For over a decade now, “climate change” is referred to and discussed in various contexts in Vanuatu. Information about climate change is disseminated via radio and Internet, NGOs are holding ‘awareness’ events in the capital and in villages, and the newspaper informs about various related topics. Additionally, measures, often implemented by development organisations, aim to support rural communities in Vanuatu in the process of local adaptation to climate change. This information and these measures involve knowledge about environmental changes caused by global climate change based on results of natural science. It includes specific ideas about causes of environmental problems and changes, and specific ways to secure the livelihood and adjusted methods for agriculture. In this presentation I argue that for people in Vanuatu ‘climate change’ is (part of) a (new) reality or world that is created in interaction with their material, non-material, and social environments in their daily life praxis. Because people in Vanuatu do not distinguish environment and sociality in the same way as people who design climate change adaptation measures, it is possible to speak of different worlds.

All are welcome!

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