



Narrating climate un/futures through Loss and Damage and reparations

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Introduction

Context: New project, building on past work on vulnerability and climate discourses in relation to the Pacific / Oceania

Argument: Importance of thinking about climate un/futures

Connection between loss and damage and reparations

Narrating climate politics differently

Importance of thinking about climate un/futures

Future imaginaries are political: cause of problem and therefore solutions / possibilities of solutions are built in

For the Pacific: particularly acute. My concept of 'sacrificial colonialism' (Weatherill forthcoming)

Futures: (Death 2025, Davoudi and Machen 2022, Hajer and Oomen 2025). Anticipatory ruin (Paprocki 2019), or annihilation racism (Bensa 1995; Maurer 2024)

Connection between loss and damage and reparations

The conversation where time becomes complicated: climate change is very future-oriented. L&D challenges this. Reparations is the spectre haunting L&D

Two forms of L&D are visible: a) climate-centric, data-driven and b) revolutionary argument around complicity and repair (Perry 2023; Táíwò 2022).

Key site of future struggle. Need to fight attribution and data-obsessed technocratic methods that have pacified / hijacked adaptation politics

Narrating climate politics differently

Need to learn lessons from failures of adaptation: co-option / pacification / hijacking / rendering technical

There is no area that is only climate politics: historicise, contextualise

Loss and damage cannot be constrained to what can be proven through Western-collected data.

First presentation, early stages

Who do I need to be reading?

Am I missing something important?

What would you add?