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International WaTERS Network Announcements

March 2019

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 To be added to this list, please email internationalwatersubc@gmail.com or visit [our webpage](#) and follow the instructions at the bottom.

Membership Announcement

As the International WaTERS Network moves into our next phase we are excited to revisit ways to strengthen one of our best resources - our members. We know that many of you have already benefited by using the IW Network to connect to like minded scholars and practitioners around the world. We want to build on those successes. In particular, we'd like to invite others to become members of the Network.



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If you would like to be added as a member of the Network (or if you would like to enrich your collaborations as a current member), please send a short statement how your work aligns with our goals and a current CV to internationalwatersubc@gmail.com. We hope to share this information more broadly to help our members better connect and work on projects, grants, and scholarship. We will likely follow up in the coming months with more formal listing and recognition of our members (of instance, profiling your work in our newsletters or including you as a network member on our webpage).

New policy brief - Water Injustice and Cultural Politics in the Context of Mining Conflicts in Ecuador: Quimsacocha Paramo and Cuenca City by Carolina Valladares

International WaTERS Fellow Carolina Valladares has just published a new IW Policy Brief summarizing her research supported by the network. This brief discusses mining policy's meanings and implications for Indigenous people and peasants and how they defend their water and territory in Quimsacocha, a high Andean wetland located to the southwest of Cuenca city, in the province of Azuay in Ecuador. It contrasts the local strategies for resisting mining which invoke the Ecuadorian Constitution (2008) with the government's attempts to reframe and backtrack environmental guarantees.

Read the brief [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

Post-Doctoral Research Associate Positions - Purdue University

The Department of Forestry and Natural Resources is seeking at least one post-doctoral research associate to join collaborative, interdisciplinary, international projects. The first project is part of a large initiative, Arequipa Nexus Institute for Food, Energy, Water, and the Environment (the Nexus Institute) and the position will involve coordination and collaboration with selected faculty and graduate students at the National University of Saint Augustine (UNSA), our partner institution in [Arequipa, Peru](#). The second project is part of a separate large initiative, Inca Institute for a Sustainable and Resilient Cusco, a cooperative technical alliance between National University of Saint Anthony the Abbot in Cuzco (UNSAAC) and [Purdue University's Discovery Park](#).

Review of applications will start on February 4, 2019 and will continue until the position is filled.

More information [here](#).

Assistant Research Professor (Water Consortium Director) - Penn State University

Penn State's Institutes of Energy and the Environment (IEE) seeks to hire an entrepreneurial leader to serve as the inaugural Director for the Penn State Water Faculty Consortium. The Consortium is a faculty led initiative to develop a vibrant University water research, outreach, extension and education community, and foster the success of faculty working on water topics. As an ex officio member of the faculty-elected Water Council, the Director will operationalize strategies developed through the Water Council for engaging faculty working in water science, policy research, education or outreach throughout the University system. The Director will assist in identifying priority areas of focus and, in collaboration with College administration, help facilitate and organize searches for co-funded tenure line faculty positions. The

Director will enable and facilitate the development of inter-disciplinary and convergent research teams of investigators internal and external to Penn State, including identifying emerging topic areas and funding opportunities, and programming meetings and seminars of relevant faculty. The Director will help manage the progress of a Water Council committee developing an inter-disciplinary graduate degree program in water. Work with Penn State's existing outreach and water outreach efforts to identify gaps and needs and coordinate existing resources or request new resources to meet these needs as appropriate.

Qualifications for this job include excellent communications skills, an advanced degree in a field related to water, and ideally 6 or more years of experience working on water-related topics. The degree could include an MS, Ph.D., MBA, JD or other related degree. The successful candidate will demonstrate commitment to and ability to successfully advocate for diversity and the values of inclusion. This position is offered for a three-year fixed term, subject to renewal. This position will report to the IEE Director. Applications should submit a statement of interest, CV and names of three references.

Review of applications will begin March 15, 2019 and will continue until the position is filled, with the expectation that this position would start in the spring of 2019.

More information [here](#).

