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OVERVIEW

Lyla Mehta is a Professorial Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, UK and a Visiting Professor at Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences. She is a sociologist working on the politics of environment and development with a focus on water and food security, scarcity, uncertainty, rights, access, gender & intersectionality, climate change, sanitation, biodiversity, forced displacement, and infrastructure development. Research and field experience in southern and East Africa and South Asia. Consultancy work for the UN system, the World Commission on Dams and DFID/FCDO. Convenor of the water and sanitation domain, STEPS Centre (2007–2015). Board member, Mistra Urban Futures (2016–2019), Green House (2015–2022), LUCUS, Lund (2021–present). Member of the scientific committee of the Global Environment Change and Human Security Project, International Human Dimensions Project (2005–2010), Steering committee member of the Bretton Woods Project (2002–2011) and Director, Community-led Total Sanitation Foundation, Global (2015–2019). Editorial board, Water Alternatives and Editor, Environment and Planning E. Team leader of the UN High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) on Water and Food Security (2014–2015). Lead Author, IPBES Assessment on Transformative Change (2022–2024).

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1999 **Doctoral research, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK**
Thesis title: 'Contexts of Scarcity: The Political Ecology of Water in Kutch, India.'

1993 **'Magister rer. soc. oec' (Masters in Economic and Social Sciences), University of Vienna, Austria**
Distinction. (Sociology and subject combination in Development Studies)

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2014 – PRESENT **Professorial Fellow (Professor)**, Institute of Development Studies, UK

2009 – PRESENT **Visiting Professor, Noragric**, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Aas, Norway.

2021 – 2024 **Honorary Faculty**, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, India

2006 – 2007 **Guest Researcher**, Institute of International Environment and Development (Noragric), Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Aas, Norway

1998 – 2014 **Research Fellow**, Institute of Development Studies, UK.

1996 **Teaching**, School of African and Asian Studies, University of Sussex, UK

1995 – 1996 **Associate Researcher**, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK

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| 1995 – 1997 | Researcher , Department of Social Ecology, Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and Continuing Education, Vienna Research Project: 'Zur kulturellen Evolution der Beziehungen zwischen Gesellschaft und Natur.' (Cultural Evolution in the relationship between society and nature) |
| 1993 – 1994 | Consultant , United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), Unit for the Integration of Women in Industrial Development. |

SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2020 – 2024 | Principal Investigator , 'Towards Brown Gold? Reimagining off Grid Sanitation in Rapidly Urbanizing Areas in Asia and Africa', Funded by ESRC/GCRF, £1,779,007. |
| 2020 – 2024 | Co-Investigator , 'Anticipating Futures: Forecasting and Climate Preparedness for Co-located Hazards in India (Anticipate)', Funded by the British Academy, led by Shilpi Srivastava, £198,107. |
| 2020 – 2024 | Co-Investigator , Gastropak: Understanding and Preventing the Spread of Non-Viral Gastroenteritis in Pakistan. Funded by GCRF, led by Earlham Institute. |
| 2018 – 2022 | Project Leader , 'Transformation as Praxis: Exploring Socially Just and Transdisciplinary Pathways to Sustainability in Marginal Environments (TAPESTRY)', NORFACE and Belmont Forum Research Programme: Transformations to Sustainability, Approx. €1,000,000. |
| 2018 – 2022 | Co-Investigator , 'Well – being, Ecology, Gender and cOmmunity Innovative Training Network (WEGO – ITN)', Marie Curie, European Commission Horizon 2020. |
| 2015 – 2018 | Principal Investigator , 'Climate Change, Uncertainty and Transformation', Norwegian Research Council. (30% across Noragric and IDS). |
| 2014 – 2017 | Co-Investigator , 'Ethiopia Feeder Road Development for Inclusive Productive Employment'. Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research. |
| 2014 – 2017 | Co-Investigator , 'Nexus Network'. Funded by ESRC. |
| 2012 – 2014 | Co-Investigator , 'Roads for Water' (UPPGRO – ESRC, DFID and NERC). |
| 2012 – 2015 | Project Leader , 'Uncertainty and Climate Change from Below' (STEPS), Funded by ESRC. |
| 2012 – 2014 | Project Leader of the international consortium , 'Flows and Practices – The Politics of Integrated Water Resources Management in Africa'. Norwegian Research Council (Four country study). |
| 2011 – 2015 | Co-Investigator , 'A Global Solution to Protect Water by Transforming Waste' led by the University of Glasgow, Funded by EPSRC. |
| 2006 – 2010 | Project Leader , 'Going to Scale: The Potential of Community-led Total Sanitation'. Three country study, Funded by DFID. |
| 2008 – 2010 | Co-Convenor , 'Peri urban sustainability', ESRC funded STEPS project. |
| 2006 – 2015 | Domain Leader – water and sanitation domain, 'Social technical and ecological pathways to sustainability', ESRC – funded research centre at IDS and SPRU. |
| 2004 – 2006 | Co-Convenor of the theme on Rights and Forced Migration, DFID-funded DRC on Migration, Poverty and Development. |
| 2000 – 2005 | Researcher , Centre on Citizenship, Participation and Accountability. |
| 2003 – 2005 | Principal Investigator , 'Water, Science and Scarcity: Investigating the Solutions', Funded by ESRC. |
| 2000 – 2003 | Co-Investigator , 'Sustainable Livelihoods in Southern Africa: Institutions, Governance and Policy Processes', Funded by DFID with ODI, PLAAS, IDS and others. |
| 2000 – 2003 | Project Leader , 'Gender, Displacement and Resistance: Drawing Lessons from the Narmada Experience', Funded by ESCOR – DFID. |
| 2000 – 2003 | Co-Investigator , 'WTO and the Poor', With Rob Jenkins, University of London, Funded by DFID. |

