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Tracing the Cracks in Climate Fragility Logics

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Cramer Hall 409

Dr. Kimberley Thomas is a political ecologist at Temple University who conducts justice-oriented research on such varied flows as water, people, capital, and rights. Dr. Thomas conducts mixed-methods research that ranges from historical and ethnographic examination of human vulnerability, to quantitative analysis of water-sharing treaties, to policy-based assessment of international climate finance. Her most recent work focuses on uneven vulnerability to climate change.

In this seminar, Dr. Thomas will give a short talk on her recent research on climate vulnerability followed by a round-table discussion. Vulnerability to climate change is being weaponized through the personification of climate threats, in which vulnerable people, rather than environmental hazards, are framed as posing the greatest danger from climate change. In this talk, she examines how this logic is being applied to entire states and what the implications are for climate justice.