Post-doctoral Researcher Trust in Water Governance

We are looking for an enthusiastic post-doctoral researcher (0.8-1fte), with a clear interest in trust and water or environmental governance for our international EnTruGo project (Enhancing Trust in government for effective water Governance). Experience in both qualitative and quantitative methods for studying governance processes and interpersonal relations would be an advantage. The post-doc will explore trust in water governance in the Netherlands through surveys and case studies. In addition, the post-doc will contribute to the comparative analyses of the different countries and cases part of EnTruGo (South Africa, Sweden, Norway and the Netherlands). Interacting with stakeholders and knowledge sharing about the focus and results of the project as well as testing of strategies in experiments for enhancing trust are important parts of the post-docs work. Moreover, the post-doc would hold a key-position in the coordination of the project as Wageningen University is consortium leader of the EnTruGo project.

Deadline: April 1st, 2019.

More information [here](#).

Funding

Announcement of Opportunity: Climate, environment and health

Applications are invited for multilateral, inter- and transdisciplinary research projects which seek to improve understanding of the pathways between climate, environment and health as outlined in the call document. Research consortia should make use of transdisciplinary, end-user focused approaches to investigate and address the linkages between climate, environment and health. Projects should seek to bridge knowledge gaps, understand health risks, improve predictability, and deliver usable data, information, and innovative solutions to planners and decision makers. Proposals must be eligible to receive funding from at least three partner organisations participating in this Belmont Forum call established in three different countries and should include researchers from the natural sciences (including climate), health / medical sciences, social and economic sciences or humanities, as well as societal partners (meaning public health organisations, civil society organisations). UK Research & Innovation (UKRI), as supported by NERC, the Medical Research Council and the Economic & Social Research Council, has committed up to £3 million (80% full economic cost) to this call - please refer to the UKRI Annex on the Belmont website for further details.

This call has a two-stage submission process. Deadlines for submission are: Expressions of Interest (mandatory for proposal submission) to be submitted online by 16:00 GMT on 6 May 2019. Full proposals to be submitted online by 16:00 GMT on 23 July 2019.

More information [here](#).

2nd CfA—USF International Fellowships (3-9 months)

International Fellowship for early to mid-career urban scholars from the Global South

Applications are invited for an International Fellowship for early to mid-career urban scholars from the Global South, on any theme pertinent to a better understanding of urban realities in the Global South. The Fellowship covers the costs of a sabbatical period at a university of the candidate's choice in the Global North or South for the purpose of

writing up the candidate's existing research findings in the form of publishable articles or a book under the guidance of a chosen mentor in their field of study. Funding is available for a period ranging between 3-9 months.

Completed applications must be submitted electronically to USF Director of Operations, Joe Shaw (joe.shaw@glasgow.ac.uk)

Deadline: May, 7th 2019. More information [here](#).

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.

Member spotlight

Andrea Beck

Andrea Beck, a PhD candidate in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT, attended a short course on "Partnerships for Water Supply and Sanitation" at the IHE Delft in June 2018.

During the three-week course, taught by Phil Torio, she presented parts of her dissertation research on Water Operators' Partnerships (WOPs). WOPs are a partnership modality that promotes peer-to-peer learning and capacity building between water and sanitation operators. In contrast to public-private partnerships, WOPs are intended to unfold on a solidarity and not-for-profit basis. Drawing on data from a global online database maintained by UN-Habitat, Andrea's analysis of more than 200 WOPs profiles shows that these partnerships have proliferated around the world, and that most of them are taking place between urban water and sanitation utilities in the global South.

Attending the short course at the IHE has helped Andrea to further develop her project and lay out the next steps of her research. She says, "The course has been a tremendously beneficial experience. It has helped me contextualize WOPs within the history of partnerships in the water sector. While at the IHE, I have been able to speak with water professionals directly involved in WOPs. I have also been fortunate to discuss my ideas with IHE scholars that have looked at these partnerships for several years, in different parts of the world."

In the upcoming phase of her dissertation project, Andrea will investigate the dynamics of South-South knowledge exchange and capacity building in WOPs through case-study work in sub-Saharan Africa. By studying a number of partnerships in-depth, she hopes to shed light on the conditions that facilitate organizational learning and performance improvements, with a focus on justice and social equity. She will also explore whether the achievements of South-South WOPs might challenge conventional assumptions about urban infrastructure development and basic service provision in international development policy.



Beck, A. (2018). [Book Review: Stemming the Tide: Human Rights and Water Policy in a Neoliberal World](#), by Madeline Baer. *Water Alternatives*, 11(2), 441-444.

Beck, A. (2016). [Aboriginal Consultation in Canadian Water Negotiations: The Mackenzie Bilateral Water Management Agreements](#). *Dalhousie Law Journal*, 39(2), 487-523.

