

# Social Water Studies in the MENA region

German Jordanian University  
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Conference Program



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Sunday, 28 September 2014	
8:30 - 9:30	<b>Registration</b>
9:30 - 11:00 Room D006	<b>Opening</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcoming note by Serena Sandri and Andreas Thiel</li> <li>• Greeting words by Prof. Natheer Abu Obeid - GJU President</li> <li>• Greeting words by HE Ralph Tarraf - German Ambassador</li> <li>• Keynote presentation: Sari Hanafi "The Broken Cycle Between Academic Research and Policy"</li> <li>• Keynote intervention by HRH Prince El Hassan Bin Talal</li> </ul>
11:00 - 12:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12:00 - 13:30 Room D006	<b>Panel Discussion: "The potential of social water studies in the MENA region"</b> <i>Moderated by Munjed Al Sharif (GJU)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speakers: Hazem Al Naser, Ralf Klingbeil, Khalifa Abdelkawi, Abdelrahman Tamimi, Ines Dombrowsky</li> </ul>
13:30 - 14:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>

14:30 - 16:00	<b>Panel Session I</b>
Room D006	<b>Session 1: "Policies of Transforming the Water Sector in the MENA Region" - Moderated by Abbas Al-Omari (WEEC)</b>
14:30 - 15:00	<i>Khalifa Abdelkawi</i> - "Managing of Drinking Water and Sanitation in the Arab Countries"
15:00 - 15:30	<i>Ralf Klingbeil</i> - "Water and Inter-Generational Justice in the Arab Region"
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Andreas Thiel &amp; Dimitrios Zikos</i> - "Studying the Southern European Water Management Transformation from an Institutional Perspective"
16:00 - 16:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
Room C105	<b>Session 2: "Policies of Transforming the Water Sector in the Mediterranean" - Moderated by Anton Mangstl (GJU)</b>
14:30 - 15:00	<i>Abdel Rahman Tamimi</i> - "Service Delivery and State Institutions in the Palestinian Territories (case study water sector)"
15:00 - 15:30	<i>Toll Mathias</i> - "55 years of cooperation between BGR and Jordan - from a pure technical to an integrated approach"
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Mohammad Al-Saidi</i> - "Measurement of Decentralization and Commercialization Reforms in the Yemeni Urban Water and Sanitation Sector and Evaluation of Current Institutional Change"
16:00 - 16:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>



16:30 - 18:00	<b>Panel Session II</b>
Room D006	<b>Session 3 - "Education About Water"</b> <i>Moderated by Matthias Weiter (HU)</i>
16:30	<i>Aly El-Bahrawy</i> - "Social Aspects in Water Management: Engineering Education and Practices"
17:00	<i>Anas Zyadin</i> - "The role of education in elevating water, energy, and climate awareness among youth"
17:30	<i>Hana Baddad</i> - "Enhancing the Curricula of Spiritually-Based Values and The Awareness Level Related to Water for Sharia'ah Students – A Jordanian Experience"
18:00 - 18:15	<b>Break</b>
Room C105	<b>Session 4 - "Water management and transitions"</b> <i>Moderated by Susanne Hofmann-Souki (HU)</i>
16:30	<i>Aymen Frija</i> - "Turning water scarcity into opportunities: The role of social attributes and a pathway for transition"
17:00	<i>Nancy Haddaden</i> - "Challenges and Opportunities associated with the Sustainable Development of the Lower Jordan River Valley"
17:30	<i>Tharwh Qutaish</i> - "Social Marketing: Towards Empowering Jordanian Local Communities in Water- Energy Demand Management"
18:00 - 18:15	<b>Break</b>

18:15 - 19:00 Room D006	<b>Keynote presentations &amp; discussion: "Interdisciplinarity, Transdisciplinarity, Transition and Water"</b> <i>By Engelbert Schramm, Institute for Social- Ecological Research, Frankfurt, Germany</i>
19:30	Dinner at Campus

<b>Monday, 29 September 2014</b>	
9:30 - 11:00 Room C105	<b>Keynote presentations &amp; discussion</b> <i>by Anas Malik (Xavier University, Cincinnati, USA) and Martin Keulertz (Purdue University, Indiana, USA)</i>
Anas Malik	"Institutional Approaches to Water Management in Islamic Contexts"
Martin Keulertz	"The role of virtual water in MENA countries: geopolitical risks, tradeoffs and the role of social development Purdue University, Indiana"
11:00 - 11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>



