

CLIMATE CHANGE, DROUGHT AND MIGRATION IN MAHARASHTRA

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Anthropogenic climate change, global environmental transformation and forced migration are a humanitarian challenge. As policy makers view climate induced drought and migration as inevitable and governments reframe development policies as 'climate action plans', empirical contexts of local communities, that experience drought are reshaped in the language of vulnerability or adaptation. Drawing on the concept of 'social nature' (Castree) and going beyond visions of local people as victims or adaptation experts, this research aims to understand the recent experiences of drought and migration in the state of Maharashtra, from local narratives about environmental crisis and explore its relationship with community decisions and political engagements.