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Water Scarcity and Policy in the Middle East and Mediterranean
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THROUGHOUT THREE DAYS: POSTERS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 3:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

MYRON TAYLOR HALL Atrium and G85, Cornell
Law School

A Framework for Water Sharing

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

A panel organized by Cornell students. The public
and conference attendees are welcome.

MODERATOR

Professor Cynthia Bowman, Cornell Law School, U.S.

PANELISTS

Perspectives on Water Scarcity Management: The Story of
Neapolis, Greece and Beyond

Sheila Saia and Margaret Kurth

Participation, Integration and Action: The International
Legal Context for Water Management in the Mediterranean
Region

Natasha Bhushan,

J.D. candidate '12, Cornell Law School, U.S.

Localizing Water: The Benefits and Drawbacks of
Community-Based Water Schemes

Diana Biller, J.D. candidate '13, Cornell Law School, U.S.

Protecting Water from the Ground Up: Democratic
Process and Accountability for Groundwater Resource
Management in North Africa

Tamaron Greene,

J.D. candidate '12, Cornell Law School

Equity in Water Privatization: Balancing Governance and
Financial Incentives for Private Participation

Matt Danforth,

J.D./LL.M. candidate '12, Cornell Law School

Welcome to the conference:

Professor Muna Ndulo, Cornell Law School, U.S.

Professor Drew Harvell, The Atkinson Center for a
Sustainable Future, U.S.

Invited Address

President Baylie Damtie, Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia

Reception, 5:30pm.

Music by members of the Cornell Middle Eastern and
Mediterranean Ensemble

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM

Conference registrants only.

G85 MYRON TAYLOR HALL, Cornell Law School

First Panel: "Water Rights and Water
Management", 8:30-10:00am

MODERATOR

Professor Chantal Thomas, Cornell Law School,
U.S.

PANELISTS

Water for a Viable Palestinian State

Natasha Carmi, Policy Advisor on water and
environment Palestine Negotiations Support Project,
Palestine

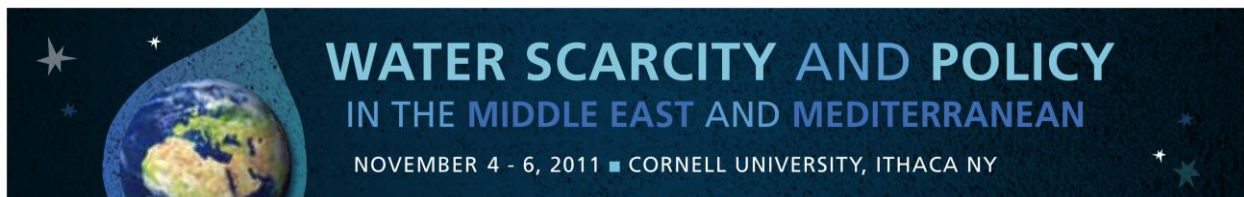
Transboundary Groundwater Law in the Arid Regions
of the Nile Basin: An Important Instrument for the
Mitigation of Conflict and the Promotion of Regional
Development

Saleh Saleh, University of Dundee, Scotland

Freshwater Disputes in South Asia and a Rational
Water Sharing Model

Dr. Arun Kumar Singh, India

Break



Second Panel: “Hydrology, Climate, and Land”
10:30-12:00 noon

MODERATOR

Professor Pete Loucks, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Cornell University, U.S.

PANELISTS

Blame It on Climate Change: Spinning Syria’s Four-Year Drought

Francesca de Châtel,
REVOLVE magazine, Belgium

Drought Frequency and Evapotranspiration Trends Under a Changing Climate in the Eastern Mediterranean

Professor Nadim Farajalla, Rouba Ziade, and Roula Bachour
American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Salinity Changes of the Tigris River Downstream of Baghdad

Dr. Khayyun Rahi and Todd Halihan,
Oklahoma State University, U.S.

Large-scale Land Acquisitions in Contemporary Ethiopia: Implications for Water

Professor Tammo Steenhuis, for Professor Fouad Makki, Cornell University, U.S.

Lunch and Keynote, 12:00-1:30pm

Keynote Address: **Professor Stephen McCaffrey**,
McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific,
U.S.

Third Panel: “Mediterranean”, 1:30-3:00pm

MODERATOR

[to be arranged], Cornell University, U.S.

PANELISTS

Re-Engaging the Mediterranean

Dr. Irene Klaver,
University of North Texas, U.S.

After the Revolution: The New Crisis of Water Management in Tunisia

Dr. Alia GANA,
Université Paris, France

Collaboration on Transboundary Water Resources Management in the Mediterranean: How far, how fast?

Vangelis Constantianos,
Global Water Partnership Mediterranean, Greece

Spain: Between “Grand” and Environmental Water Policy **Professor Gaspar Mairal Buil**,
University of Zaragoza, Spain

Break

Fourth Panel: “Water in Palestine and Israel”

3:30-5:00pm

MODERATOR

[to be arranged], Cornell University, U.S.

PANELISTS

Water Scarcity in the West Bank—Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT): Facts, Figures and Realities on the Ground

Basema Bashir,
Palestine

Domestic Water Demand in the West Bank

Stephanie Galaitsis and Annette Huber-Lee,
Tufts University, U.S.

Shared Resources, Shared Responsibilities. Israel’s New Legal Approach to Waste Water Treatment and Reuse

Tzvi Levinson,
The Levinson Environmental Law Firm, Israel

Dinner, 6:00pm Stella’s Restaurant (registrants only)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Conference registrants only. G85 Myron Taylor Hall.

Roundtable: “Reactions and Discussions from Law, Cultural, and Hydrological Perspectives”

DISCUSSANTS:

Professor Gail Holst-Warhaft, Cornell University
Institute for European Studies, U.S.

Professor Gilbert Levine, Cornell University, U.S.

Professor Keith S. Porter, Cornell Law School, U.S.

Food provided during the roundtable.

