

QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE

Lyla Mehta is a Professorial Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, UK and a Visiting Professor at Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences. She is a sociologist working on rights, access to natural resources and power/knowledge interfaces in policy debates, water and sanitation, gender and forced displacement, climate change and infrastructure development. Research and field experience in southern and East Africa and South Asia. Consultancy work for the UN system, the World Commission on Dams and DFID. Convenor of the water and sanitation domain, STEPS Centre. Member of the scientific committee of the Global Environment Change and Human Security Project, International Human Dimensions Project (2005-2010) and steering committee member of the Bretton Woods Project (2002-2011). Editorial board, Water Alternatives and Conservation and Society. Team leader of the UN High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) on Water and Food Security.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 1999 Doctoral research at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex.
Thesis title: "Contexts of Scarcity: The Political Ecology of Water in Kutch, India."
- 1992 University of Vienna, Austria. "Magister rer. soc. oec" (Masters in Economic and
Social Sciences). Distinction. (Sociology and subject combination in development
studies)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2014 - present Professorial Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies
- 2009 – Visiting Professor at the Institute of International Environment and Development
(Noragric), Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Aas
- 2006 – 2007 Guest Researcher at the Institute of International Environment and Development
(Noragric), Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Aas
- 1998 – 2014 Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies, KNOTS team. Teaching,
School of African and Asian Studies, University of Sussex
- 1996 Teaching, School of African and Asian Studies, University of Sussex
- 1995 – 1996 Associate Researcher, Overseas Development Institute, London
- 1995 – 1997 Research Project: "Zur kulturellen Evolution der Beziehungen zwischen Gesellschaft
und Natur." (Cultural Evolution in the relationship between society and nature).
(Department of Social Ecology, Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and Continuing
Education, Vienna)
- 1993 – 1994 Consultant at the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) Unit
for the Integration of Women in Industrial Development

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2012 - present Roads for Water (UPPGRO – ESRC, DFID and NERC)
- 2012 – 2015 ‘Uncertainty and Climate Change from Below’ (STEPS, ESRC project) = (Project leader)
- 2012 – 2014 ‘Flows and Practices – The Politics of Integrated Water Resources Management in Africa’. Norwegian Research Council (Four country study. Project leader of the international consortium)
- 2011 – 2015 ‘A Global Solution to Protect Water by Transforming Waste’ led by the University of Glasgow and funded by the EPSRC
- 2006 – 2010 ‘Going to Scale: The Potential of Community-led Total Sanitation’. Three country DFID funded project (Three country study = project leader)
- 2008 – 2010 ‘Peri urban sustainability’ – ESRC funded STEPS project (Co-convenor)
- 2006 – Domain leader – water and sanitation domain. Social technical and ecological pathways to sustainability. ESRC-funded research centre at IDS, SPRU
- 2004 – 2006 Co-Convenor of the theme on Rights and Forced Migration for the DFID funded DRC on Migration, Poverty and Development
- 2000 – 2005 Researcher on the Centre on Citizenship, Participation and Accountability
- 2003 – 2005 ‘Water, Science and Scarcity: Investigating the Solutions’. (PI - ESRC)
- 2000 – 2003 ‘Sustainable Livelihoods in Southern Africa: Institutions, Governance and Policy Processes’. (three year project funded by DFID with ODI, PLAAS, IDS and others)
- 2000 – 2003 ‘Gender, Displacement and Resistance: Drawing Lessons from the Narmada Experience’. (Project leader – funded by ESCOR – DFID)
- 2000 – 2003 ‘The WTO and the Poor’. (with Rob Jenkins, University of London. DFID funded)

SELECTED COMMISSIONED WORK

- 2014 ‘Conceptualizing Gender and Sustainability’, conceptual chapter for the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development, UN Women, 2014 (with Melissa Leach)
- 2011 Evaluation of the Wetlands Alliance
- 2006 Author of ‘Water and Human Development’, Background paper for the Human Development Report, 2006
- 2005 ‘Rights, Risks and Responsibilities’ approach to implementing stakeholder participation’. A scoping report commissioned by the former commissioners of the world commission on dams (with Jeremy Bird and Larry Haas)
- 1999 – 2000 Consultant to the World Commission on Dams (WCD) on the formulation of best practice around resettlement guidelines. Specifically, I co-authored (with Bina Srinivasan) a paper titled ‘Balancing Pains and Gains: A Perspective Paper on Gender and Dams’ which was a key paper for the Thematic Review 1.1, The Social Impacts of Large Dams: Equity and Distributional Issues
- 1999 Consultant to the Environment Policy Department of DFID for the Gender Mainstreaming Exercise

