

The POLIS Project on Ecological Governance and Department of Geography Present  
**A Coffee & Co-Creation Discussion Series Event**

## **Water Management in the Columbia Basin & Great Lakes: A preliminary analysis of treaty discourses**

**DATE:** Thursday, December 13th  
**TIME:** 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** C168, Sedgewick Building

Join us as **Geography PhD student Jennifer Mateer** discusses her preliminary findings on international approaches to water management in the Columbia Basin.

In addition to sustaining a variety of cultural, social, and economic activities, the Columbia Basin is the site of a transboundary agreement between Canada and the United States: the Columbia River Treaty. This treaty has governed the management of the Columbia River for flood control and hydroelectric generation since 1964. Over time, this governance system has experienced significant shifts.

Through a document analysis of historical records, Jennifer's research examines these changes. By comparing shifts in management techniques to those of the Great Lakes Basin, she has been able to illuminate commonalities and differences in governance.

This event will also serve as the informal launch of the new **Water, Innovation, and Global Governance Lab**, housed at the Centre for Global Studies. Learn more about this new collaborative initiative at the event!

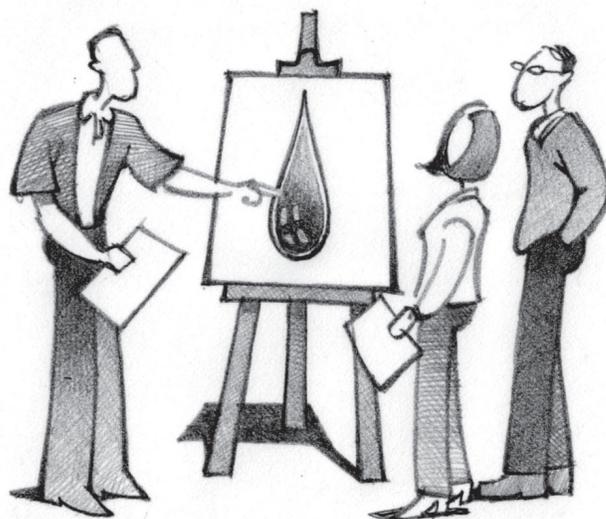


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### **ABOUT THE SERIES**

This discussion series creates a space where students or faculty researching water issues can support each other's ideas in a think-tank environment. One researcher presents on current research, and student and faculty colleagues contribute ideas and resources in a roundtable setting.