SELECTED COMMISSIONED AND ADVISORY WORK

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| 2024 | Panel Member , FORMAS |
| 2023 | Panel member ESRC Open Centres Call |
| 2022 – 2024 | Lead Author , Intergovernmental Science – Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Report on Transformative Change. |
| 2021 | Board Member , LUCUS, Lund University. |
| 2020 | Member , Independent Review Committee, NORHED II. |
| 2020 | Consultant / part of writing team , Water Integrity Global Outlook (WIGO 2021) report of the Water Integrity Network. |
| 2020 | Member , SENSE doctoral school & research centres review panel, Netherlands |
| 2019 | Advisor , South Africa's Global Change Social Sciences Research Programme 2 (Coordinated by Global Change Institute, WITS). |
| 2017 | Contributor , Invisible Power and Water for the Swiss Development Cooperation Water Team Day, June |
| 2016 – 2019 | Board Member , Mistra Urban Futures. |
| 2014 – 2015 | Team Leader , Project Team writing the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) report on Water for Food Security. |
| 2014 | Co-Author , 'Conceptualizing Gender and Sustainability', conceptual chapter for the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development, UN Women, (with Melissa Leach). |
| 2011 | Evaluator , Wetlands Alliance. |
| 2006 | Author , 'Water and Human Development', Background paper for the Human Development Report |
| 2005 | Author , 'Rights, Risks and Responsibilities' approach to implementing stakeholder participation'. A scoping report commissioned by the former commissioners of the World Commission on Dams (WCD) (with Jeremy Bird and Larry Haas). |
| 1999 – 2000 | Consultant , World Commission on Dams (WCD) on the formulation of best practice around resettlement guidelines. Co-authored (with Bina Srinivasan) a paper titled 'Balancing Pains and Gains: A Perspective Paper on Gender and Dams' which was a key paper for the Thematic Review 1.1, The Social Impacts of Large Dams: Equity and Distributional Issues. |
| 1999 | Consultant , Environment Policy Department of DFID for the Gender Mainstreaming Exercise. |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2000 – PRESENT | Convenor, Institute of Development Studies, UK Various courses, such as Ideas in Development, Gender and the Environment Development Anthropology and Sociology. |
| 2020 – PRESENT | Convenor, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences Gender and Development Block Course |
| 1999 – 2023 | Doctoral examination (UK, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Australia, New Zealand, and more) |
| 2015 – 2017 | External Examiner, University College London, UK. |
| 2007 – 2011 | External Examiner University of Bradford, UK MA in International Development |
| 2010 | Acting Head of Graduate Programmes , Institute of Development Studies, UK. |
| 2007 | Visiting lecturer , Ochanomizu University, Tokyo, UK. |

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

Books

- 2022 (edited volume Mehta, L., Adam, H.N. and Srivastava, S.) **The Politics of Climate Change and Uncertainty in India**, Oxon: Routledge.
- 2020 (Mehta, L., Oweis, T., Ringler, C., Schreiner, B. and Varghese, S.) **Water for Food Security, Nutrition and Social Justice**, Oxon: Routledge.
- 2017 (edited volume Mehta, L., Derman, B. and Manzungu, E.) **Flows and practices. The politics of Integrated Water Resources Management in southern and eastern Africa**, Harare: Weaver Press.
- 2011 (edited volume) **The Limits to Scarcity: Contesting the Politics of Allocation**, New Delhi: Orient Blackswan (South Asian Edition).
- 2011 (edited volume Mehta, L. and Movik, S.) **Shit Matters: The Potential of Community – led Total Sanitation**, Rugby: Practical Action Publishing.
- 2010 (edited volume) **The Limits to Scarcity**, London: Earthscan.
- 2009 (edited volume) **Displaced by Development: Confronting Marginalisation and Gender Injustice**, New Delhi: Sage.
- 2008 (edited volume Grabska, K. and Mehta, L.) **Forced Displacement: Why Rights Matter**, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2005 **The Politics and Poetics of Water: Naturalising Scarcity in Western India**, New Delhi: Orient Longman.

Journal articles (unless indicated, single authored)

- 2025 (Oxley, N.; Bose, S.; Bhatt, M; Ohte, N.; Pankaj, J.; Movik, S. and Banai, M.) Co-production and transformative change: lessons and challenges', *Global Social Challenges Journal*: Early View DOI: 10.1332/27523349Y2025D000000048
- 2025 (Movik, S.; Damodaran, V.; Goenka, D.; Ohte, N. and Joshi, P.) 'Reframing socio-environmental relations in coastal Mumbai and Kutch, India', *Global Social Challenges Journal*: 1-24, DOI: 10.1332/27523349Y2025D000000045
- 2025 'The Challenges of Decolonising Sustainability and the Environment in Development Studies (DS)', *The European Journal of Development Research: Special Issue- The Future of Development Studies in EUDR*, DOI: 10.1057/s41287-025-00700-0
- 2025 (Naess, LO, Wangari, E, Nightingale, A and L.Mehta.) 'Climate Change and the Operation of Power: Intersectionality, dispossession, and knowledge politics in pastoral communities', *The Journal of Peasant Studies* (FJPS): 1-26, DOI: 10.1080/03066150.2025.2451288
- 2025 (Ramcilovik-Suominen, S., J. Giuntoli, T. Oliver and L. Mehta.). 'How can relational, decolonial and feminist approaches inform the EU Bioeconomy?', *Sustainability Science*, DOI: 10.1007/s11625-024-01613-3
- 2025 (Ohte, N., Yamamoto, K., Jha, R., Srivastava, S., Joshi, P., Bhanani, M., Chatterjee, R., Nasahara, K.N., Mehta, L.) 'Validation of Traditional Pastoralist Practices Based on Ecological Observations of a Camel Herding Community and Coastal Mangrove Forests of Kutch, Gujarat, India' *Community Science*4 (1), DOI: 10.1029/2024CSJ000095
- 2024 (Bhatkal, T, L, Mehta, and R Sumatra.) "Neglected second and third generation challenges of urban sanitation: A review of the marginality and exclusion dimensions of safely managed sanitation." *PLOS Water* 3.6 (2024): e0000252.