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2007 – 2011 External examiner, MA in International Development, University of Bradford
- 2010 Acting Head of Graduate Programmes, Institute of Development Studies
- 2007 Visiting lecturer, Ochanamizu University, Tokyo

- 2004–2006 Co-director of the MA on Gender and Development, Institute of Development Studies
- 2000 – Convenor of various courses such as Ideas in Development, Gender and the Environment Development Anthropology and Sociology, all at IDS. DPhil supervision.
- 2000 – Doctoral supervision (11 students) and extensive MPhil and MA supervision, IDS

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2011 (edited volume) **The Limits to Scarcity: Contesting the Politics of Allocation**, New Delhi: Orient Blackswan (South Asian Edition)
- 2011 (edited volume with S. Movik) **Shit Matters: The Potential of Community-led Total Sanitation**, Rugby: Practical Action Publishing
- 2010 (edited volume) **The Limits to Scarcity**, London: Earthscan
- 2009 (edited volume) **Displaced by Development: Confronting Marginalisation and Gender Injustice**, New Delhi: Sage
- 2008 (edited volume with K. Grabska) **Forced Displacement: Why Rights Matter**, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan
- 2005 **The Politics and Poetics of Water: Naturalising Scarcity in Western India**, New Delhi: Orient Longman

Journal articles (unless indicated, single authored)

- Under review ‘Problems’ of peri urban waterscapes. The Limits of Waterscape Policy in Ghaziabad, Delhi’, **Development and Change**
- 2014 (with S. Movik et al) ‘Liquid Dynamics. Sustainability Issues in Water and Sanitation’, WIREs Water. Invited submission for new journal **Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Water** 1 (4) 369-384
- 2014 (M. Loevinsohn, L. Mehta et al), ‘The Cost of a Knowledge Silo: A Systematic Re-Review of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Interventions’ **Health Policy and Planning**, czu 039
- 2014 ‘Water and Human Development’, **World Development** 59, 59-69
- 2014 (with R. Alba, A. Bolding, K. Denby, B. Derman, T. Hove, E. Manzungu, S. Movik, P. Prabhakaran, B van Koppen), ‘The Politics of IWRM in Southern Africa’, **International Journal of Water Resources Development**, 1-15
- 2014 (DGL Puertas, K. Woldearegay, L. Mehta, M. Beusekom, M. Agujetas, F. von Steenberg) ‘Roads for Water: the unused potential’, **Waterlines** 33 (2): 120-138
- 2014 (L. Mehta, J. Allouche, A. Nicol and A. Walnycki) ‘Global Environmental Justice and the Right to Water: The case of Peri-Urban Cochabamba and Delhi’, **Geoforum** 54: 158-166
- 2013 (J. Franco, L. Mehta and G.J. Veldwisch) ‘The Global Politics of Water Grabbing’, **Third World Quarterly**
- 2012 (L. Mehta, G.J. Veldwisch and J. Franco) ‘Water Grabbing? Focus on the (Re)appropriation of Finite Water Resources’, **Water Alternatives** 5.2: 193-207

