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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Canada battles hundreds of wildfires as smoke still chokes major cities. Quebec minister described 'unprecedented' situation amid warnings that country must be prepared in future. [Read more ...](#)

'They are overlooked by everybody': elders in Ethiopia bear brunt of the climate crisis. With their cattle killed by five years of drought, and aid agencies focused on children and mothers, older people in the Horn of Africa are facing terrible malnutrition. [Read more ...](#)

Solar panels - an eco-disaster waiting to happen? While they are being promoted around the world as a crucial weapon in reducing carbon emissions, solar panels have an average lifespan of 25-30 years. Experts say billions of panels will eventually all need to be disposed of and replaced. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

What's the Caribbean without its beaches? But the people are losing access to them. Barring public access to beaches and other sites is not a model for development. Transparency and engagement are needed. [Read more ...](#)

Bristol church window to show Jesus in multiple ethnicities. St Mary Redcliffe Church is replacing windows commemorating slave trader Edward Colston. [Read more ...](#)

Barbados fights Big Sugar for the survival of its people. The legacy of colonialism, modern-day conveniences and a diet high in fat and sugar have bequeathed the island a diabetes and high-blood pressure pandemic. But can health plans win out over corporate interests? [Read more ...](#)

Inside the Taliban's war on drugs - opium poppy crops slashed. Balancing an AK-47 assault rifle slung around his left shoulder and with a large stick in his right hand, Abdul hits the heads of poppies as hard as he can. [Read more ...](#)

Erdogan backs Kurdish Islamist party – and women pay the price. [Read more ...](#)

Watch and listen ...

Channel 4. Windrush 75: Passenger Alford Gardner on racism, scandal and life in UK. [Watch ...](#)

BBC Radio 4. *Windrush: A Family Divided*. Robert and Jennifer Beckford argue the pros and cons of Windrush. [Listen ...](#)

Things to do ...

Tuesday 20th June 7pm to 8:30pm *Personalised Ecologies: Unlocking interactions with nature* organised by Green Futures, University of Exeter. [Details ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Black Belfast girl threatened after telling of unease over Of Mice and Men. Police informed Angel Mhande's family of threat after her call for novel to be dropped from GCSE course. [Read more ...](#)

Good News! Canada offers reprieve to international students tricked by admission fraud. Over 700 Indian students have received deportation orders after their college admission letters were uncovered as bogus. [Read more ...](#)

Fairytales have always reflected the morals of the age. It's not a sin to rewrite them. Nothing is being destroyed in adding diversity and sexual equality to old stories. [Read more ...](#)

If Rishi Sunak wants to boost trade he should forget Britain's special relationship. [Read more ...](#)

Finnish businessman hit with €121,000 speeding fine. Anders Wiklöf fell foul of system based on severity of offence and offender's income. [Read more ...](#)

For its 2024 Olympics, Paris wants the Seine river swimmable. [Read more ...](#)

World Ocean Day: How much plastic is in our oceans? According to UNESCO, 8-10 million tonnes of plastic are released into the sea every year. On World Ocean Day, Al Jazeera visualises what that looks like. [Read more ...](#)

Armani tests sustainable cotton production in Italy. Luxury fashion house Armani Group has started an experimental agroforestry plantation in southern Italy to test new ways to produce cotton sustainably. [Read more ...](#)

Campaigns ...

Rainforest Rescue: Ecuador: Stop land grabbing and racial discrimination for palm oil! [Petition ...](#)

Campaign updates ...

Medical Aid for Palestinians: Generation Palestine: Growing up Palestinian in East Jerusalem. [Read more ...](#)

350.org: To Win or Not to Win: What we can learn from BP Or Not BP?'s win at the British Museum. [Read more ...](#)

CND: Kakhovka dam collapse raises concerns about Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant safety. [Read more ...](#)