- 2022 (Mehta, L., Parthasarathy, D. Pickard, J. and Srivastava, S.) 'The Political Ecology of COVID-19 and Compounded Uncertainties in Marginal Environments', **Frontiers in Human Dynamics** 4, DOI: 10.3389/fhumd.2022.840942
- 2022 (Srivastava, S.; Mehta, L. and Naess, L.O). Increased Attention to Water is Key to Adaptation. *Nat. Clim. Chang.* DOI: 10.1038/s41558-022-01277-w
- 2022 (Srivastava, S., Bose, S., Parthasarathy, D. and Mehta, L.) 'Climate Justice for Whom? Understanding the Vernaculars of Climate Action and Justice in Marginal Environments of India', *IDS Bulletin* 53.4: 101–24, DOI: 10.19088/1968 – 2022.141
- 2021 (Mehta, L. and Harcourt, W.) 'Beyond limits and scarcity: Feminist and decolonial contributions to degrowth', **Political Geography** 89: 102411, DOI: 10.1016/j.polgeo.2021.102411
- 2021 (Mehta, L., Srivastava, S., Movik, S., Adam, H., D'Souza, R., Parthasarathy, D., Naess, L.O. and Ohte, N.) 'Transformation as Praxis: Responding to climate Change Uncertainties in Marginal Environments in South Asia', **Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability** 49: 110–117, DOI: 10.1016/j.cosust.2021.04.002
- 2021 (Srivastava, S. and Mehta, L.) 'The social life of mangroves: Neoliberal development and mangrove conservation in the changing landscape of Kutch.' *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* (2021), 25148486211045360.
- 2020 (Mekaya, E., Rohse, M., Day, R., Vigel, C., Mehta, L., McEwan, L., Rangecroft, S. and Van Loon, A.) 'Water Governance Challenges in Rural South Africa: Exploring Institutional Coordination in Drought Management', **Water Policy** 22.4: 519–540, DOI: 10.2166/wp.2020.234
- 2020 (Labanca, N., Pereira, A., Watson, M., Krieger, K., Padovan, D., Watts, L., Moezzi, M., Wallenborn, G., Wright, R., Laes, E., Fath, B., Ruzzenenti, F., De Moor, T., Bauwens, T. and Mehta, L.) 'Transforming Innovation for Decarbonisation? Insights from Combining Complex Systems and Social Practice Perspectives', **Energy Research and Social Science** 65: 101452, DOI: 10.1016/j.erss.2020.101452
- 2020 (Nightingale, A., Eriksen, S., Taylor, M., Forsyth, T., Pelling, M., Newsham, A., Boyd, E., Brown, K., Harvey, B., Jones, L., Bezner Kerr, R., Mehta, L., Naess, L.O., Ockwell, D., Scoones, I., et al.) 'Beyond Technical Fixes: Climate Solutions and the Great Derangement', **Climate Change and Development** 12.4: 343–352, DOI: 10.1080/17565529.2019.1624495
- 2019 (Mehta, L., Srivastava, S., Adam, H., et al.) 'Climate change from 'above' and 'below'. Perspectives from India', **Regional Environmental Change** 19: 1529–1532, DOI: 10.1007/s10113 – 019 – 01539 – y
- 2019 (Mehta, L., Adam, H.N. and Srivastava, S.) Unpacking uncertainty and climate change from 'above' & 'below'. *Reg Environ Change* 19, 1529–1532 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10113 – 019 – 01539 – y>
- 2019 (Mehta, L., Huff, A. and Allouche, J.) 'The New Politics and Geographies of Scarcity', **Geoforum** 101: 222–230, DOI: 10.1016/j.geoforum.2018.10.027
- 2019 (Mehta, L. and Srivastava, S.) 'Pastoralists without pasture: water scarcity, marketization and resource enclosures in Kutch, India', **Nomadic Peoples** 23.2: 195–217, DOI: 10.3197/np.2019.230203
- 2018 (Adam, H.N., Mehta, L. and Srivastava, S.) 'Uncertainty in climate science.' *Economic & Political Weekly* 53.31
- 2018 (Collard, R.-C., Harris, L.M., Heynen, N. and Mehta, L.) 'The Antinomies of Nature and Space', **Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space** 1,1 – 2: 3–24, DOI: 10.1177/2514848618777162
- 2018 (Karpouzoglou, T., Marshall, F. and Mehta, L.) 'Towards a peri – urban political ecology of water quality decline', **Land Use Policy** 70: 485–493, DOI: 10.1016/j.landusepol.2017.11.004
- 2017 (Bene, C., Cannon, T., Gupte, J., Mehta, L., McGranahan, G. and Tanner, T.) 'Resilience as a policy narrative: potentials and limits in the context of urban planning', **Climate and Development** 10.2: 116–133, DOI: 10.1080/17565529.2017.1301868
- 2016 'Why Invisible Power and Structural Violence Persist in the Water Domain', *IDS Bulletin* 47.5, DOI: 10.19088/1968 – 2016.165
- 2016 (Mehta, L., Movik, S., Bolding, A., Derman, B. and Manzungu, E.) 'Introduction to the Special Issue: Flows and practices – The politics of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in southern Africa', **Water Alternatives** 9.3: 389–411

