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Dr. Thiri Shwesin Aung is a Visiting Scientist at the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative. Thiri's research aims to understand the relationships among energy crisis, violent conflicts, climate and land-use change, ecological and hydrological processes, and economic and human health outcomes. Underlying this work is a broad interest in how the impacts of energy geopolitics, conflict, migration, climate and land-use change are distributed among different demographic and socioeconomic groups and how humanitarian strategies can achieve more equitable outcomes. Thiri's research models the impacts of increasing energy insecurity, climate and conflict risks on multidimensional humanitarian crises and the effectiveness of global policies designed to reduce humanitarian impacts. Thiri uses remote sensing and geospatial analysis, machine learning, global simulation models, econometrics such as computable general equilibrium models, and applied statistics.



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