# No Protection for Climate Induced Migration – a study of stalled norm change in international policy cooperation

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This paper scrutinizes obstacles to norm formalization in international policy cooperation, using the afore promoted norm of international protection for climate induced migrants as an illustrative case. This norm proposal has gained a lot of traction but no substantial policy impact on an international level. This study seeks to explain the mechanisms that underpin this process by using a new theoretical framework for norm adoption where factors are divided into three sets concerning the norm, the process and the context respectively. The analysis assesses the comparative quality of the different factors and finds that the combinational effect of the lack of political will, the lost support of the epistemic community and the lack of a unified understanding of the issue has caused the norm proposal of protection for climate induced migrants to lose momentum and stall. The paper contributes to the field of research concerning policy making on climate induced migration by theoretically assessing and explaining outcomes of the policy process. Moreover, given that the majority of existing studies on the mechanisms determining norm adoption have focused on successful cases, the paper also offers a theoretical contribution to the field of norm literature by examining this case of seemingly stagnated norm change.

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