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International WaTERS Network Announcements

January 2018

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

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Happy 2018!

We would like to wish everyone in the International WaTERS Network a happy 2018! We are looking forward to another great year working together. Please join us in starting the year right by joining our webinar on January 30th (details below).



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Webinar - Groundwater and Equity: Exploring barriers to access in the Global South - January 30th 16h (UTC) (your local time [here](#))

The International WaTERS Network is proud to host our first webinar featuring Prof. Frances Cleaver and Luke Whaley (University of Sheffield) as well as Prof. Michelle Kooy (IHE Delft Institute for Water Education), and Prof. Komakech (Nelson Mandela Institute of Science and Technology in Arusha, Tanzania).

Groundwater is crucial to ensuring that countries meet the Sustainable Development Goal to “achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all” by 2030. Beyond this simple fact, the reality is that successful groundwater supply requires an understanding of what works, when, why, and for who.

Profs. Cleaver and Whaley will present on their work including questions around the challenges of researching groundwater governance. Prof. Kooy and Komakech will explore the role of groundwater in shaping conditions of equitable access to water supply in the city of Arusha, Tanzania and reflect on what current conditions of access means for inequalities within the city and across rural/urban borders.

To join our webinar, please follow this [link](#)!

Narrative Inquiries Workshop - Minneapolis Minnesota, December 13, 2018

The Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change (ICGC) at the University of Minnesota recently teamed up with International WaTERS to put on a one day workshop. **Narrative Inquiries: Understanding Questions of Environment and Justice** was held December 13, 2017 in Minneapolis Minnesota and involved contributions from:

[Beaudelaine Pierre](#) (author of a number of creative works and co editor of *How to Write an Earthquake* focused on creative engagement following the devastating earthquake in Haiti in 2010).

[Richa Nagar](#) (whose work focuses on writing lives and struggles across borders of languages, genres, disciplines and geographical locations and who has several interventions that work creatively with ideas of collaborative writing and co-authorship),

[Himadeep Muppidi](#) (critical international relations, political and postcolonial theory, with recent book contributions including: *Politics in Emotion: The Song of Telangana*, Routledge (U.K), 2014.)

[Leila Harris](#) (water politics and governance, narrative, and critical approaches to water access and lived experience).

We are deeply grateful to [Karen Brown](#) and **ICGC** for the opportunity to engage creatively and critically on issues of narrative inquiry, and particularly to explore the potential utility of these approaches and modes of engagement for work on water, environmental justice, and social equity concerns.

Congratulations to our newest International WaTERS Network Fellow - Sameer Shah

Sameer is a PhD student at The University of British Columbia. He works at the intersection of drought protection and the politics of water governance in Western India, and is in the field now examining the equity and sustainability of Maharashtra's flagship drought relief program – the Jal Yukt Shivar Abhiyaan.

Sameer will be based in Pune from January to end-April 2018 and has a small research team, with two research assistants. He has partnered with Seema Kulkarni at International WaTERS Network partner, SOPPECOM.

Sameer's [bio and contact information](#).



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

Department of Geography, National University of Singapore Assistant Professor (tenure track) in Political Ecology

We welcome applications from candidates with expertise in any area of political ecology , but research and teaching activities should complement and/or enhance existing activities of the Department's "Politics, Economies and Space" research group.

More information [here](#).

Professor/Chair Holder, Cultural Geography Group, Wageningen University & Research, The Netherlands - Deadline 1 Feb. 2018

The [Cultural Geography Group \(GEO\)](#) at Wageningen University & Research in the Netherlands is looking for a new professor to lead our team. Our group is committed to social theory in all its spatial articulations, and our work is focused on mobility and the cultural politics of landscape.

More information [here](#). Deadline 1 February 2018. Formal inquiries about the position can be made by contacting Prof Jakob Wallinga, Chair of the Appointment Advisory Committee (jakob.wallinga@wur.nl). Informal inquiries can be directed to the Cultural Geography Group's interim chair, Prof Rene van der Duim (rene.vanderduim@wur.nl) and/or its research coordinator, Meghann Ormond (meghann.ormond@wur.nl).

Temp - Tutor in Human Geography

Swansea University is seeking to appoint a Tutor in Human Geography on a fixed-term basis, commencing 1 February 2018, to cover a period

of Fellowship leave (funded by the University of California Humanities Research Institute). The post requires a contribution to teaching in Human Geography (Urban Geography; Social Science Research Methods) at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, in addition to sharing organisational and academic administrative responsibilities.