11:30 - 13:00	<b>Panel Session III</b>
Room C105	<b>Sessions 5 - "The behavioral dimension of urban Water Use"</b> Moderated by Dimitrios Zikos (HU)
11:30	<i>Christian Klassert</i> - "Modeling Household Water Consumption from an Institutional Perspective – The Case of Jordan"
12:00	<i>Bayan Athamneh</i> - "A social Marketing Program to Enhance Water Conservation through Promoting the Use of Dual Flush Toilets"
12:30	<i>Kim Zietlow</i> - "The Behavioral Dimension of Household Water Conservation in Jordan: Exploring the Role of Psychological, Socio-Demographic, and Cultural Determinants"
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
Room C237	<b>Session 6 - "The water crisis in local Palestine"</b> Moderated by Abdel Rahman Tamimi (PHG)
11:30	<i>Hasan Jawad Shoqeir</i> - "Willingness to use, to pay and to maintain treated water cycle"
12:00	<i>Alai Bitar</i> - "The impacts of the water crisis in the Auja area Jericho on the socio – economic life"
12:30	<i>Samhan, Samhan</i> - "Water supply subsidy a tool for poverty alleviation for extreme poor families in Palestine"
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>

14:00 - 15:30	<b>Panel Session IV</b>
Room C105	<b>Session 7 - "Dynamic, political large scale contexts and water management"</b> - Moderated by Kiwan Suhil (GJU)"
14:00	<i>Lama El-Hatow</i> - "Community Based Adaptation to Water under Climate Change as a tool for Conflict Transcendence in the Nile River BasinBy"
14:30	<i>Hussam Hussein &amp; Matia Grandi</i> - "Dynamic political contexts and evolving power asymmetries: the cases of the Blue Nile and the Yarmouk Rivers"
15:00	<i>Abdelmalik Saloui</i> - "Climate changes and its impact on security water and international immigration in the Northern Africa (Using the new information and communication technologies)"
15:30 - 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
Room C237	<b>Session 8 - "Local groundwater governance in the MENA region I"</b> - Moderated by Qasem Abdalal (GJU)"
14:00	<i>Alvar Closas</i> - "A review of groundwater governance in the MENA region"
14:30	<i>Taha Taher</i> - "Water Governance and the Rule of Local Water Communities (LWCs)"
15:00	<i>Iheb Frija</i> - "Self-governance of a small aquifer by farmers'associations: the case of Bsissi Oued El Akarit in Tunisia"
15:30 - 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>



16:00 - 17:30	<b>Panel Session V</b>
Room C105	<b>Session 9 - "Large infrastructures and water"</b> <i>Moderated by Andreas Thiel (HU)</i>
16:00	<i>Christine Bismuth</i> - "The Red Sea Dead Sea Conveyance Project: Between Panacea and Pariah"
16:30	<i>Nasim Barham</i> - "The Sociopolitical Aspects of Water Scarcity in Jordan"
17:00	<i>Valérie Viehoff</i> - "Contested nature: The implementation of Tangier's modern water supply from an Urban Political Ecology perspective"
17:30 - 17:45	<b>Break</b>
Room C237	<b>Session 10 - "Local groundwater governance in the MENA region II"</b> - <i>Moderated by Loay Qweider (GJU)</i>
16:00	<i>Wahib Al-Qubatee</i> - "Collaborative Research To Assess the Degradation of Groundwater Resources in Al-Mujaylis, Tihama Coastal Plain, Yemen"
16:30	<i>Edwin Rap</i> - "Who or what acts collectively? Improved irrigation and water scarcity in the Egyptian Delta"
17:00	<i>Iheb Frija</i> - "Performance measurement of the irrigation waterusers' association in Tunisia: A Data Envelopment Approach"
17:30 - 17:45	<b>Break</b>

17:45 - 19:00 Room C105	<b>Wrap-up &amp; Closing</b> <i>Chairs: Manar Fayyad (GJU) and Matthias Weiter (HU)</i>
19:00	Transfer to the hotel
19:30	Dinner at the hotel

Co- convenors:

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