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## Climate change, crime and security - a map of issues

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We face an uncertain future with global warming. The reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) make almost no mention of crime – but we can be sure that criminals and terrorists will significantly exploit disruptions and exacerbate problems. Criminologists and crime scientists have begun to take an interest (not least in the recent seminar series run by KTH Stockholm and Northumbria University), yet since some pioneering work by Agnew over a decade ago, we are lacking a systematic approach. This presentation will attempt to remedy that lack. It first sets out the key aspects of climate change – its causes, nature and consequent risks; and the attempts to respond by mitigation and adaptation. Second, turning to crime and security, it briefly maps out the types and causes of crime. It then considers how crime might be influenced by climate change itself, and society's responses to it; and how crime itself influences climate change, mitigation and adaptation efforts. Finally, it looks at how security in its turn may be influenced by, and influence, climate change. It is hoped that this mapping exercise will encourage researchers to fill in the many unknowns, by a disciplined application of evidence, theory and horizon-scanning approaches.