

Workshop on Water Security in South Asia

PRIO, Oslo, 14–15 June 2011

This workshop is part of a joint Norwegian-Indian activity project on water-related security challenges on the Indian subcontinent (INDSEC). INDSEC seeks to inspire high-quality academic research on various aspects of water security by bringing together experts with complementary skills and area competence on perhaps the world's most challenging region in this context: South Asia. A follow-up workshop is scheduled for Delhi in October. INDSEC is sponsored by the Research Council of Norway's INDNOR program.

Each paper is allocated about 40 minutes in total. To allow ample time for plenary questions and comments, presentations should last no longer than 20–25 minutes. The workshop room is equipped with laptop and projector facilities; just bring your memory stick.

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Monday 13 June

Arrival in Oslo; accommodation at Radisson Blu Plaza (www.radissonblu.no/plazahotell-oslo)

Tuesday 14 June

Venue: *Operasjonssentralen*, Red Cross building adjacent to PRIO

09:00 Welcome

Presentation of relevant research projects at PRIO:

- Halvard Buhaug: NORKLIMA project
- Åshild Kolås: IDSA-PRIO collaboration
- Kristian Hoelscher: BIPSS-PRIO collaboration

Introductory talk by Ambassador I. P. Khosla on "Hydrodiplomacy in South Asia"

10:00 Session I

Chair: Halvard Buhaug

Tridivesh Maini: "From conflict to cooperation: Indo-Pak water issues"

Uttam Sinha: "Water hegemony, examining China's hydro-behaviour"

Nils Petter Gleditsch: "International borders, rivers and conflict revisited"

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Session II

Chair: Uttam Sinha

Sreeradha Datta: "Indo-Bangladesh water sharing: dispelling fears and building trust"

Tobias Siegfried: "Over-extraction in the shallow and the deep: The sustainability and reliability of India's groundwater irrigation"

Kapil Narula: TBA

Suruchi Bhadwal: TBA

16:00 End

18:30 Dinner

Dinner Restaurant (www.dinner.no)

Wednesday 15 June

Venue: [*Operasjonssentralen*, Red Cross building adjacent to PRIO]

09:00 Session III

Chair: Kapil Narula

Rohan D'Souza: "From conflict to securitization: The making of another hydraulic paradigm in India"

Gerdis Wischnath & Halvard Buhaug "Climate wars redux? On climate variability and armed conflict in Asia"

Rune Slettebak: "Does natural disasters trigger communal violence in India? A natural experiment"

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11:30 Closing session

Wrap-up; discussion of future activities. This ends the formal workshop program

12:00 Lunch

Afternoon (14:00-15:30) dedicated to Asia seminar at PRIO with presentation by Maini with Khosla as discussant

Dinner TBC

Thursday 16 June

Departure

Workshop participants

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