



“Poverty, Water and Development in the South”

International workshop organised by the Comparative Research Programme on Poverty (CROP), the Universidade Federal da Integração Latino-Americana (UNILA, Brazil), the Nile Basin Research Programme (NBRP/UiB) and the University of Bergen (UiB)

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Over the last decades, multilateral institutions, development agencies and states have promoted and strengthened a conventional view of the relationship(s) between poverty, water and development. The fight against poverty is usually undertaken by the mere provision of water to the poor in order to meet their nutritional, cleaning and sanitation needs. Such a restricted approach has proved to be inadequate in preventing the production and reproduction of poverty through generations.

Water allocation practices are becoming increasingly inequitable, inefficient and unsustainable. As water is perceived as a scarce natural asset, "More Value per Drop" has become the new credo for the commodification of a natural common good. As a result, water governance institutions are tacitly discriminating against poor households and communities that rely on values that go beyond market rules.

In order to contribute to a socially equitable and sustainable development, this conventional view of the water-poverty-development nexus needs to be scientifically challenged and superseded in the light of state of the art theoretical and empirical research. Furthering this paradigm shift, we invite scholars to contribute with multidisciplinary and critical papers on the relationship between water, poverty and development in the 21st century.

This workshop will focus on, but not be limited to, questions such as:

- How are water and development issues linked to anti-poverty policies and strategies? What are the conceptions of poverty underpinning pro-poor water policies? Are public investments promoting water justice?
- What are the processes and mechanisms that make water play a key role in the development of poor communities? How do water appropriation, management and use contribute to explaining and/or unveiling asymmetric power distribution, inequities and poverty?
- How are water-related conflicts and rights addressed at an institutional level, locally and/or nationally?
- Are energy-related infrastructure investments being designed and implemented without taking into account their impact on water resources and the needs-vulnerable sectors? Are current water policies actually promoting equitable and sustainable development?
- What is the achievement and relevance of local water policies with respect to the Millennium Development Goals and their successors (SDGs)?

The event will bring together a maximum of 20 participants across all scientific disciplines. This Call for Papers is open to potential participants throughout the world, although priority will be given to researchers based in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Asia. Selected participants will participate actively in lectures and discussions of all papers throughout the workshop. The workshop will be conducted in English/Spanish/Portuguese. After the workshop, participants should be available for paper improvement and editorial work.

Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses and medical insurance. Event support will cover room and board expenses during the event. A limited number of travel subsidies are available. For co-authored papers, only one author may apply for a grant.

Extended DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: 20 January 2015

The abstract must not exceed 500 words (one page) and must include: the title of the proposed lecture, a presentation of the subject, the central argument, the research question and/or hypothesis and the main bibliography. A CV no longer than one page must also be submitted, clearly indicating the applicant's name, title, nationality and contact information as well as a list of recent publications.

The **abstract** and **CV** must be sent by email to the following address: crop@uib.no. Any submission exceeding two pages will not be considered. The Academic Committee will notify accepted participants of their selection and provide guidelines for the format of the final paper, which must be submitted by **25 April, 2015**