- 2011 (L. Mehta and R. Napier-Moore) 'Rewriting Citizenship in Displacement: Displaced People's Struggles for Rights', *Indian Journal of Human Development* 5.2
- 2011 (A. Nicol, L. Mehta and J. Allouche) Editorial. 'Some for All rather than More for Some? Contested Politics and Pathways in Water and Sanitation since the 1990 New Delhi Statement', *IDS Bulletin* 43.2. 1-9
- 2011 (J. Allouche, A. Nicol and L. Mehta) 'Water Security: A Contested Concept', *Whitehead Journal of Diplomacy* 12.1: 153-171
- 2011 (L. Haddad, N. Hossain, J.A. McGregor and L. Mehta) 'Editorial. Time to Reimagine Development', *IDS Bulletin* 42.5
- 2011 'Reimaginings of Development from a Kutchi Village', *IDS Bulletin* 42.5: 30-35
- 2008 'Over the Rainbow: The Politics of Researching Citizenship and Marginality', *Action Research* 6.2: 233-253
- 2006 (L. Mehta, R. Haug and L. Haddad) 'Reinventing Development Research', *Forum for Development Studies* 33.1: 143-148
- 2007 'Whose Scarcity? Whose Property? The Case of Water in Western India', *Land Policy* 24.4: 654-663
- 2005 (L. Mehta and la Cour Madsen) 'Is the WTO after your water? The General Agreement on Trade and Services and Poor People's Right to Water', *Natural Resources Forum* 29.2: 154-165
- 2004 'The General Agreement on Trade and Services and Poor People's Right to Water', *IDS Bulletin*, Brighton: IDS
- 2003 'Contexts and Constructions of Water Scarcity', *Economic and Political Weekly* 38.48 November 29
- 2001 'The Manufacture of Popular Perceptions of Scarcity in Gujarat, India. Dams and Water-Related Narratives in Gujarat, India', *World Development* 29.12: 2025-2041
- 2001 'Water, Difference and Power. Questioning Notions of Water users in Kutch, India', *International Journal for Water* 1.3 and 4
- 2001 'The World Bank and its Growing Knowledge Empire', *Human Organization* 60.2: 189-197
- 2001 (L. Mehta, M. Leach, and I. Scoones) 'Editorial. Environmental Governance in an Uncertain World', *IDS Bulletin* 32: 4, Brighton: IDS
- 2000 'Drought Diagnosis: Dryland Blindness of Planners', *Economic and Political Weekly* July 1-7
- 1999 'From Darkness to Light: Critical Reflections on the World Development Report 1998-99', *Journal of Development Studies* 36.1: 151-162

Book Chapters

- 2013 'Water and Ill-being: Displaced People and Dam-based Development in India', in J. Wager (ed) **The Social Life of Water**, Oxford: Berghan Books
- 2012 'A Perspective Paper on Gender and Dams', in S. Ahmed and M. Zwarteveen (eds) **Gender and Water Reader**, Sage
- 2011 'Introduction', in L. Mehta (ed) **The Limits to Scarcity: Contesting the Politics of Allocation**, New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan (South Asian Edition)
- 2011 'The Scare, Naturalization and Politicization of Scarcity', in L. Mehta (ed) **The Limits to Scarcity: Contesting the Politics of Allocation**, New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan (South Asian Edition)
- 2011 'Introduction: Why Shit Matters: Community-led Total Sanitation and the Sanitation Challenge for the 21st Century', in L. Mehta and S. Movik (eds) **Shit Matters: The Potential of Community-led Total Sanitation**, Rugby: Practical Action
- 2010 'The Scare, Naturalisation and Politicisation of Scarcity', in L. Mehta (ed) **The Limits to Scarcity**, Earthscan: London, pp.13-30
- 2010 (L. Mehta, L. Thompson and N. Nleya) 'Water Rights and State Management in India and South Africa', in L. Thompson and C. Tapscott (eds) **Citizenship and Social Movements: Perspectives from the Global South**, London: Zed Books, pp.113-131
- 2010 (L. Mehta and R. Napier-Moore) 'Caught between National and Global Jurisdictions: Displaced People's Struggle for Rights', in J. Gaventa and R. Tandon (eds) **Globalizing Citizens: New Dynamics of Inclusions and Exclusion**, London: Zed Books, pp.232-252
- 2009 'The Double Bind: A Gender Analysis of Forced Displacement and Resettlement', in L. Mehta (ed) **Displaced by Development: Confronting Marginalisation and Gender Injustice**, New Delhi: Sage
- 2008 'Why are Human Rights Violated with Impunity?', in K. Grabska, and L. Mehta (eds) **Problematising Rights and Policies in Forced Migration. Whose needs are right?** Palgrave Macmillan
- 2008 'Contexts and Constructions of Scarcity', in A. Baviskar (ed) **Contested Grounds: Essays on Nature, Culture and Power**, New Delhi: Oxford University Press
- 2007 (L. Mehta and J. Gupte) 'Disjunctures in Labelling Refugees and Oustees', in J. Moncrieffe and R. Eyben (eds) **The Power of Labelling: How People are Categorized and Why it Matters**, London: Earthscan
- 2006 'Do Human Rights Make a Difference to Poor and Vulnerable People? Accountability for the Right to Water in South Africa', in P. Newell and J. Wheeler (eds) **Rights, Resources and the Politics of Accountability**, London: Zed Books
- 2007 (L. Mehta and A. Punja) 'Water and well-being: Explaining the gap in understandings of water', in A. Baviskar (ed) **Waterscapes: The Cultural Politics of a Natural Resource**, New Delhi: Permanent Black
- 2005 'Citizenship and the Right to Water. Lessons from South Africa's Free Basic Water Policy' in N. Kabeer (ed) **Inclusive Citizenship: Meanings and Expressions**, London: Zed Books