The post requires high quality delivery of teaching and student learning and a commitment to enhancing the overall student experience.

More information [here](#).

Funding

CfA: £150,000 available for studies 'Exploring Inequalities'

With a new year starting, we would like to share an exciting new opportunity to develop a career in water security while contributing to the REACH programme's aim to make five million people 'water secure' by 2022. We are launching a call for applications for studies 'Exploring Inequalities' in three of our REACH Observatories: Dhaka (Bangladesh), Wukro (Ethiopia), and Kitui (Kenya). A total of £150,000 of funding (£50,000 for each observatory) will be available until April 2019 to co-build knowledge on how water (in)security contributes to socio-economic inequalities and marginalisation, particularly for women and disabled people. Who can apply? The call is open for local researchers or research teams that fulfill the aim of the programme including civil society organisations, research institutions, regional organisations, think tanks, governmental organisations and the private sector. Applicants must have an institutional affiliation, and possess a good knowledge of the local language, context and culture.

How to apply? You will need to read carefully our Guidance Notes for Dhaka, Wukro or Kitui, which provide more information on the studies and on the application process. You will then need to fill in the Budget and the Host Institution Declaration Form.

The application should be submitted to reachfunding@ouce.ox.ac.uk. Applicants are encouraged to apply early, and to communicate their intention to apply by 15 January with the title of their project and the possible date of sending the final application.

Proposals will be assessed on an ongoing basis and the call will be closed as soon as the suitable candidate is found. Want to find out more? Click [here](#) to read more about the calls or contact Marina

Korzenevica-Proud at reachfunding@ouce.ox.ac.uk.

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.

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.

Boelens, R., Crow, B., Hoogesteger, J., Lu F., Swyngedouw, E., Vos, J. (2017) "[Hydrosocial Territories and Water Equity Theory, Governance, and Sites of Struggle](#)" Routledge: London. 396 pp.

Dapaah, Elizabeth K., and Leila M. Harris. "[Framing community entitlements to water in Accra, Ghana: A complex reality](#)." *Geoforum* 82 (2017): 26-39.

L. Harris, J. Phartiyal, D. Scott, M. Peloso (2015) [Women Talking about Water: Feminist Subjectivities and Intersectional Understandings](#). Canadian Women's Studies Journal, Les Cahiers de la Femme, Special Issue on Women and Water. 30, 2/3: 15-24.

Hendriks, Jan, and Rutgerd Boelens. 2016. "[Acumulación de Derechos de Agua En El Perú](#)." *Anthropologica* 34 (37). Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú:13–32.

Hidalgo, Juan Pablo, Rutgerd Boelens, and Jeroen Vos. 2017. "[De-Colonizing Water. Dispossession, Water Insecurity, and Indigenous Claims for Resources, Authority, and Territory](#)." *Water History* 9 (1). Springer Netherlands:67–85.

Kothari, A., Joy., K.J. (eds) (2017) [Alternative Futures: India Unshackled](#). Independently published

Mena-Vásquez, Patricio, Linden Vincent, Jeroen Vos, and Rutgerd Boelens. 2017. "[Fighting over Water Values: Diverse Framings of](#)

[Flower and Food Production with Communal Irrigation in the Ecuadorian Andes.](#)" Water International 42 (4). Routledge:443–61.

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Sosa, Milagros, Rutgerd Boelens, and Margreet Zwarteveen. 2017. "[The Influence of Large Mining: Restructuring Water Rights among Rural Communities in Apurimac, Peru.](#)" Human Organization 76 (3). Society for Applied Anthropology:215–26.

Thomas, K (2017). "[The 'Mundaine Violence' of International Water Conflicts](#)", Education About Asia 22(2).

Valladares, Carolina, and Rutgerd Boelens. 2017. "[Extractivism and the Rights of Nature: Governmentality, 'convenient Communities' and Epistemic Pacts in Ecuador.](#)" Environmental Politics 26 (6). Routledge:1015–34.

Conferences

[AWRA Summer Specialty Conference: 'The Science, Management and Governance of Transboundary Groundwater'](#)

9-11 July, Fort Worth, TX, USA.

More information [here](#).

