PROJECT DETAILS

Project Title

The nexus between place attachment, environmental change and human mobility

Project Summary: aims, significance, expected outcomes and potential research impact.

Environmental disasters and extreme weather events are increasing in frequency and severity. Environmental changes including climate change affect the utility and livability of the places where we live and work. The aim of this project is to investigate the role of place attachment in how people respond to environmental change, including decisions to stay or move elsewhere. Potential research questions include: 1) when and how does place attachment constrain or prompt the decision to relocate?; 2) how does place attachment influence the choice of migration destination?; 3) how does place attachment influence community risk mitigation behaviours and adaptation strategies? This is part of a research program led by researchers at the Centre for People, Place and Planet (CPPP) and SAH at ECU, ANU and Curtin University, with local and state government partners and community-sector organisations. The research findings will inform local and state government policy and practice, and theory regarding drivers for human mobility in the context of global environmental change.

Preferred skill set, describe the capabilities of the HDR applicant.

We are looking for a motivated and enthusiastic PhD candidate with a background in a social science discipline (e.g., psychology, geography, sociology), experience in qualitative or quantitative research methods (and preferably both), excellent written and oral communication skills, and willingness to engaging in place-based fieldwork (including travel) with communities in Western Australia.

Internship opportunity:

An internship with a community sector organisation may be possible as part of this project.

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