- 2003 'Problems of 'Publicness' and Access Rights: Perspectives from the Water Domain', in I. Kaul et al. (eds) **Providing Global Public Goods: Managing Globalisation**, Oxford University Press: New York
- 2003 (L. Mehta and B. Srinivasan) 'Gender Impact Assessment', in H. Becker, and F. Vanclay (eds) **International Handbook of Social Impact Assessment: Conceptual and Methodological Advances**, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar
- 2000 'Women Facing Submergence: Displacement and Resistance in the Narmada Valley', in D. Vinita and M. Unnithan (eds) **Identities, Nation, Global Culture**, New Delhi: Manohar
- 1994 'Verstauter Fluß. VerDAMMte Völker. Das Narmada Projekt in Indien', in Zapotoczky, Klaus/Griebel, Hildegard: **Die Welt im Umbruch: Fremde Wirklichkeiten als gesellschaftliche Herausforderung**. Frankfurt a. M.: Brandes u. Apsel,

Other Publications

- 2013 'Ensuring Rights to Water and Sanitation for Women and Girls', paper presented to the Interactive Expert Panel on 'Challenges and Achievements in the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for Women and Girls', United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, 57th Session, New York, 4-15 March.
- 2011 'The Settler and his Wife: Gender and the Politics of Displacement', *Deportees, Exiles and Refugees Deportate, esuli, profughe*, 17: 25-43
- 2010 'Citizenship and Displacement', IDS Working Paper 354, Brighton: IDS
- 2010 (S. Movik and L. Mehta) 'The Dynamics and Sustainability of Community-led Total Sanitation (CLTS): Mapping Challenges and Pathways', STEPS Centre Working Paper 37, Brighton: STEPS Centre
- 2009 'CLTS across the Seas. Experiences from Africa with a Special Emphasis on Ethiopia', RiPPLE working paper, London: ODI
- 2009 (F. Marshall, L. Waldman, H. MacGregor, L. Mehta and P. Randhawa) 'On the Edge of Sustainability: Perspectives on Peri-urban Dynamics', STEPS Centre Working Paper 35, Brighton: STEPS Centre
- 2009 (S. Movik and L. Mehta) 'Going with the Flow? Directions of Innovation in the Water and Sanitation Domain', STEPS Centre Working Paper 29, Brighton: STEPS Centre
- 2007 (L. Mehta, S. Movik, A. Stirling, E. Shah, A. Smith and J. Thompson) 'Liquid Dynamics: Challenges for Sustainability in Water and Sanitation', STEPS Centre Working Paper 6, Brighton: STEPS Centre
- 2007 (A. Stirling, M. Leach, L. Mehta, I. Scoones, A. Smith, S. Stagl, and J. Thompson) 'Empowering Designs: Towards More Progressive Appraisal of Sustainability', STEPS Centre Working Paper 3, Brighton: STEPS Centre

