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International WaTERS Network Announcements

July 2017

The following is a list of announcements for the International WaTERS Network. This includes news, jobs, grants, conferences, educational opportunities and recent publications.

As always, please send any content that you would like included in the next announcement to internationalwatersubc@gmail.com

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Congratulations to our new International WaTERS Fellows!

Please join us in offering a warm and hearty congratulations to our next round of International WaTERS Network fellows. We have an unusually competitive round of applications this year and are proud of the work that these fellows are doing to advance the Networks aims.

If the work of these young scholars looks interesting, please reach out to them to let them know!

[Biographies and project descriptions](#)

Fuhar Dixit (PhD Student, University of British Columbia) - *Achieving water resilience with*



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collaborative water quality monitoring tool

Amanda Gcanga (PhD Student, Stellenbosch University) - *Alternative Methods for Establishing Cooperative Water Governance: A case study of the Breede River*

Javi Rodriguez Ros (PhD Student, Wageningen University) - *Transnationalization of Battles for Water*

Cecilia Alda Vidal (PhD Student, University of Manchester) - *Lived infrastructures. Mapping sanitation and hygiene in the low-income areas of Lilongwe, Malawi*

Sumit Vij (PhD Candidate, Wageningen University) - *Role of power in climate change adaptation: explaining the adoption of climate change adaptation approaches in Bangladesh and Nepal*

New Policy Brief from IW Fellows Lucy Rodina and Emma Luker

IW Fellows Lucy Rodina and Emma Luker have just completed a joint policy brief based on their work in South Africa on drought management.

The brief can be found [here](#).

New Journal: Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space

Edited by IW Member Prof. Leila Harris, *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* is an interdisciplinary journal of nature-society scholarship. International in scope, the journal welcomes theoretically robust, empirically rich research from an array of fields including political ecology, environmental justice, science and technology studies, conservation and the environmental humanities. The journal proposes to push the ways we understand the uneven, dynamic, and often unjust intersections of nature and space with particular interest in their societal, political, and economic dimensions. More information [here](#).

Academia.edu group

Many of you are on Academia.edu, a website that helps individuals share their research. International WaTERS will be expanding its social media footprint by adding a profile on this site, and we would be happy if you could add us to your affiliations and follow our updates. This provides us another way to share your work with other members of the Network and beyond.

If you have an academia.edu profile to go to 'other affiliations.' click edit, then add UBC/International Waters. Apologies for the appearance that we have located IW at UBC, but the site required we select a school.

Please follow us [here](#).

Dropbox, and your CV

As many of you know, we host a dropbox with many resources for researchers interested in the International WaTERS themes. The dropbox contains pdf's of member articles, collected job and funding announcements, and member's CV's. If you have not already,

please send an updated CV (pdf) to internationalwatersubc@gmail.com and we will add it to the dropbox. If you do not have dropbox access and would like to be included please let us know.

Jobs

Lecturer in Urban Geography at Oxford Brookes University

Applicants should have a PhD already awarded at the time of application, teaching and research expertise in Urban Geography, with interests in the contemporary and future city. Preference will be given to candidates with research interests that are related to the geographies of one or more of the following topics: urban economy, smart cities, infrastructures and networks, housing markets, urban regeneration, resilience, sustainability, protest and resistance.

Further information about the post (including who to contact for an informal discussion) can be found [here](#).

The closing date is Tuesday 29 August 2017 (23.30)

Funding

ESRC-ICSSR Newton call for collaborative research on urban transformations in India

Considering the IW Networks case study in Bangalore and extensive and active network in India the following call may be of interest to our members. Please find attached [here](#) a spreadsheet of UK and India based network members to help with networking and match making. Prof. Harris wanted me to remind you that we also have some resources and seed money if anyone will be aiming to work on a proposal in line with the IW aims and scope. We would be happy to consider possible support.

The UK's Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) invite joint applications for collaborative projects between UK and Indian researchers which seek to enhance understanding of urban challenges and issues in India and achieve economic and social understanding of concerned areas in India.

We invite proposals to address one or more of the following topics:

1. Urban planning, governance and management
2. Formal and informal populations
3. Place and space: challenges and solutions, including health, sanitation and labour issues
4. Small towns, dynamics of change and migration

Deadline for proposals is August 1st.

More information [here](#).

University Alliance for Sustainability - Call for Applications

The University Alliance for Sustainability will use its partners' complementary strengths to develop joint research and teaching projects, offer exchange options for faculty, staff, and students, and foster interinstitutional learning with regard to management issues. Funding will also be available for researcher visits, summer schools for PhD students, conferences on the topic of "Green Campus" for management personnel and several study and internship abroad options. Freie Universität Berlin, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel), the Peking University (China), St. Petersburg State University (Russia) and the University of British Columbia (Canada) are members of the UAS. More information can be found on the UAS [website](#).

