

Climate change, health and outdoor workers in urban Vietnam: linking vulnerability, extreme weather and policy

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Date: 27 January 2025, 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM GMT

Venue: Wellcome Trust, 215 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE, UK

Programme

Time	Session Details
9:30 – 10:00	<p>Registration and Welcome Coffee</p> <p>Networking opportunity for attendees</p>
10:00 – 10:15	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Anh Ngoc Vu (Project Lead, Research Director, NatCen) Setting the scene House keeping • Michael Davis (CEO, NatCen): Welcome remarks
10:15 – 10:30	<p>Introducing the project</p> <p>Chair: Dr Sokratis Dinos (Interim Director of NatCen International, NatCen)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Anh Ngoc Vu (Project Lead, Research Director, NatCen): Introduce the Wellcome Trust-funded project “The health impacts of climate change on precarious outdoor workers in megacities in Vietnam”
10:30 – 11:15	<p>Panel 1: Keynote Speech</p> <p>Chair: Professor Jonathan Rigg (University of Bristol)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Dann Mitchell (Professor of Climate Science, University of Bristol): The complexity of climate change exposures on health – the need for stricter evidence.

<p>11:15 – 11:30</p>	<p>Refreshments</p>
<p>11:30 – 12:20</p>	<p>Panel 2: Researching climate-related health risks: methodological insights, ethical challenges, and value judgements</p> <p>Chair: Dr Debbie Collins (NatCen)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Mike Parker (Professor of Bioethics and Director of the Ethox Centre, University of Oxford): Value pluralism: What values shape individual health decisions and government priorities when addressing the nexus of climate change and health? • Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Duc Loc (President of SocialLife Research Institute): Co-constructing evidence through community-based network research and participatory methods: A methodological approach to the impact of climate change on outdoor workers' health.
<p>12:20 – 13:00</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>13:00 – 14:15</p>	<p>Panel 3: Preliminary data and insights</p> <p>Chair: Dr Sokratis Dinos (NatCen)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Anh Ngoc Vu & Prof. Jonathan Rigg: Comparative insights into systematic review of evidence in both English and Vietnamese (15 mins) • Sherman Tai (Senior Researcher at NatCen): Health risks of outdoor workers through their social, demographic factors (20 mins) • Nguyen Khanh Le & Vo Thi Thuy An (SocialLife): "Sun, Rain, Dust—No Problem!" - A Qualitative Analysis of Health and Livelihood Safety Adaptation Strategies in the Context of Precarious Work (20 mins)
<p>14:15 – 14:45</p>	<p>Panel 4: Introducing the Project's early warning system: Intelligent Climate Alert Network for Outdoor Workers (ICAN) App for workers' health risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Dr Anh Ngoc Vu • Nguyen Hoang My Lan (Lecturer at University of Humanity and Social Sciences, Vietnam): Intelligent Climate Alert Network (ICAN) app for workers' health risks

<p>14:45 – 15:00</p>	<p>Refreshments</p>
<p>15:00 – 16:00</p>	<p>Panel 5: What does this all mean for policy?</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Jonathan Rigg (University of Bristol)</p> <p>Keynote Speech: Dr Fortunate Machingura (Director of Climate, Environment and Health, Centre for Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Research Zimbabwe) (20 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic: Academic-policy interface in the African context: How can we effectively navigate the academic-policy divide, particularly around the climate change-health nexus? <p>Discussants (40 min discussion):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dann Mitchell • Dr Fortunate Machingura • Dr Anh Ngoc Vu (Project Lead) • Dr Dorothy Ngajilo (Occupational Health Specialist, WHO Headquarters) • Dr Loc Nguyen (Social Life)
<p>16:00 - 16:15</p>	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Madeleine Thomson, Wellcome Trust Head of Impacts and Adaptation • Dr Anh Ngoc Vu, Project Lead
<p>16:15 - 17:30</p>	<p>Reception and networking</p>