- 2007 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow? The Politics and Dilemmas of Researching Citizenship and Marginality', IDS Working Paper 288, Brighton: IDS
- 2005 'Unpacking Rights and Wrongs: Do Human Rights Make a Difference? The Case of Water Rights in India and South Africa', IDS Working Paper 260, Brighton: IDS
- 2004 (L. Mehta and J. Gupte) 'Whose needs are rights. The Challenges of Rights-based approaches for Forced Migration', Development Research Centre on Migration Working Paper 4, Brighton: Sussex University
- 2004 (L. Mehta and O. Miroso Canal) 'Financing Water for All. Beyond Border Convergence in Water Management', IDS Working Paper 233, Brighton: IDS
- 1999 'Water for the Twenty-First Century. Challenges and Misconceptions', IDS Working Paper 111, Brighton: IDS
- 1999 (L. Mehta, M. Leach et al.) 'Exploring Understandings of Institutions and Uncertainty New Directions in Natural Resources Management', IDS Discussion Paper 372, Brighton: IDS
- 1997 'Social Difference and Water Resources Management', IDS Bulletin 28, Brighton: IDS
- 1996 'Water, Difference and Power: Kutch and the Sardar Sarovar Project', IDS Working Paper, Brighton: IDS
- 1997 (L. Mehta and V. Winiwarter) 'Stoffwechsel in einem indischen Dorf', Fallstudie Merkar, Schriftenreihe Soziale Ökologie, Bd. 49. Wien.

Selected popular articles and policy briefings

- 2013 (with H. Corbett) 'Ensuring Women and Girls' Rights to Water and Sanitation Post-2015', IDS Policy Briefing 38, Brighton: IDS.
- 2013 (with J. Franco, and G J Veldwisch) 'Are African land grabs really water grabs.' CNN.com
- 2012 (with F. Marshall) 'Edge of sustainability: why Rio+20 mustn't ignore people on city fringe', Guardian Poverty Matters Blog, www.guardian.co.uk
- 2011 'No Plot of One's Own: How Large Dams Reinforce Gender Inequalities', World Rivers Review 26.1: 3
2008. 'Sanitation.' Id21 Highlights. December 2008, http://www.dfid.gov.uk/r4d/PDF/Outputs/IDS/id21_special_sanitation.pdf
- 2008 'The Big Question: Is Our Food Too Thirsty?', Food Ethics 3.1, Food Ethics Council: Brighton
- 2009 'Liquid Dynamics: Rethinking Sustainability in Water and Sanitation', IHDP Update 2
- 2007 'Water Scarcity: Measuring the Price of Perception', GECHS News, 2, Spring 2007
- 2005 Globalised Uncertainty, Al Ahram Weekly
- 2004 'Public Systems: Need Revitalising for the Poorest', BBC Viewpoints: The water debate, 27 November 2004

- 2003 (with A. Nicol) 'Politics and Provision: On-the-ground Realities of Water and Sanitation Development', in Water and Sanitation Goals: Is Progress in the Pipeline? *Insights* 45, March 2003, Brighton: id21
- 2003 (with K. Cockburn) 'Tales of the Unexpected: Environmental Governance in an Uncertain Age', *IDS Policy Briefing*, 16 May 2003
- 2003 'Activists Tapping into Water Row' *The Guardian*, 17 March 2003
- 2002 'Displaced by Development: Gender, Rights and Risks of Impoverishment' in 'Responding to Displacement: Balancing Needs and Rights', *Insights* 44.4 December 2002 Brighton: id21

Selected Speaking Engagements (* indicated invited):

16 July 2013. 'Why democratic politics have not delivered for the poor', Keynote address at Water Resources Commission, South Africa*

6 March 2013. Ensuring Rights to Water and Sanitation for Women and Girls, Panel at UN on Challenges and Achievements of the MDGs for Women and Girls, Commission on the Status of Women, 57th Session, New York.*

March 2013. Panellist 'More than a Pipedream. Universal Access to Water and Sanitation', House of Commons, Westminster, London

February 2013. 'Peri-urban waterscapes in Ghaziabad, India', Water and Waste Conference, Rutgers University*

October 27. Co-organiser of and speaker at STEPS Centre / SOAS colloquium 'Not another nexus? Critical thinking on the 'new security convergence' in energy, food, climate and water'

June 2012. ISS the Hague, Agrarian Studies Colloquium, Presentation of Water Grabbing*

March 2012. Green College Lecture, University of British Columbia, 'Offtrack onside? Why the realizing the water and sanitation MDGs may be possible but what difference will they make?'

