Are all welcome in London on Saturday & Sunday 10-11 May 2014 to openly, critically, and creatively question how destructive transboundary water interactions and constrictive dominant ideas can be contested.

All Welcome – Event Free and Open

For more information and to register, visit uea.ac.uk/watersecurity/events/hh7 or email hydrohegemony@uea.ac.uk.
This Seventh Workshop brings together a great cast of researchers, activists and practitioners, to both deepen and broaden understanding of hydro-hegemony. Analysis of transboundary water interaction will be deepened by exploring the manner and extent to which ‘negative’ hegemonic transboundary water arrangements are contested, and even countered. Recent shifts in power between states in the Nile Basin suggest a rapid erosion of Egyptian hegemonic control of the flows, a change that was unthinkable fifty, fifteen, and even five years ago. Basin hegemons in entrenched water conflicts around the Euphrates, Jordan, Mekong, Ganges and elsewhere also face mounting or renewed tests to the status quo. Social and environmental justice movements around large dams continue to make themselves heard, as the water conflicts linger, and continue to contribute to broader political tensions between the states and people involved.

A better appreciation of how efforts to challenge hydro-hegemonic arrangements may succeed or fail is expected to shed light on how water conflicts may be resolved, transformed, or simply replicated with different winners and losers. This builds on previous HH workshops, which have examined how power influences international transboundary water interaction such that extremely asymmetric water conflicts remain ‘hidden’, justified, and perpetuated by most mainstream analysis and policy.

We will also broaden the scope of hydro-hegemony by exploring how conventional thinking on water policy is influenced and can be interpreted by power relations. Lukes’ three dimensions explain how ideas, paradigms, and ‘common sense’ about water constrain our thinking and our ability to tackle water challenges. Dominant ideas like the classic hydro-cycle and IWRM continue to hold sway, even if they have been proven as fundamentally flawed in many contexts. We will explore the extent to which new models such as the hydrosocial cycle and the hydro spiral challenge prevailing views and can help us achieve or perpetuate equitable, efficient and sustainable water use.

All are welcome in London on 10-11 May 2014 to test these assertions in an open, critical and creative atmosphere geared toward answering the following questions:

7. How and why do water and power (in all their forms) move?
6. How does mainstream, conventional thinking influence water security and distribution?
5. What do we miss with our hegemonic assumptions?
4. How can the classic hydro cycle be improved?
3. How do we approach water conflict and cooperation when consent and compliance also coexist?
2. Can counter-hegemonic movements do something other than reproduce hegemonies?
1. How do we challenge entrenched, malign forms of hydro-hegemony?

Organising Panel: Mark Zeitoun, Naho Mirumachi, Nathanial Matthews, Ana Cascão, Rebecca Farnum, and Jeroen Warner

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HH7: Contesting Hegemony

**DAY 1: SATURDAY 10 MAY 2014**

9am  Registration and Coffee

10am  Introduction

Where are we now? Summary of Previous International Workshops on Hydro-Hegemony
- Naho Mirumachi, King’s College London

Counter Hydro-Hegemony and Transboundary Water Interaction
- Mark Zeitoun, University of East Anglia

Countering Academic Hegemony
- Rebecca Farnum, University of Edinburgh

Contemplating A-Hegemony
- Jeroen Warner, Wageningen University

11am  Contesting Hegemony in Practice: Strategies for Contest

This panel will investigate whether the effectiveness of different forms of counter-hegemony are dependent on the forms of hydro-hegemony they challenge. The hypothesis is that forms of resistance must understand the forms of oppression and hegemony they seek to counter if they are to be effective.