Future IW Network Funding

As you know, IW is always on the lookout for additional funding opportunities to help our network continue and grow. We are keeping an ongoing [list](#) of potential funding opportunities. Please review the list and let us know if you know of any other opportunities.

Pilot Research and Funding Seed Grants

The International WaTERS Network will accept short proposals for seed funding used to apply for additional grants on the Network's core themes and/or pilot research sites (Lima, Cape Town, Bangalore). A major goal of the network in our second year is to apply for funding that will extend and expand the Network's presence. We encourage Network members to take advantage of this opportunity to advance our work. The proposals should be no more than 2 pages in length and have a limit of \$2000. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and sent to internationalwatersubc@gmail.com.

Network Members Update

Amanda Gcanga completed her MSc in International Land and Management from Wageningen University in the Netherlands in 2014. For her MSc thesis, she conducted qualitative research in the field of smallholder irrigation schemes and business partnerships in Chikwawa District of Malawi. Upon completing her MSc she returned to South Africa and worked for the Centre for Water and Sanitation Research at Cape Peninsula University of Technology focusing on water allocation reforms at the Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency. In 2017 she joined the Water Institute at Stellenbosch University to work on the [SafeWaterAfrica](#) Project and was also selected to participate in 2017 U.S.A International Visitor Leadership Program on Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change.

She is PhD fellow of the [Southern African Systems Analysis](#) programme, and is registered with the School of Public Leadership at Stellenbosch University. Her study entitled "Alternative Methods for Establishing Cooperative Water Governance: A case study of the Breede River, seeks to explore approaches for enabling multi-sectoral participation in the management of the Breede River basin, Western Cape Province, South Africa. She will focus on diversified stakeholder engagement practices to implement integrated water resources management approach. Through this study, she hopes to contribute to improvement of IWRM practises in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Ultimately, over the coming years Amanda Gcanga hopes to bring her work to entirely innovative levels and contribute to the contentious and yet promising water reforms and other water governance interventions in South Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa.



Recent Publications

Members of the International WaTERS Network frequently publish new and cutting edge work. If you are interested in sharing your publications with the network please forward them to internationalwatersubc@gmail.com.

Dapaah, EK., **Harris, LM.** (2017) [Framing community entitlements to water in Accra, Ghana: A complex reality](#) Geoforum 82, 26-39.

Wilson, NJ., Yates, JS., Harris, LM (2017) [Multiple Ontologies of Water: politics, conflict and implications for governance](#) Environment and Planning D: Society and Space.
DOI: [10.1177/0263775817700395](https://doi.org/10.1177/0263775817700395).

Ziervogel, G., Pelling, M., Cartwright, A., Chu, E., Deshpande, T., **Harris, L.,** Hyams, K., Kaunda, J., Klaus, B., Kavya, M., Pasquini, L., Pharoah, R., **Rodina, L.,** Scott, D. and P. Zweig. (2017) [Inserting rights and justice into urban resilience : a focus on everyday risk.](#) Environment and Urbanization. DOI:10.1177/0956247816686905.

Conferences

International meeting of the Water Justice Alliance to take place in Cusco, Peru - 20-24 Nov 2017

The yearly International Water Justice Researchers Meetings brings together a diverse group of researchers from different countries worldwide, working on research related to the topics of water conflicts, accumulation, social differentiation and grassroots strategies. This year's network meeting will take place in Cusco, Peru, 20 - 24 November. The central topic will be "Water transfers from rural to urban spaces: politics, power and socio-environmental (in)justices", even though also other panels related to water justice topics will be organized. Different researches, cases, themes and concepts will be presented, analysed and deepened; and comparative water justice studies are presented and new ones programmed.?

The meeting will be held in Spanish. It is free of charge but every participant is asked to submit a paper that can be presented and discussed at the meeting. Deadline for registration is the 20th of July 2017. For more information write to info@justiciahidrica.org or see [here](#).

Educational Opportunities

Call for Papers: New Water Regimes

Water law in the western United States is based largely on principles developed over 100 years ago—for example, the doctrine of prior appropriation, or 'first come, first serve' water rights. The legal infrastructure governing the region's water supply was created based upon a certain set of assumptions about water valuation and management: namely, that the 'highest and best use' of water was to be put to use by colonial settlers for economic gain. However, in recent decades, newer political theories such as eco-feminism, posthumanism, post-anthropocentrism, and decolonialism have produced different ideas about water valuation and management that conflict with Ameri-Euro imperialist goals and practices. Additionally, newer scientific knowledge, in particular about climate change, have shed doubt upon the ability of existing water rights systems to meet users' needs in an equitable way as drought becomes the 'new normal.'