Due February 28

SEA Annual Conference 2018 Water and Economy

Water is Life. The refrain of water rights activists globally is an invitation to consider the many ways in which water is essential to human

economy, environments, and health. The theme of this SEA conference is the role of water in human economic life – from studies of water management in ancient societies, to irrigation in agrarian settings, to informal economies of water in squatter settlements, to social movements to secure a human right to water. Participation is invited in four general tracks:

1. **Political Economy** – such as processes of institutional development, complexity of water management systems, water privatization, indigenous sovereignty, social movements, water justice, and water conflicts.
2. **Environment & Ecology** – such as the role of water-related ecological disturbances (e.g., droughts, floods, climate change) in shaping human economic activity; or the interface of ecology and economics—including natural capital, ecosystem services, landscape impacts and use, and sustainability.
3. **Health** – such as water insecurity, water quality, contamination and pollution, waterborne disease, emotional well-being, and mental health.
4. **Values** – economic, social, and cultural values of water, including the ways that water is monetized, bought, and traded; how water and access to water is central to issues of class and social structure; or the historical, symbolic, and ritual meanings of water.

Poster abstract deadline extended to January 15, 2018. More information [here](#).

Educational Opportunities

Call for Applications: 2018 Summer Institute on Critical Studies of Environmental Governance

Applications are currently being accepted for the Summer Institute on Critical Studies of Environmental Governance to be held at the University of Toronto July 12-16, 2018. We welcome applications from advanced doctoral students (i.e., advanced to candidacy, completed data collection, and actively writing) and junior scholars who received a Ph.D. after May 2015, working in the social sciences, law, humanities, and other relevant disciplines. The Institute will reimburse travel expenses up to \$1200 (USD) and cover food and lodging for successful applicants. Applications are due no later than midnight (EST) on January 31, 2018. For more information contact: to envgov2018@cornell.edu

CUAHSI's Winter 2018 Cyberseminar Series: *Urban Stormwater*

Hydroinformatics

Host: Randy Dymond (Virginia Tech)

This timely cyberseminar series addresses a mashup of the serious problems that today's cities are facing with flooding, inadequate information about their infrastructure, the critical need for monitoring water quantity and quality holistically, and the role of modeling for performance and scenario evaluation.

All talks take place at 1:00 p.m. ET:

February 7

Developing and Utilizing Stormwater's "Big" Dataset

Randy Dymond, Virginia Tech

February 14

Enabling "Smarter" Urban Watersheds

Branko Kerkez, University of Michigan

February 21

Urban Hydrology and the National Center for Infrastructure Modeling and Management (NCIMM)

Ben Hodges, University of Texas

February 28

Watershed-scale Effectiveness of Green Infrastructure

Aditi Bhaskar, Colorado State University

Cyberseminars will be recorded and posted online for later viewing in our [archives](#).

Collaborative Consent and Revitalizing Indigenous Laws: Pathways to Indigenous Water Governance and Co-Governance

January 15th, 2018. 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. PT

In recent years, governments at all levels in Canada have stated their commitments to reconciliation and building nation-to-nation approaches with Indigenous peoples. Both the federal and B.C. governments have committed to implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), which reiterates the need to secure consent and ensure Indigenous peoples are full partners in Confederation. Fresh water offers a important opportunity around which to start building these new relationships and consent-based governance approaches.

Register [here](#).

Of Interest

Podcast: Searching for the sources of the Nile

The sources of the Nile is a podcast about media, science and water diplomacy in the Nile basin. Join in and explore the role that media and scientific communication play in shaping transboundary conflicts and cooperation. This is the first podcast produced by IHE Delft. We hope to inspire you with many more!

Listen here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-548968254/episode-1-the-art-and-science-of-water-diplomacy>

Podcast: Assessing the Resilience of Water Infrastructure Investments – New Episode of #ClimateReady

Water infrastructure is expensive and long-lived. How do we design and plan for resilience if we can't see what the future holds in terms of climate or other relevant drivers? The World Bank's [Decision Tree Framework](#) is a new tool – one of a suite of “[bottom-up approaches](#)” – that embraces uncertainty. It allows users to assess and address long-term climatic and non-climatic risks. In the latest episode of the [#ClimateReady Podcast](#), [Dr. Patrick Ray](#) explains how the process works, where it's being implemented, and how institutions can incorporate the DTF into their water management projects.

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