- 2016 (Movik, S., Mehta, L. and Manzungu, E.) 'The flow of IWRM in SADC: The role of regional dynamics, advocacy networks and external actors', **Water Alternatives** 9.3: 434–455
- 2016 (Movik, S., Mehta, L. and van Koppen, B.) 'Emergence, interpretations and translations of IWRM [Integrated Water Resources Management] in South Africa', **Water Alternatives** 9.3: 456–472
- 2016 (Denby, K., Movik, S., Mehta, L. and van Koppen, B.) 'The 'trickle down' of IWRM: A case study of local – level realities in the Inkomati Water Management Area, South Africa', **Water Alternatives** 9.3: 473–492
- 2016 (van Eeden, A., Mehta, L. and van Koppen, B.) 'Whose waters? Large – scale agricultural development and water grabbing in the Wami – Ruwu River Basin, Tanzania', **Water Alternatives** 9.3: 608–626
- 2015 (Mehta, L. and Karpouzoglou, T.) 'Limits of policy and planning in peri – urban waterscapes: The case of Ghaziabad, Delhi, India', **Habitat International** 48: 159–168, DOI: 10.1016/j.habitatint.2015.03.008
- 2014 (Mehta, L. and Movik, S.) 'Liquid dynamics: challenges for sustainability in the water domain', **WIREs Water** 1: 369–384, DOI: 10.1002/wat2.1031
- 2014 (Loevinsohn, M. Mehta, L., *et al.*) 'The Cost of a Knowledge Silo: A Systematic Re – Review of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Interventions' **Health Policy and Planning** 30.5: 660–674, DOI: 10.1093/heapol/czu039
- 2014 'Water and Human Development', **World Development** 59: 59–69, DOI: 10.1016/j.worlddev.2013.12.018
- 2014 (Mehta, L., Alba, R., Bolding, A., Denby, K., Derman, B., Hove, T., Manzungu, E., Movik, S., Prabhakaran P. and van Koppen, B.) 'The Politics of IWRM in Southern Africa', **International Journal of Water Resources Development** 30.3: 528–542, DOI: 10.1080/07900627.2014.916200
- 2014 (Puertas, D.G.L., Woldearegay, K., Mehta, L., Beusekom, M., Agujetas, M. and von Steenberg, F.) 'Roads for Water: the unused potential', **Waterlines** 33.2: 120–138, DOI: 10.3362/1756 – 3488.2014.013
- 2014 (Mehta, L., Allouche, J., Nicol, A. and Walnycki, A.) 'Global Environmental Justice and the Right to Water: The case of Peri – Urban Cochabamba and Delhi', **Geoforum** 54: 158–166, DOI: 10.1016/j.geoforum.2013.05.014
- 2013 (Franco, J., Mehta, L. and Veldwisch, G.J.) 'The Global Politics of Water Grabbing', **Third World Quarterly** 34.9: 1651–1675, DOI: 10.1080/01436597.2013.843852
- 2012 (Mehta, L., Veldwisch, G. J. and Franco, J.) 'Water Grabbing? Focus on the (Re)appropriation of Finite Water Resources', **Water Alternatives** 5.2: 193–207
- 2011 (Mehta, L. and Napier-Moore, R.) 'Rewriting Citizenship in Displacement: Displaced People's Struggles for Rights', **Indian Journal of Human Development** 5.2, DOI: 10.1177/0973703020110206
- 2011 (Nicol, A., Mehta, L. and Allouche, J.) Editorial. 'Some for All rather than More for Some? Contested Politics and Pathways in Water and Sanitation since the 1990 New Delhi Statement', **IDS Bulletin** 43.2: 1–9, DOI: 10.1111/j.1759 – 5436.2012.00300.x
- 2011 (Allouche, J., Nicol, A. and Mehta, L.) 'Water Security: A Contested Concept', **Whitehead Journal of Diplomacy** 12.1: 153–171
- 2011 (Haddad, L., Hossain, N., McGregor, J.A. and Mehta, L.) Editorial. 'Time to Reimagine Development?', **IDS Bulletin** 42.5: 1–12, DOI: 10.1111/j.1759 – 5436.2011.00243.x
- 2011 'Experiences and Reimaginings of Development from a Kutchi Village', **IDS Bulletin** 42.5: 30–35, DOI: 10.1111/j.1759 – 5436.2011.00247.x
- 2008 'Over the Rainbow: The Politics of Researching Citizenship and Marginality', **Action Research** 6.2: 233–253, DOI: 10.1177/1476750307087054
- 2006 (Mehta, L., Haug, R. and Haddad, L.) 'Reinventing Development Research', **Forum for Development Studies** 33.1: 143–148, DOI: 10.1080/08039410.2006.9666339
- 2007 'Whose Scarcity? Whose Property? The Case of Water in Western India', **Land Policy** 24.4: 654–663, DOI: 10.1016/j.landusepol.2006.05.009

- 2005 (Mehta, L. and la Cour Madsen, B.) 'Is the WTO after your water? The General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and poor people's right to water', **Natural Resources Forum** 29.2: 154–164, DOI: 10.1111/j.1477 – 8947.2005.00124.x
- 2004 (Mehta, L. and la Cour Madsen, B.) 'The General Agreement on Trade and Services and Poor People's Right to Water', **IDS Bulletin** 35.1: 92–102, DOI: 10.1111/j.1759 – 5436.2004.tb00112.x
- 2003 'Contexts and Constructions of Water Scarcity', **Economic and Political Weekly** 38.48: 5066–5072
- 2001 'The Manufacture of Popular Perceptions of Scarcity in Gujarat, India. Dams and Water – Related Narratives in Gujarat, India', **World Development** 29.12: 2025–2041, DOI: 10.1016/S0305 – 750X(01)00087 – 0
- 2001 'Water, Difference and Power. Questioning Notions of Water users in Kutch, India', **International Journal for Water** 1.3 – 4: 324–342, DOI: 10.1504/IJW.2001.002070
- 2001 'The World Bank and its Growing Knowledge Empire', **Human Organization** 60.2: 189–197
- 2001 (Mehta, L., Leach, M. and Scoones, I.) 'Editorial: Environmental Governance in an Uncertain World', **IDS Bulletin** 32.4: 1–9, DOI: 10.1111/j.1759 – 5436.2001.mp32004001.x
- 2000 'Drought Diagnosis: Dryland Blindness of Planners', **Economic and Political Weekly** 35.27: 2439–2445
- 1999 'From Darkness to Light? Critical Reflections on the World Development Report 1998/99', **Journal of Development Studies** 36.1: 151–162, DOI: 10.1080/00220389908422616