We now find ourselves entrenched in an arguably absurd legal system based on assumptions about water that no longer hold true. The existing water rights system is highly antiquated, given new scientific knowledge about climate change as well as pluri-ontological valuation of humanities in natures. In this special issue, we seek to reconsider water law from a broad range of theoretical perspectives. Key questions include:

- * How can we re-imagine entrenched water laws inaugurated in a period when capitalists and engineers considered rivers and aquifers nothing but plumbing opportunities to transfer huge volumes of water to agriculture and urban centers especially in arid or semi-arid areas such as the western United States?
- * What should alternative legal structures and principles look like? What must they take into consideration? More broadly, how can we re-imagine civilizations that live with newer knowledges and more pluralistic understandings regarding humans in natures?
- * Recent discourses around re-imagining water rights in NGO and water management circles systems have largely focused on market-based solutions. Why is the market considered the best arbiter, and what alternatives exist?

- * How might existing legal doctrines such as 'reasonable use' be mobilized to rethink existing water rights systems?
- * How do issues such as climate change, food/water security, and food/water sovereignty come into the conversation?
- * How might constitutional reform and political resistance in countries of the south illustrate alternatives to problematic goals and practices embedded in water management in the American West?

While the questions in this issue are framed around a regional focus on the Western United States, we welcome examples from other regions around the world that might provide insight and practice.

Papers will be published in a special issue of *Resources*, an open access journal that is multi-disciplinary and up and coming. Jody Emel (Clark University) and Alida Cantor (Berkeley and Portland State University) are the co-editors.

Two-paragraph proposals are due August 1, 2017 and final papers by November 15, 2017.

Please send proposals to jemel@clarku.edu or alidacantor@gmail.com

African Studies Review Pipeline for Emerging African Scholars Workshop

The *African Studies Review* (ASR) convenes Pipeline for Emerging African Scholars (PEAS) Workshops, in collaboration with the African Studies Association of Africa ([ASAA](#)), to stimulate, solicit, and further develop high quality journal submissions from Africa-based scholars under the close mentorship of senior Africanists from the continent and beyond. In collaboration with the ASAA the ASR will sponsor a PEAS workshop at the University of Ghana, Legon, on October 11, 2017. Scholars who wish to submit a proposal are, ideally, post-doctoral researchers, newly minted PhDs with works-in-progress currently underway, and soon-to-submit PhD students. Emerging scholars will have an opportunity to work closely with senior scholars to re-work a pre-circulated draft article.

Eligibility & Application Criteria:

1. Applications may be submitted in English, French, or Portuguese **BY JULY 31, 2017**;
2. All applicants shall be members of [ASAA](#) and shall submit an abstract for the ASAA 2017 [annual conference](#) to be held at the University of Ghana, Legon in English, French, and Portuguese;
3. PhD student applicants shall be in the second year of their program or higher;
4. Early career applicants shall have completed their PhD within the past five years; and,
5. Priority shall be given to applicants from under-resourced institutions; women are particularly encouraged to apply.

Submission Process:

Applicants for a PEAS workshop must prepare the following **BY JULY 31, 2017**:

1. A cover letter that outlines the applicant's broad academic goals and interests, and gives an express commitment to revise and submit the material of the workshop to

- the ASR for peer-review and possible publication;
2. A current curriculum vitae listing all educational qualifications, research funding received, pending applications, publications, and employment history;
 3. A polished *draft* article of between 5000-10,000 words, with complete citations;
 4. One letter of recommendation from an individual familiar with the applicant, addressed to the ASR's Editor-in-Chief, Benjamin N. Lawrance, that includes, but is not limited to (a) confirmation that the recommender has read either the submission or previous work by the applicant; (b) an evaluation of the draft work; (c) confirmation that the recommender considers the work well enough developed to be on the path to submission to a journal; and (d) confirmation of the academic standing and progress of the applicant as represented in the accompanying CV;
 5. *Either*, evidence of status as a PhD student, including year in program, *or*, for early career applicants, a letter from their Head of Department indicating their status;
 6. For early career applicants ONLY, a copy of PhD certificate/diploma awarded;

The entire dossier shall be compiled as a single PDF file and submitted by email to ASAA Conference Secretariat asaaconference@gmail.com with ASR PEAS workshop in the subject line.

Of Interest

New Project - Decolonizing Water

International WaTERS Network members Karen Bakker, Leila Harris, and Rutgerd Boelens are part of a diverse team of researchers, activists, artists, community members who have been awarded a major new grant from the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council.

Find out more information on the project's [website](#).

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