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Water Commons: Devising Diverse Solutions

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This Special Issue is inspired by the 2011 meeting of the International Association for the Study of Commons in which issues of the commons with respect to agricultural water received special attention. The Special Issue seeks a set of papers to address the interrelated issues of configuring and re-configuring water governance to diverse and changing situations and goals. Papers may look at how approaches have been or could be customized to fit particular contexts, particularly where the framing of problems, exploration of solutions, and views about what would be considered success or failure are often contested and negotiated over time. Authors will share research findings and ideas that can inform the work of those studying and managing shared water resources. Topics to be addressed may include:

- Opportunities, challenges, and key issues for institutional design in facilitating collective action to manage intensively used groundwater
- New insights from participatory irrigation reforms, how changes have (or have not) led to results, and innovative ways of moving forward to improve institutional performance in particular situations
- Multiple, context-dependent paths for reorganizing river basin governance
- Dynamics of how citizens of water commons adapt governance
- Roles of values and deliberation in crafting and revitalizing water commons, and in augmenting institutional analysis of water governance
- How changes in water management creatively remix the roles of state agencies, communities, and water users, devising diverse solutions to fit specific situations and goals in governing water commons

Deadlines

Call for papers: 30 September 2011

Deadline for submission of first manuscripts (full paper or extended abstract 500-2000 words): 30 October 2011

Communication of initial screening and comments to authors: 30 November 2011

Deadline for submission of revised manuscripts: 29 February 2012

Communication of peer review to authors: 30 May 2012

Deadline for revised manuscripts (final manuscript length: 7000 words and not exceeding 14 printed pages [all-inclusive]): 30 July 2012

Communication of second Round of manuscript reviews to authors: 30 August 2012

Deadline for submission of revised papers: 30 October 2012

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