

Climate change, Destructive conflicts and Humiliation: *matters arising*

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Abstract

A number of recent studies have advanced the view that climate change and environmental degradation are at the “roots” of a “succession of wars across Africa.” These were by the British, the US National Intelligence Council, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Columbia University's Center for International Earth Science Information Network ([CIESIN](#)), and the Center for Naval Analysis, amongst others. Indeed, a November 2009 report by Burke *et al* has concluded that “climate change is likely to increase the number of civil wars raging in Africa.”

This presentation briefly reviews these inferences and prognostications. It then identifies some unsettling issues for discussion at the Workshop and for further scrutiny.