March 2012. London Water Seminar Series, Waterscapes and the ghost of the scarcity postulate.*

November 2011. Invited speaker at Indonesian-Dutch Sixth Open Science Meeting, Jakarta*

June 2011. 'The right to water. Struggles and future challenges', Keynote address at European Science Foundation Conference in Partnership with LFUI *Water Governance: Meeting the Challenges of Global Change*, Austria 5-10 June 2011*

June 2011. Concepts of Scarcity, Lyla Mehta and Iain Boal, Scarcity Exchanges Lecture series, University of Westminster, London.*

7th April 2011. Panellist and Discussant, 'Managing for results: from evidence to impact in water, sanitation and hygiene' Sixth Annual Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Forum, Overseas Development Institute, London

22 & 23 March 2011. 'The overall setting, challenges and understandings' in 'Liquid Dynamics II: Some for all? Pathways and Politics in Water and Sanitation since New Delhi, 1990', STEPS Centre Water and Sanitation Symposium, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University (organiser)

2010 – 'The politics of water: why are the rights to water and sanitation so important?' Speaker at the seminar 'Rights and Wrongs: the fight for the right to water and sanitation', Blue October, Oslo.*

2010 – 'Waterscapes in Peri Urban Delhi: The Case of Ghaziabad', Invited speakers at conference on 'Waterscapes, labour and uncertainty, London School of Economics, 25-26 June*

2010 – 'Perspectives on Water Justice', Invited speaker at Global Environmental Justice at the University of East Anglia, 2-3 July*

2010 – 'Innovations for Social Organisation for Village Sanitation, Beyond Scaling up. Pathways to universal access', Future Health Systems Conference, IDS, 23-24 May*

August 2010. Liquid Dynamics II, Linking Supply with Quality, Stockholm World Water Week

December 2009. The Anthropology of Water Scarcity, Paper presented at the session 'The Anthropology of Water', 108th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropology Association, Philadelphia

21 May 2009. Panellist at Greenprint Conference, *Water the Basics of Life*, Hay Festival, Hay-on-Wye*

25 March 2009. Panellist at the '*Great Stink. Understanding the Sanitation Crisis*', Dangerous Ideas Seminar, Westminster, London*

16-18 December 2008. 'Shit Matters; The potential of Community led total sanitation', speech at the Community-led Total Sanitation Final Conference at IDS, Brighton, as part of the DFID funded project 'Going to scale: The Potential of Community-led Total Sanitation' led by IDS (lead organiser)

9 December 2008. 'Waterscapes Access and the ghost of the scarcity postulate', Keynote address at the symposium 'Vom Umgang mit den Ressourcen' organised by the Austrian Academy of Sciences*

21 November 2007. *Water and Human Development*, Oxford Water Centre for Water Research*

23 – 26 October 2007. 'What does Community-led Total Sanitation really mean? Experiences in rural community processes', *WaterAid Sanitation Conference*, London*

4 -5 July 2007. Speaker at '*Water, Environment and Society*', ESRC/ NERC seminar series held at Sheffield University*

27 February 2007. 'Rethinking Scarcity: Unpacking the Global Water Crisis', 'Dangerous Ideas in Development, seminar series, Portcullis House, Westminster

20 February 2007. Gender, displacement and resettlement. Examples from India, Ochanamizu University, Tokyo*

2 February 2007. 'Water, Power, Poverty - How clean water and sanitation will cut poverty in half by 2015', Seminar organised by The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Swedish

Water House (SWH) at the Stockholm International Water Institute at the Stockholm City Conference Centre/Norra Latin*

9 November 2006. Speech at the launch and presentation of the *Human Development Report 2006, Beyond Scarcity: Power, Poverty and the Global Water Crisis*, organised by Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM), University of Oslo and The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Nordic Office, at the University of Oslo*

18 June 2006. 'Whose needs are rights', panel at International Association for Studies on Forced Migration, York University

24 May 2006. Speaker at 'Understanding the Global Water Crisis, Insights from the GECHS Network' organised by the Global Environmental Change and Human Security Project and the Environmental Change and Security Program, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC*

21 April 2006. Speaker at 'Reinventing Development', Round table for IDS 40, Noragric, Aas, Norway

25 January 2006. 'The Social Construction of the Environment', Public Lecture, Centre for Development Research (ZEF), Bonn*

21-24 September 2005. 'Water and human rights', *Insecurity and Development*, European Association of Development Institutes General Conference, Bonn

September 2005. 'The Scare, Politicisation and Naturalisation of Scarcity', *The Politics of Necessity*, workshop organised by the ESRC cultures of consumption conference*