- Gramsci’s Wars of Movement and Position
  - Alex Loftus, King’s College London

- Countering Hegemony in Transboundary Waters in Palestine and Israel
  - Fuad Bateh, Former Negotiator with the PLO Negotiations Affairs Department

- Dams in Nepal and Bhutan: Resisting and Bandwagoning India’s Hydro-Hegemony
  - Paula Hanasz, Australian National University

- Countering Downstream Hydro-Hegemony through Formal Negotiations and Infrastructure: The Nile
  - Ana Cascão, Stockholm International Water Institute

12:30pm Lunch

2pm  Contesting a Hegemonic Model: Rethinking the Hydro Cycle

This panel will explore the extent to which water resources management and transboundary water conflict and cooperation are constrained by deeply-entrenched ideas about the hydrological cycle and water itself. It will begin with a scene setter by the chair on anthropocentric analyses of the hydro cycle and transboundary water politics.

- The Hydrosocial Cycle: Affecting Change by Relating Water and Society Internally
  - Jessica Budds, University of East Anglia

- The Hydro-Spiral as a Participatory Tool for Counter Hydro-Hegemony
  - Charlie Thompson, United States Geologic Survey and Ruth MacDougall, University of East Anglia

- “Normal Water”: The Making of a Narrative
  - Jeremy Schmidt, Harvard University

- From hydro-cycle to hydro-babel-tower: Re-thinking the Commons of Water “Losses” at the System, Basin, and Transboundary Levels
  - Bruce Lankford, University of East Anglia

3:30pm Coffee Break

4pm  Contesting Structured and Persistent Hegemony

This panel will consider the most effective approaches to addressing particularly persistent forms of hegemony. The hypothesis is that persistence derives from structural elements in the political economy (i.e., occupation, inequitably liberalised trade, and other forms of interaction within a neoliberal global capitalist economy).

- Rethinking TWINS for Counter-Hegemony
  - Naho Mirumachi, King’s College London

- An Integrity Framework for Corporate Water Stewardship: Counter-Hegemony on the March, or Counter-Productive Concession?
  - Nick Hepworth, Water Witness International

- Countering Corporate Hydro-Hegemony by Identifying Catalysts for Change
  - Suvi Sojamo, Aalto University

- Challenging Hegemonic Structures through International Law
  - Owen McIntyre, University College Cork

- Hegemony, Conflict Transformation and the Hydrosocial Cycle: Identity, Recognition, Altruism and Selfishness in Hydro-Cooperation along the Jordan River
  - Joshka Wessels, Lund University

5:45pm-6:15pm  Wrap-Up
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DAY 2: SUNDAY 11 MAY 2014

9:00am Recap of Day 1
Francesca Greco, UNESCO

9:30am Contesting Hegemony in Practice: Dams
Ana Cascão, Stockholm International Water Institute, Chair
This panel will test whether large-scale dams are understood as expressions of hydro-hegemony, and whether they can be counter-hegemonic tools, seeking to understand how they are determined by the form of transboundary water arrangements they challenge.

Invisible Dams - No Impact, No Problem!
Nate Matthews, King’s College London

Can Feathers be Mightier than Bulldozers? Indigenous Movement Fight Belo Monte Brazilian Megaproject in the Amazon Rivers
Barbara Arisi, Universidad Federal de la Integración Latino-Americana

Grand Hydraulic Projects in the Nile Basin: A Counter-Hegemonic Strategy or a New Hegemonic Order in Sight?
Rawia Amer, Cairo University

Hydropower in Sikkim: Coercion and an Emergent Environmental Justice
Deepa Joshi, Wageningen University

Creating Space for Counter-Hegemony on the Nile: The Merowe Dam
Mohammad Jalal Hashim, Khartoum University

The Merowe Dam: A Case of Resistance and Activism against Forced Displacement
Ali Askouri, Leadership Office of the Hamadab Affected People

12:30pm Lunch

1:30pm Exploring Virtual Water Hegemony
Jeroen Warner, Wageningen University, Chair
This panel will examine the extent to which hegemony is active in global food trade. Critical analysis will identify who has and employs various forms of power to maintain, replicate, or contest the established political economic order.

