

## **Thank you note Dr. Anselm Vogler - English**

Dear Lord Mayor Stipp, Dear Doctor Brauch, Dear Doctor Happes, Dear Professores Senghaas, Scheffran, Krell and Oswald Spring, Dear Dr. Dören, Dear colleagues and dear guests,

I am honored to receive an international recognition from the Hans Günter Brauch Foundation for my dissertation on climate security policies. Climate change has become a serious security issue. But these insecurities are not inevitable. Political responses matter greatly: inclusive institutions and sustainable resource management can mitigate risks, while reactive policies exacerbate them.

To capture these dynamics, the dissertation developed new frameworks for studying climate security policies. I showed that national governments increasingly acknowledge climate change as a security concern, yet often frame it too narrowly, misrepresent indirect consequences, or disconnect it from broader global environmental change. Particularly defense actors tend to focus on indirect impacts while they struggle to reduce their military greenhouse gas emissions. By two case studies on Vanuatu and Guam, I additionally highlighted how climate-related insecurities are co-produced by economic and political contexts, underlining the importance of cross-sectoral policy responses.

Taken together, the dissertation argues that climate security policies are widespread but frequently fall short—both in meeting their own stated goals and in addressing the deeper pathways through which climate-related insecurities emerge.

I thank the Foundation for this recognition, which I see as encouragement to continue advancing critical, policy-relevant research at the intersection of climate change and security.