20 – 21 June 2005. Keynote speaker, 'Landscapes, Access and the Ghost of the Scarcity Postulate', NFU conference on '*Transforming Landscape of Poverty – Resources, Rights and Conflicts*' organised by NFU*

6 June 2005. Organiser and convenor of 'Scarcity and the Politics of Allocation', International conference funded by the ESRC Science in Society programme

22 March 2005. 'Realising the Right to Water in South Africa', *Rights in Action Seminar Series*, Overseas Development Institute, Panel Speaker*

6 December 2004. L 20 meeting in Alexandria, Egypt*

10 – 11 June 2004. 'Scarcity and Property Rights', *Property Rights to Land and Resources: Institutions, Politics and Culture*, Aas, Norway, NORAGRIC*

10 February 2004. 'Political Struggles around Water', podium discussion at the *Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs* organised by the UNDP and the Carnegie Council*

30 June – 2 July 2003. 'Is the WTO after your water?', *Science and Democracy Network*, Harvard University

3 – 11 January 2003. Faculty member at the Social Science Research Council's Conference and Fellow's Workshop on *Resources, Contestations and Constructions*, Kathmandu*

15 – 22 October 2002. Faculty member and Speaker, *Salzburg Seminar* on the Politics of Water*

12 –13 September 2002. ‘Mobilising for Gender Justice’, Engendering Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policies in India, hosted by IDS and ActionAid India, New Delhi (organiser)

22 April 2001. ‘Theoretical Challenges to Community-Based Resource Management’, workshop on the Amazon Community-Based Resources Management Initiative (ACRI), hosted by Instituto del Bien Comun, Lima, Peru*

2-3 March 2001. ‘Changing Water Worlds: Official and Displaced People’s Perceptions of the Water/Well-being Nexus in Gujarat’, The Cultural Politics of Water, hosted by the Department of Sociology, University of Delhi*

10-11 August 2000. ‘Water Scarcity and Gender’, *Poverty, Gender and Water in South Asia*, hosted by the International Water Management Institute with the Gujarat Institute of Development Research and the Ford Foundation, Ahmedabad, India*

31 May - 4 June 2000. ‘Rethinking Key Assumptions in Natural Resources Management: Drawing Lessons from the Case of Water’, *Constituting the Commons: Crafting Sustainable Commons in the New Millennium*, hosted by the International Association for the Study of Common Property, Indiana, USA

14 March 2000. Panel Discussant, Poverty and Water Policy: Squaring up to the Challenge at The Hague, hosted by ODI and SOAS, London*

15 February 2000. ‘Institutions and Uncertainty’, *Environment and Development Affinity Group Conference* hosted by the Ford Foundation in Cebu, Philippines*

Numerous academic seminars at SOAS, QEH, Oxford, Linköping (Sweden), Oslo, Noragric, Vienna, Overseas Development Institute, Middlesex, Norwich, and Sussex Universities

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

2014	High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security, Project Leader of Report ‘Water for Food Security’
2013	Advisory Board – Water WIREs
2007 –	Editorial Board – Water Alternatives
2006 –	Editorial Board – Conservation and Society
2006 –	Member of the Fellowship Review and Promotion Board, IDS
2005 – 2011	Scientific steering committee, Global Environment Change and Human Security Project, International Human Dimensions Programme
2004 – 2011	Steering Committee Member, Bretton Woods Project
2002 – 2003	Team leader of the Environment Team
2000	Lead drafter of the background paper of the NGO major group on Strategies for Sustainable and Equitable Management of Water Resources, Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue, International Conference on Freshwater, Bonn
1998 – 2000	Involved in UK Working Group on Dams, a group of NGOs providing inputs into the World Commission on Dams Process

- 1990 – 1994 Active involvement in Austrian NGOs such as Friends of the Earth, Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and Praxis and the NGO coalition working on the 50 Years in Enough Campaign on the World Bank
- 1991- Involvement in the activities of the Narmada Bachao Andolan (Save the Narmada Movement), India
- 1989 – Occasional journalistic writing in the Indian, Austrian and British media

LANGUAGES

English (1st language – excellent); German (very good); Gujarati and Hindi (good); French and Spanish (basic)