Book chapters

- Forthcoming (Iyer, R. and L. Mehta) 'Ensuring rights to water and sanitation for all' in *Elgar Companion on Gender and the SDGs*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
- 2023 (Mehta, L.) 'Brown Gold? Reconciling existing practices and new innovations for shit re-use', in E. Emery (ed.), **The SOAS Shit Reader: Proceedings of the conference 'Medre Alors!' – An interdisciplinary conference on excrement, past, present, and future**, SOAS, University of London, 21-22 October 2023, London: Red Notes.
- 2023 'Climate justice for the religiously marginalized', in M. Tadros, P. Mader, and K. Cheesman. (eds.), **Poverty and Prejudice: Religious Inequality and the Struggle for Sustainable Development**, Bristol University Press.
- 2023 (Ringler, C., Agbonlahor, M., Baye, K., Barron, J., Hafeez, M., Lundqvist, J., Meenakshi, J.V., Mehta, L., Mekonnen, D., Rojas-Ortuste, F., Tankibayeva, A. and Uhlenbrook, S.) Water for Food Systems and Nutrition, in J. von Braun, K. Afsana, L.O. Fresco, M.H.A. Hassan. (eds.), **Science and Innovations for Food Systems Transformation**, Springer.
- 2022 (Srivastava, S., Mehta, L. and Adam, H.N.) 'Climate change and uncertainty: politics and perspectives', in L. Mehta, H.N. Adam and S. Srivastava. (eds.), **The Politics of Climate Change and Uncertainty in India**, Routledge.
- 2022 (Mehta, L., Adam, H.N., Bhatt, M.R., Movik, S., Naess, L.O. and Srivastava, S.) 'Uncertainty from 'above': diverse understandings, politics and implications', in L. Mehta, H.N. Adam and S. Srivastava. (eds.), **The Politics of Climate Change and Uncertainty in India**, Routledge.
- 2022 (Srivastava, S., Mehta, L., Naess, L.O., Bhatt, M.R. and Kumar, V.V.) 'Between the market and climate change: uncertainty and transformation in Kutch', in L. Mehta, H.N. Adam and S. Srivastava. (eds.), **The Politics of Climate Change and Uncertainty in India**, Routledge.
- 2022 (Adam, H.N., Movik, S., Parthasarathy, D., Narayanan, A.N.C. and Mehta, L.) 'Climate change and uncertainty in India's maximum city, Mumbai', in L. Mehta, H.N. Adam and S. Srivastava. (eds.), **The Politics of Climate Change and Uncertainty in India**, Routledge.
- 2022 (Movik, S., Bhatt, M.R., Mehta, L., Adam, H.N., Srivastava, S., Parthasarathy, D., Sjaastad, E., Bose, S., Ghosh, U. and Naess, L.O.) 'Bridging gaps in understandings of climate change and uncertainty', in L. Mehta, H.N. Adam and S. Srivastava. (eds.), **The Politics of Climate Change and Uncertainty in India**, Routledge.
- 2020 (Mehta, L. and Srivastava, S.) 'Uncertainty in Modelling Change: The Possibilities of Co – production through Knowledge Pluralism', in I. Scoones and A. Stirling (eds.), **The Politics of Uncertainty: Challenges of Transformation**, Routledge.

- 2019 (Mehta, L. and Langmeier, D.) 'The rights to water and food. Exploring the synergies', in F. Sultana and A. Loftuns (eds.), **Rights, Justice, and Governance in Water: New Ideas and Realities**, Routledge.
- 2019 (Huff, A. and Mehta, L.) 'Untangling Scarcity', in J. Brewer et al. (eds.), **Scales of Scarcity in the Modern World, 1800 – 2075**, Bloomsbury.
- 2018 'Taking the Scare out of Scarcity: The Case of Water', in M.C. Dawson et al. (eds.), **Global Resource Scarcity: Catalyst for Conflict or Cooperation?**, Routledge.
- 2017 (Van Koppen, B., Hellum, A., Mehta, L., Derman, B. and Schreiner, B.) 'Rights – Based Freshwater Governance for the Twenty – First Century: Beyond an Exclusionary Focus on Domestic Water Uses', in E. Karar (ed.), **Freshwater Governance for the 21st Century, Global Issues in Water Policy**, Springer.
- 2016 'Dianne Rocheleau: The Feminist Political Ecology Legacy and Beyond', in W. Harcourt (ed.), **The Palgrave Handbook of Gender and Development: Critical Engagements in Feminist Theory and Practice**, Palgrave Macmillan UK.
- 2016 (Leach, M., Mehta, L. and Prabhakaran, P.) 'Sustainable Development: A gendered pathways approach', in M. Leach (ed.), **Gender Equality and Sustainable Development**, Routledge.
- 2015 (Mehta, L. and Leach, M.) 'Why do gender equality and sustainability go hand in hand?', in Friends of the Earth, J. Hawley (ed.), **Why Women Will Save the Planet**, Zed books Ltd.
- 2015 'Community – Led total Sanitation and the Politics of Scaling Up', in E.S Norman, C. Cook, A. Cohen (eds.), **Negotiating water governance: why the politics of scale matter**, Surrey.
- 2013 'Water and Ill – being: Displaced People and Dam – based Development in India', in J. Wager (ed.), **The Social Life of Water**, Berghan Books.
- 2012 'A Perspective Paper on Gender and Dams', in S. Ahmed and M. Zwartveen (eds.), **Gender and Water Reader**, Sage.
- 2011 'Introduction', in L. Mehta (ed.), **The Limits to Scarcity: Contesting the Politics of Allocation**, New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan (South Asian Edition).
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- 2011 '[No Plot of One's Own: How Large Dams Reinforce Gender Inequalities](#)', **World Rivers Review** 26.1: 3.
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- 2009 'Liquid Dynamics: Rethinking Sustainability in Water and Sanitation', **IHDP Update 2**.
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| 2003 | (with Cockburn, K.) 'Tales of the Unexpected: Environmental Governance in an Uncertain Age', IDS Policy Briefing , 16 May. |
| 2003 | 'Activists Tapping into Water Row', The Guardian , 17 March |
| 2002 | 'Displaced by Development: Gender, Rights and Risks of Impoverishment', in 'Responding to Displacement: Balancing Needs and Rights', Insights 44.4, Brighton: id21. |

