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## REFUGEES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE

A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE TO EXAMINE THE LINKS BETWEEN FORCED MIGRATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE ORGANISED JOINTLY BY KING'S COLLEGE LONDON,

THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY AND

THE REFUGEES STUDIES PROGRAMME, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1993 AT 10.00 A.M.

AT ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, LONDON, ENGLAND

Mass population movement remains one of the most enduring problems of the modern world, with as many as 40 million people currently displaced as 'refugees' within or outside their own country by war, civil strife or lack of basic human rights. This human tragedy also has environmental implications, as rapid ecological change is often seen both as a cause and consequence of mass forced migration.

This one-day conference will examine the links between forced migration and environmental change, and shifting environmental meanings. It will deal both with the problems of access to resources and potential environmental degradation in areas hosting large numbers of refugees, and with the emerging product of displacement caused by environmental change and conflict. The meeting will also include a general overview of research and policy, presentation of case studies, and action-orientated workshops designed to address potential responses to damaging environmental change in refugee-affected areas.

*Who should attend?* All those who work with refugees or environmental change, whether in a research context or as a practitioner in government or NGO, as well as students of refugee or environmental studies. In particular: government agencies, policy makers and opinion formers, development and aid agencies, teachers, academics, researchers and students.

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