

Workshop for young researchers

Studying water as a transdisciplinary challenge: from environmental governance to knowledge and territorial politics

January 24, 2019 – Delft Institute for Water Education (IHE) (workshop)

January 25, 2019 – CEDLA Center for Latin American Research and Documentation, Amsterdam (keynote and debate)

Objective – This workshop is intended to bring a space of dialogue for young researchers (PhD students, Postdoc...) working on issues related to water resources governance, commons, knowledge politics, territoriality, and justice. Indeed, water is often connecting various environmental challenges for example in the case of mining protests, social movements, urban-rural connections, or climate justice. Therefore, thinking about water as a transversal and connecting challenge in grassroots mobilizations, environmental movements and multi-actor partnerships can bring valuable insights to the academic debate.

The objective of this workshop is to connect young researchers from different academic institutions in the Netherlands (CEDLA Amsterdam, Delft IHE, University of Wageningen, Groningen, Utrecht, Rotterdam, VU, Radboud and others). The workshop is intended to provide a highly participatory and collective format with several parallel thematic master classes.

Format – There will be four parallel master classes focusing on specific issue, involving five young researchers and one water/commons scholar. This format is intended to give maximum time for discussion, with 5 minutes presentation (one student presents the work of another one) and 40 minutes discussion by the scholar and the other participants. The discussion will be based on a material that can be a thesis chapter, a draft paper, a research proposal, etc. It implies that every participant of the group previously must have read the works of the others. One of the student participants will share the main reflections of each group at the end of the day during a plenary session, which will continue with some drinks and food. The Delft workshop will continue the next day at CEDLA-Amsterdam, where a water/commons keynote speaker will present, followed by debate, and drinks.

1. Water materialities, technicization, knowledge and expertise

Coordinator: Prof. Margreet Zwarteveen (Delft IHE)

2. Grassroots mobilizations, multi-scale strategies and water commoning

Coordinator: Dr. Fabio de Castro (CEDLA)

3. Territorial struggles, water justice and discourses

Coordinator: Prof. Rutgerd Boelens (Wageningen University/CEDLA)

4. Polycentric governance, socio-ecological systems and water-grabbing

Coordinator: Dr. Jampel Dell'Angelo (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

Registration – If you are interested to participate to the workshop, please send an abstract (200 words max.) before September 15, 2018, to dupuits.emilie@gmail.com. Notification on the acceptance will be sent in October. For the accepted participants, their written contribution (chapter/article) will be asked by January 10, 2019.

Preliminary Program

January 24th, 2019 (Delft IHE)	
9:45	Participants arrival and registration
10:00 – 10:15	Plenary – Welcome and introduction
10:15 – 11:30	Academic-activist dialogue: to be defined
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:45 – 12:30	First presentation in group sessions
12:30 – 13:15	Second presentation in group sessions
13:15 – 14:45	<i>Lunch</i>
14:45 – 15:30	Third presentation in group sessions
15:30 – 16:15	Forth presentation in group sessions
16:15 – 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30 – 17:15	Fifth presentation in group sessions
17:15 – 18:00	Plenary – concluding remarks
January 25th, 2019 (Amsterdam CEDLA)	
15:30 – 17:00	CEDLA Lecture water/commons scholar (to be defined)