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| 2024 | Keynote speaker , Climate change, uncertainty and transformation., Conference on Gender and Climate change, Tata Institute of Social sciences, Mumbai, February 10.* |
| 2024 | Speaker and Panellist , Academia meets activism: a new water justice agenda Water Justice, University of Oxford, UK, 20 June* |
| 2024 | Speaker , 'Can water for food help peaceful outcomes?', Stockholm World Water Week: "Bridging borders: Water for a Peaceful and Sustainable Future", Stockholm, Sweden, August 25-29. * |
| 2023 | Keynote speaker , 'Transformation, decolonisation and co-production. Addressing complex challenges in sustainability research', SENSE Symposium "Science and Impact", VU, Amsterdam, November 15.* |
| 2023 | Panellist in Webinar , 'Can We Do Better? Climate Science and Colonialism', MCR Education Working Group series on Colonialism and Climate, October 5.* |
| 2023 | Panellist in Webinar , 'Whose Sustainability? – Unpacking decolonization in sustainability science', Future Earth's Pathways Initiative, September 27.* |
| 2023 | Keynote speaker , 'Consuming Asia – Systems and Structures of Consumption in Modern and Contemporary Asia,' 2023 Nordin NIAS Council / ASIANET Conference, University of Bergen, June 23.* |
| 2023 | Speaker , 'Transformation and the potential of co-production: Climate change, urbanization & public health in an uncertain world', Seminar of climate change, urbanisation and health researcher, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, June 1.* |
| 2023 | Panellist , 'Transformative Conversation 2: Justice based approaches to living and thriving with nature.', SSH Webinar, April 13*. |
| 2023 | Speaker , 'UN 2023 Water Conference Side Event Water and Nutrition: Harmonizing Actions between the Water and Nutrition Decade. What does it take?', IFPRI, Institute of Development Studies, and IATP, March 22. |
| 2023 | Speaker and Co-organizer , 'Revisiting the UN Water Conference: 46 years of learning and forgetting?', Institute of Development Studies, UK, March 14. |
| 2023 | Panellist , 'Public Seminar: Limits to Growth +50: Can economies keep growing indefinitely on a finite planet?', Litteraturhuset, Oslo, June 10*. |
| 2022 | Keynote Speaker , 'Beyond scarcity & control: Embracing uncertainty, care & plural ways of knowing & doing in water', Montpellier University, Montpellier, France, June 23.* |
| 2022 | Speaker , 'Water for life and food: synergies between SDGs 6 and 2 and human rights', Lecture Series Stockholm +50: Five Decades of Global Sustainability Governance (summer semester 2022), Freie Universität Berlin, May 23*. |
| 2022 | Panellist in webinar , 'Climate risk and uncertainty in India', International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) and World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) and the Hindu Kush Himalaya under ICIMOD's Himalayan University Consortium's (HUC), May 12.* |
| 2022 | Panellist in webinar , 'Addressing Risk, Uncertainty and Maladaptation to Climate Change', Miranda House, New Delhi International Webinar, April 26.* |

- 2022** **Co-Presenter**, with Mihir Bhatt, Upasona Ghosh, Mahmuda Akter, Adiba Kamal, Shibaji Bose and Saleemul Huq, “bridges’ to ‘flows’ – bringing together plural understandings of climate change and uncertainty’, virtual Gobeshona Conference, April.
- 2022** **Speaker**, ‘The Politics of Climate Change and Uncertainty in India’, Sussex Development Lecture, Institute of Development Studies, UK, March 31.
- 2022** **Panellist**, ‘Debate: Controversies about the interpretation of limits and scarcity – with Lyla Mehta, Erik Gómez-Baggethun and Giorgos Kallis’, European Society for Ecological Economics (ESEE), February 22.
- 2022** **Panellist in webinar**, ‘Decolonising How to develop sustainability science with a decolonising approach?’, Sustainability Frontiers Conference, co-hosted by LUCSUS and Stockholm Environment Institute, February 14.
- 2021** **Co-Presenter**, with Saleemul Huq, Sumaiya Binte, Upasona Ghosh, Mahmuda Akter, Pallab De, Sanjib Kumar Mondal, Mihir Bhatt, ‘Climate Change Uncertainty & Co-creating Transformative Adaptation Knowledge and Action in Sundarbans’, organized by the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) as part of the COP-26 Conference in Glasgow, UK, November 10.
- 2021** **Talk**, ‘Engaging with wider experiences of climate change, Lyla Mehta, Institute of Developing Studies.’, Video message given in the run-up to the COP-26 Conference, commissioned by UKRI, November 3.
- 2021** **Lecture (online)**, ‘Transformation as praxis in marginal environments: Reframing nature-society relations, knowledges and livelihoods’, lecture series ‘Imagining the Environment: Climate Change, Rivers and Political Ecology in India’, Riverine Rights, OsloMet University, Oslo, Norway, September 29.
- 2021** **Lecture (online)** with Tanvi Bhatkal, ‘Marginality & Infrastructure in off-grid settings’, ‘INFRA+: Infrastructure for Fragmented Cities’ webinar, organised by the University of Manchester, July 27.
- 2021** **Panellist on Roundtable**, ‘Sundarbans without Boundaries – Co-creating Transformative Knowledge and Action’, co-hosted by the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) and the TAPESTRY project, UK, July 26.
- 2021** **Co-Presenter** with Rohan D’Souza (online), ‘Rain and Concrete Can we Change the ‘Flooding Cities’ Narrative in Anthropocene South Asia’, ISAS-OUS Conference: The City and Environmental History in Colonial and Post-Colonial South Asia, July.
- 2021** **Talk**, ‘Transformations from Below: Wellbeing and Sustainability in Marginal Urban Spaces’, seminar series ‘Integrando el bienestar y la sustentabilidad en el espacio urbano. Investigación, medición y políticas’, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico, March 23.
- 2021** **Talk (online)**, ‘Taking the scare out of scarcity: Why ‘perfect storm’ narratives serve to keep the poor poor’, Universidade de Lisboa, February 26.
- 2021** **Panellist on Roundtable**, ‘Closing session’, virtual Gobeshona Conference, January 24.
- 2021** **Co-Presenter**, with Shababa Haque, Upasona Ghosh, Mahmuda Mity, Shibaji Bose, Annu Jalais, Amites Mukhopadhyay, Md Nadiruzzaman, Lars Otto Naess and chaired by Terry Cannon, ‘Sundarbans without Boundaries’, virtual Gobeshona Conference, January 18.
- 2021** **Co-Presenter**, with Ketaki Bhadgaonkar, Jai Bhadgaonkar, Hans Nicolai Adam, Ranit Chatterjee, Rohit Jha and Mihir Bhatt and chaired by Terry Cannon, ‘Transforming Environments from the Bottom-up - Examples from Marginal Environments in India’, virtual Gobeshona Conference, January 18.
- 2020** **Keynote Lecture**, ‘Water, Food Security and Social Justice’, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada, November.
- 2020** **Webinar Chair**, ‘Transformations in and beyond COVID-19 in India and Bangladesh’, hosted by TAPESTRY Team, July 16.
- 2020** **Presentation**, ‘The Politics of Climate Change, Uncertainty and Transformation in Marginal Environments’, Social Life of Climate Change Seminar Series, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, June 8.
- 2019** **Public Seminar** with Shilpi Srivastava and Lars Otto Naess, ‘Understanding Uncertainty and Climate Change’, University of Sussex, November 29.

