

Climate Change and Intergenerational Ethics: *Historical Emissions, Loss & Damage and Compensation*

This project is a contribution to the current debate about climate change and historic injustice. Its main argument is that the currently living people of regions with burdens of *Loss and Damage* due to climate change have rights to compensation based on the fact that past emissions not only badly wronged the past people, but also its effects continues to harm their presently living descendants. This project builds on the notions of *Surviving Injustice* and *Enduring Harm*. First, harm done in the past has not yet been compensated: it **survives**; and owing to the fact that the genealogical chain the between the (dead) victims and their descendants is not broken, the presently people have rights to compensation. Second, effects of the harm that wronged the past people still **endure** to the present time. That is, its effects are still suffered by the presently living people. Therefore, owing to the fact that the past harm has not yet been compensated, it is argued here that they have claim to compensation. Such *Past-based* compensation does not imply *Backwards Causation* (Page, 2007). The *Past-based* compensation is premised on the fact that the burdens of loss and damage suffered today by certain regions have its root in the harms that took place in the past. The function of the proposal *Past-based* compensation is to heal the root of the past emissions' harm suffered today. This project addresses the impacts of historic emissions using the sufficientarian-based notion of harm (Meyer and Roser, 2012; Meyer, 2003).