Decoupling: A Silent, Pragmatic Means of Countering or Circumventing Hydro-Hegemony
Michael Gilmont, King’s College London

Virtual Water but Actual Hegemony: Expanding the Analytical Framework of Hydro-Hegemony to Inform Food Trade
Rebecca Farnum, University of Edinburgh

Invisible “Virtual Water Rivers”: Blinding Transboundary Interaction and Consumers to the Need for Counter-Hegemony
Francesca Greco, UNESCO

2:30pm Coffee Break

3pm Contesting Hegemony in Practice: Strategies for Contest II
Mark Zeitoun, University of East Anglia, Chair
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The Discursive Morphology of Conflict and Cooperation: Introducing circus++
Tony Brauer, @taotetone

Of River Linkage and Issue Linkage – Conflict and Cooperation on the River Meuse
Jeroen Warner, Wageningen University

Counter-Hegemonic Action Using Social Accountability: Monitoring & Community Activation of WRM Law across Tanzania
Jane Joseph, Uhayaka wa Maji Project Manager, Water Witness International

The British Nile Empire as the Hegemon - and Its Implications
Terje Tvedt, University of Bergen

The Ethiopian Hydraulic Mission: Consolidating National Hegemony for an Outward Expansion of Power in the Eastern Nile River Basin?
Mattia Grandi, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna

4:30pm-6pm Capstone Discussion
Nate Matthews, King’s College London, Chair
This last session will invite participants to share insights, lessons learned, questions yet to be asked, and next steps in counter-hegemonic action and research.
Water stewardship partnerships with the private sector and corporate engagement on water are receiving increasing levels of attention, activity, and financial and political backing globally. The topics are high on the agenda for donors, international NGOs and multi-national corporations. To date, the motivations, mechanisms, implications and outcomes of this activity, and the broader corporate agency in water politics, management and governance have received scant research attention. The resulting low levels of scrutiny and understanding around this ‘new frontier’ of Hydro-hegemonic discourse and action poses multiple risks for advancing water equity and justice.

This HH7 side event, organised and led by the UEA Water Security Research Centre and Water Witness International, will be the soft launch of the tentatively titled Corporate Water Research Network (CWRN). The intention of the network is to nurture and connect an international community of researchers able to challenge and guide corporate engagement on water based on technically and ethically robust, focused and well-communicated interdisciplinary research. The session will draw together research practitioners to deliberate the priorities for study, challenges for research practice and the optimal form and function of the CWRN.

Funding to support the event has been generously provided by the School of International Development, University of East Anglia.

For more information about this event or the Corporate Water Research Network, please contact Steve Boyall (s.boyall@uea.ac.uk).

Friday Night Pub Meet-Up

HH7 organisers, speakers, and participants are invited to join us from 8pm at The Water Poet (9-11 Folgate Street Spitalfields, London E1 6BX) Friday evening 9 May 2014 for a casual meet-up. Contact Workshop Coordinator Rebecca Farnum (hydrohegemony@uea.ac.uk) for more details.

Saturday Night Dinner

A group will head to Brick Lane for dinner Saturday evening. Participants are invited to join at their own expense. Contact Workshop Coordinator Rebecca Farnum (hydrohegemony@uea.ac.uk) for more details and to join.
Workshop Venue

HH7 will be held at UEA London, 102 Middlesex Street, London E1 7EZ.

Getting to the Venue

UEA London is a 6 minute walk from either London Liverpool Street rail station / underground, or from Aldgate or Aldgate East underground stations.

Registration

There is no charge to attend the workshop, but advance registration is required. Please visit uea.ac.uk/watersecurity/events/hh7 or email hydrohegemony@uea.ac.uk to register.

Financial Support

As with all London Water Research Group events, this workshop is being run primarily on a volunteer basis. We regret we are unable to support or organise travel or accommodation.

Catering

Please note that meals will not be provided at the workshop. Lunch can be purchased at local cafes nearby the venue.

Nearby Budget Accommodation

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5 Commercial Street, E1 6BF


7 minute walk to UEA London

**Travelodge London Liverpool Street**

1 Harrow Place, E1 7DB

http://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/44/London-Central-Liverpool-Street-hotel

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Lloyds Court Business Centre, 1 Goodmans Yard, E1 8AT

http://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/391/London-Central-Tower-Bridge-hotel

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