



Dear Madam, Sir, colleagues

The **Bonn Water Network*** cordially invites you to its webinar '**Toward Urban Water Security: What works, when and why?**' (online via Zoom)

On Wednesday May 25, 2022, 05:00-06:30 PM (CET)

Cities are organic, highly divided (socially, economically, politically) social spaces. These divisions manifest spatially, and ensuring the 'right to the city' is a difficult task. Evidence suggests that macro-approaches such as Integrated Water Resources Management or Integrated Urban Water Management are difficult to implement. Yet, opportunities for positive social change often arise. How to ensure that these opportunities result in collective social good? In this seminar, **Corrine Cash**, Mount Allison University, and **Larry Swatuk**, University of Waterloo, critically reflect on the appropriate entry points for urban water security. Their findings show that change requires organization, persistence, and innovation, that positive outcomes may be fungible, and that negative outcomes are opportunities for reflection and reorganization. Their research highlights factors that are necessary for equitable, sustainable and affordable outcomes: collective, cross-sectoral and participatory decision-making; actions that are framed in a deliberately non-political way and projects that are underpinned by influential third-party involvement.

Whether some or all of these are necessary, however, is not clear. Drawing on evidence from a series of case studies, the speakers point to the necessary conditions to ensure that effective efforts in support of urban water security are fungible and scalable within and across cities.

Program

05:00-5:05 Welcome note, [Annabelle Houdret](#), Speaker, Bonn Water Network, and senior researcher at the German Development Institute.

Moderator: [Lars Wirkus](#), Senior Management \ Head of Research Infrastructure and Data at Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies (BICC).

05:05-05:20 *The Political Economy of Urban Water Security under Climate Change: Politics of water for cities*

[Larry Swatuk](#), Faculty Member of the Water Institute, University of Waterloo, Canada, Balsillie School of International Affairs, Associate Editor of the open-access journal *Water Alternatives*, and Research Associate of BICC (Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies), co-editor of the book of [Towards the Blue-Green City: Building Urban Water Resilience](#).

05:20-05:35 *The importance of governance arrangements for improved climate resilience: A case study from Manila*

[Corrine Cash](#), Department of Geography and Environment at Mount Allison University, Canada, author of the paper [Creating the Conditions for Climate Resilience: A Community-Based Approach in Canumay East, Philippines](#).

05:35-05:45 *Input by discussant*

[Diego Jara](#), Legal Officer, IUCN International Union for Conservation of Nature) Environmental Law Centre

05:45-06:25 *Q&A, Discussion*

06:25-06:30 Annabelle Houdret, Closing Remarks

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