00 – 16:40 Discussion and the way forward**
- 16:40 – 17:00 Wrap up**

SESSION ABSTRACT:

Abstract of the Meteorological hazards such as tropical and extratropical cyclones, heavy rainfalls, high winds, and monsoon dynamics can spawn natural disasters from flooding, inundation, landslide, storm surge, and high waves, and therefore have significant impacts on societies. Detection, attribution, and projection of these hazards and associated disasters determine whether and to what extent their intensity and likelihood have changed due to human influence on climate so far and how they will change in the future under possible and plausible warmer worlds. These findings inform decision-making for a more resilient society. In this session, we will share recent developments and exchange ideas on meteorological, hydrological, and oceanography issues that will be the focus of our research in Germany and Japan. Through discussing those issues deeply, we hope that this session would be the foundation for our future collaborations.

CONTRIBUTORS:

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