- 2019** **Keynote**, 'Climate change, uncertainty and the city: Challenges and opportunities for transdisciplinary co-production and transformation', University of Sheffield, October 17.
- 2019** **Keynote**, The Political Ecology of climate change, uncertainty and transformation in marginal environments, Political Ecology in Asia conference, Bangkok, October 11.
- 2018** **Panellist**, 'Does water have a gender', Times of India Litfest, Mumbai, December.
- 2018** **Invited Speaker**, 'Energy Sustainability in the Current Transition to Renewables', JRC Ispra, March 20-21.
- 2018** **Invited Speaker**, Water in South Asia workshop, British Council/ University of Brighton, Istanbul, June.
- 2017** **Keynote Speaker**, Symposium of 'The Fate of the Earth: Water in the Climate-Food-Energy-Water Nexus.', University of Michigan, April 12 – 14.
- 2017** **Panellist**, Conference on 'Conservation Science and Sustainable Development' organised by ATREE, Bangalore, January 24 – 25.
- 2016** **Speaker**, Noragric 30 + 30. Vitenparken, Norwegian University of Life Sciences. Ås, December 15.
- 2016** **Speaker**, 'Political Ecology and Science & Technology Studies: uncertainty and climate change in India.', 'International conference on exploring the frontiers of political ecology'. Lausanne, Switzerland, October 11.
- 2016** **Keynote**, 'What's missing in debates of the water SDGs and water management policies', conference on 'Water security and the Sustainable Development Goals', organised by UCL Institute for Sustainable Resources, London, November 8 – 9.
- 2016** **Panellist**, IIED/ STEPS conference on the Politics of the SDGs in the LDCs, London, June 13.
- 2016** **Talk**, 'Uncertainty from above and below', Conference on 'Anthropology, Weather and Climate Change'. Royal Anthropology Institute, British Museum, London, May 27 – 29.
- 2016** **Talk**, 'Climate change and uncertainty from above and below', 'Climate change and Capitalism Inequality and Justice in an Overheated World. University of Oslo, April 25 – 27.
- 2016** **Co-Organiser and Speaker**, Workshop on 'Nexus, resource conflicts and social justice'. A Nexus Network workshop, Institute of Development Studies, Brighton, UK, February 29.
- 2016** **Organiser and Speaker**, 'Workshop - Climate Change and Uncertainty from Above and Below'. India International Centre, New Delhi, January 27 – 28.
- 2016** **Talk**, 'Unpacking inequalities in addressing rights to WASH', India WASH Summit. India International Centre, New Delhi, January 27 – 28.
- 2015** **Talk**, 'Liquid Dynamics: Sustainability in the water domain', Development Studies Association Ireland Annual Conference, Dublin, November 18 – 20.
- 2015** **Talk**, 'Flows and Practices: The politics of IWRM in Southern Africa', Wat-Indaba. IWRM Flows and Practices in Southern Africa Conference, Pretoria, September 21.
- 2015** **Talk**, 'The Politics of Integrated Water Resources Management in eastern and southern Africa', Water Research Commission Research Development and Innovation Symposium and Water-Tech Summit 2015, Johannesburg, September 17.
- 2015** **Co-Organiser and Speaker**, 'The new politics of scarcity: A review of political positionings, current trends and their socio-economic implications', STEPS centre conference on Resource Politics: transforming pathways to sustainability. Institute of Development Studies, UK, September 7 – 9.
- 2015** **Talk**, 'Uncertainty from above and below.', Asia and Environment, University of Sussex, May 15.
- 2015** **Talk**, 'Water for food security and nutrition', 'Water, Food and Energy Nexus' meeting sponsored by BIS (UK) and DST (India) Anna University, Chennai, March 1 – 5.
- 2014** **Talk**, 'Lenses to see scarcity', 'Coping with Scarcity: Energy Shortages, Food Crises, Drought and Critical Materials in the Modern World (c. 1800 to the present)', Caltech, November 14 – 15.
- 2014** **Organiser and Speaker**, Special Session: 'The socio-economic aspects of IWRM in southern Africa' at 15th WaterNet/ WARFSA/ GWP-SA Symposium, Lilongwe, Malawi, October 29 – 31.

