

# *Climate Change as an International Security Issue*

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## <Abstract>

Within security studies and conflict analysis, climate change mainly figures in studies trying to settle whether a causal link can be demonstrated from climate change to military conflict. Meanwhile, it is increasingly common in political debate and public opinion to assert that climate change itself is the biggest threat facing humankind. Thus, climate change is ‘securitized’ in two very different ways. What policies do these imply, respectively? Is it promising, worrying and/or unavoidable that climate change is treated as a security issue: a threat that simply has to be met by all means necessary? How do we imagine the international relations of a future constituted politically around a ‘climate emergency’?

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