Water Scarcity and Policy in the Middle East and Mediterranean
CONFERECE PROGRAM as of 2011/11/02

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

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 Bull,
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.