- 2014** **Talk**, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Department of Urban and Rural Development, September 23.
- 2014** **Speaker**, 'Environmental justice in the periphery? Rethinking citizenship and rights in charged peri urban spaces', 'Thinking Across Boundaries: Re-Imagining Planning in the Urban Global South'. Conference organised by Development Planning Unit (DPU), University College London, July 2 – 4.
- 2014** **Keynote**, Conference 'Global Resource Scarcity Catalyst for conflict or Collaboration?', St. Margaret's College Dunedin New Zealand, June 27 – 29.
- 2014** **Speaker**, 'De-naturalising scarcity: the case of water, science, technology and politics', ASET Colloquium, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, February 7.
- 2013** **Speaker**, RCUK India 5th Anniversary Roundtables, New Delhi, November 11 – 15.
- 2013** **Organiser and Speaker**, Special Session: 'The politics of Integrated Water Management in southern Africa' at 14th WaterNet/ WARFSA/ GWP-SA Symposium, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, October 30 – November 1.
- 2013** **Keynote**, 'Why democratic politics have not delivered for the poor', Water Resources Commission, South Africa, July 16.
- 2013** **Speaker**, 'CLTS and the right to sanitation', Realising the Right to Sanitation – International and Comparative Perspectives, SOAS, May 2 – 3.
- 2013** **Panellist**, Ensuring Rights to Water and Sanitation for Women and Girls, Panel at UN on Challenges and Achievements of the MDGs for Women and Girls, Commission on the Status of Women, 57th Session, New York, March 6.
- 2013** **Panellist**, 'More than a Pipedream. Universal Access to Water and Sanitation', House of Commons, Westminster, London, March.
- 2013** **Speaker**, 'Peri-urban waterscapes in Ghaziabad, India', Water and Waste Conference, Rutgers University, February.
- 2012** **Co-Organiser and Speaker**, STEPS Centre / SOAS colloquium 'Not another nexus? Critical thinking on the 'new security convergence' in energy, food, climate and water', October 27.
- 2012** **Speaker**, Presentation of Water Grabbing, ISS the Hague, Agrarian Studies Colloquium, June.
- 2012** **Speaker**, 'Offtrack onside? Why the realizing the water and sanitation MDGs may be possible but what difference will they make?', Green College Lecture, University of British Columbia, March.
- 2012** **Speaker**, Waterscapes and the ghost of the scarcity postulate, London Water Seminar Series, March.
- 2011** **Keynote**, 'The right to water. Struggles and future challenges', European Science Foundation Conference in Partnership with LFUI Water Governance: Meeting the Challenges of Global Change, Austria, June 5 – 10.
- 2011** **Talk**, with Iain Boal, Concepts of Scarcity, Scarcity Exchanges Lecture series, University of Westminster, London, June.
- 2011** **Panellist and Discussant**, 'Managing for results: from evidence to impact in water, sanitation and hygiene', Sixth Annual Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Forum, Overseas Development Institute, London, April 7.
- 2011** **Organiser**, 'The overall setting, challenges and understandings' in 'Liquid Dynamics II: Some for all? Pathways and Politics in Water and Sanitation since New Delhi, 1990', STEPS Centre Water and Sanitation Symposium, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University, March 22-23.
- 2010** **Speaker**, 'The politics of water: why are the rights to water and sanitation so important?', seminar 'Rights and Wrongs: the fight for the right to water and sanitation', Blue October, Oslo, 2010.
- 2010** **Speaker**, Liquid Dynamics II, Linking Supply with Quality, Stockholm World Water Week, August.
- 2010** **Speaker**, 'Perspectives on Water Justice', Global Environmental Justice at the University of East Anglia, July 2 – 3.
- 2010** **Speaker**, 'Waterscapes in Peri Urban Delhi: The Case of Ghaziabad', conference on 'Waterscapes, labour and uncertainty, London School of Economics, June 25 – 26.

- 2010** **Speaker**, 'Innovations for Social Organisation for Village Sanitation, Beyond Scaling up. Pathways to universal access', Future Health Systems Conference, Institute of Development Studies, May 23 – 24.
- 2009** **Presentation of Paper**, The Anthropology of Water Scarcity, session 'The Anthropology of Water', 108th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropology Association, Philadelphia, December.
- 2009** **Panellist**, Greenprint Conference, Water the Basics of Life, Hay Festival, Hay-on-Wye, May 21.
- 2009** **Panellist**, 'Great Stink. Understanding the Sanitation Crisis', Dangerous Ideas Seminar, Westminster, London, March 25.
- 2008** **Lead Organiser and Speaker**, 'Shit Matters: The potential of Community led total sanitation', Community-led Total Sanitation Final Conference at Institute of Development Studies, Brighton, December 16-18.
- 2008** **Keynote**, 'Waterscapes Access and the ghost of the scarcity postulate', symposium 'Vom Umgang mit den Ressourcen', Austrian Academy of Sciences, December 9.
- 2007** **Speaker**, Water and Human Development, Oxford Water Centre for Water Research, November 21.
- 2007** **Speaker**, 'What does Community-led Total Sanitation really mean? Experiences in rural community processes', WaterAid Sanitation Conference, London, October 23 – 26.
- 2007** **Speaker**, 'Water, Environment and Society', ESRC/ NERC seminar series, Sheffield University, July 4 – 5.
- 2007** **Speaker**, 'Rethinking Scarcity: Unpacking the Global Water Crisis', 'Dangerous Ideas in Development, seminar series, Portcullis House, Westminster, February 27.
- 2007** **Speaker**, Gender, displacement and resettlement. Examples from India, Ochanamizu University, Tokyo, February 20.
- 2007** **Speaker**, 'Water, Power, Poverty - How clean water and sanitation will cut poverty in half by 2015', Seminar organised by The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Swedish Water House (SWH) at the Stockholm International Water Institute at the Stockholm City Conference Centre/Norra Latin, February 2.
- 2006** **Speaker**, launch and presentation of the Human Development Report 2006, Beyond Scarcity: Power, Poverty and the Global Water Crisis, organised by Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM), University of Oslo and The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Nordic Office, at the University of Oslo, November 9.
- 2006** **Panellist**, 'Whose needs are rights', panel at International Association for Studies on Forced Migration, York University, June 18.
- 2006** **Speaker**, 'Understanding the Global Water Crisis, Insights from the GECHS Network', Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC, May 24
- 2006** **Speaker**, 'Reinventing Development', Round table for IDS 40, Noragric, Aas, Norway, April 21.
- 2006** **Speaker**, 'The Social Construction of the Environment', Public Lecture, Centre for Development Research (ZEF), Bonn, January 25.
- 2005** **Speaker**, 'Water and human rights', European Association of Development Institutes General Conference, Bonn, September 21 – 24.
- 2005** **Speaker**, 'The Scare, Politicisation and Naturalisation of Scarcity', The Politics of Necessity, workshop organised by the ESRC cultures of consumption conference, September.
- 2005** **Keynote speaker**, 'Landscapes, Access and the Ghost of the Scarcity Postulate', NFU conference on 'Transforming Landscape of Poverty – Resources, Rights and Conflicts' organised by NFU, June 20 – 21.
- 2005** **Organiser and Convenor**, 'Scarcity and the Politics of Allocation', International conference funded by the ESRC Science in Society programme, June 6.
- 2005** **Panel Speaker**, 'Realising the Right to Water in South Africa', Rights in Action Seminar Series, Overseas Development Institute, March 22.
- 2004** **Speaker**, L 20 meeting, Alexandria, Egypt, December 6.
- 2004** **Speaker**, 'Scarcity and Property Rights', Property Rights to Land and Resources: Institutions, Politics and Culture, Aas, Norway, NORAGRIC, June 10 – 11.

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| 2004 | Discussant , 'Political Struggles around Water', podium discussion at the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs organised by the UNDP and the Carnegie Council, February 10. |
| 2003 | Speaker , 'Is the WTO after your water?', Science and Democracy Network, Harvard University, June 30 – July 2. |
| 2003 | Faculty Member , