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Lecture by



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on

**Water and development: understanding
the plurality of productive, consumptive
and symbolic uses and meanings of water**

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Venue: Virtual Platform (Zoom)

All are invited

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Abstract:

In the history of the development of modern, industrialising societies, water has been primarily understood as a productive resource, evocatively illustrated by the notion of the pursuit of the 'hydraulic mission' in national development strategies. Since what some call 'reflexive modernity' came into existence, notably with emergence of environmental movements from the 1960s/70s, the conceptualisation and appreciation of water has broadened. Water consumption for domestic use has become a focus at least since the international drinking water decade of 1981-1990 and has brought with it a focus on social justice and the human right to water (and sanitation). More recently the water and development literature has begun to analyse the symbolic or performative use and meaning of water, beyond the more conventional focus on productive and consumptive uses and meanings. In the presentation this pluralisation of thinking on water will be illustrated with the example of the Sardar Sarovar Project in Gujarat, India and other global case examples.

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