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.

Carolina Valladares, Rutgerd Boelens (2019), [Mining for Mother Earth. Governmentalities, sacred waters and nature's rights in Ecuador](#). *Geoforum*, 100, 68-79, ISSN 0016-7185.

KJ Joy and S. Janakarajan (2018) [India's water futures: emergent ideas and pathways](#). Routledge India, 2018.

[Special Issue of Water Alternatives on farmer-led irrigation development in Africa](#)

Guest Editors: **Gert Jan Veldwisch**, Jean-Philippe Venot and Hans Komakech

This special issue argues that farmer-led irrigation development is inherently political, as it questions the primacy of engineering and other expert knowledges regarding the development of agricultural water use practices as well as the privileging of formal state planning and technical solutions. In recent engagements with farmers' irrigation initiatives very often the word 'development' is dropped, reducing it to 'farmer-led irrigation', making it a type of irrigation rather than a development process. And this type of irrigation is then sometimes equated with 'small-scale irrigation' or 'low-cost irrigation technology'. This reduction reflects a broader process of de-politicising, denying that farmers play a central role in the development of irrigated agriculture and emphasizing their need for help.

Besides the introduction the Special Issue contains 6 full research articles with analyses of practices of farmer-led irrigation development in countries as diverse as Burkina Faso, Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania, and Senegal. It is complemented with 3 viewpoint articles with continent-wide reflections on current and historic developments in the field.

Conferences

University of Oklahoma - 2019 OU International WaTER Conference

September 16-17 2019

The 2019 OU International WaTER Conference will gatherer around 200 participants from multiple disciplines with a common goal of bringing water and sanitation to developing countries. Attendees will include water and sanitation experts, students, and interested attendees from academia, industry, NGOs, government and foundations.

The two-day conference will include a poster and concurrent oral presentation sessions devoted to all technical and non-technical topics

and sectors (e.g., science, engineering, health, anthropology, sociology, business, meteorology, geography, education and cultural issues) relevant to water and sanitation in remote regions of developing countries. (Read below for the Student Poster Competition.)

More information [here](#).

Educational Opportunities

Water Ethics Network Newsletter

The Water Ethics Network newsletter brings valuable news, research and events, related to water ethics and ethical water to your inbox every month. They search and sift through resources from around the world, and share the most interesting and important updates from around the globe with you. [Sign up to receive their monthly newsletter](#).

Of Interest

Check out a past Webinar! Water Justice and the Commons

The International WaTERS Network, [Justicia Hídrica/Water Justice Alliance](#) and [ICTA-UAB Network](#) event featured Tom Perreault (Maxwell School, Syracuse University), Bibiana Duarte and Rutgerd Boelens (Wageningen U and CEDLA/U. of Amsterdam), Joan Martinez Alier (ICTA-UAB), Gisselle Vila (PUPC), Hug March Corbella (IN3, UOC), Daniela del Bene (ICTA-UAB), Sergio Villamayor-Tomas (ICTA-UAB), Fabio de Castro (CEDLA/U. of Amsterdam), Jeroen Vos (Wageningen University).

This event explored the relationship between the commons and water justice. The conventional theory of the commons has been criticized for not paying enough attention to how historically-shaped patterns of power and conflict context shape the access to and use of resources. The webinar is available to be viewed at anytime on our youtube channel, [here](#).

New report from Gina Ziervogel "Unpacking the Cape Town drought: Lessons learned"

African Centre for Cities (ACC) has released a new paper Unpacking the Cape Town Drought Lessons Learnt by Associate Professor Gina

Ziervogel. This paper aims to understand what happened in the Cape Town drought with a view to learning lessons that are translatable to other contexts. Due to the complex nature of the drought only certain aspects are investigated in depth in this paper namely the governance process, including the role of some of the actors and institutional arrangements. However, in order to provide context, issues related to water management, information and communication are included as well.

Read the whole report [here](#).

DayOne Podcast: Sound social research in water-stressed Cape Town

Two Cape Town-based PhD scholars in Environmental Education at the Environmental Learning Research Centre (ELRC), Rhodes University, South Africa, Anna James and Sarah Van Borek, embarked to create a podcast series about the Cape Town water crisis within the context of climate change. They used the name DayOne in an attempt to counter the rather paralysing fear that a water crisis brings and to remember that there will be days after 'Day Zero' for which which we may have to radically reimagine our relationship to water.

More information [here](#).

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