Department of Geography's Speaker Series

## Geographies of climate justice: The case of small island developing states



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International assessments consistently find that small island developing states (SIDS) are among the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Islands have greater exposure to tropical cyclones, sea-level rise, saline intrusion, and coastal erosion. These impacts, which threaten island economies, cultures, lives and livelihoods, are, however, not evenly distributed—different islands and groups of islands are affected differently based on, for example, their physical geography and history, which creates inequality and produces uneven development within, between and across countries. In this talk and using her body of work on international climate change adaptation financing as a proxy for climate justice, including a recent correspondence in *Nature* and a forthcoming article in *Nature Climate Change*, Dr Robinson will illustrate how climate change is affecting SIDS differently and the inherently geographical nature of this problem, explore climate justice as a multi-scale, multi-region process, and identify different pathways for achieving sustainable development.

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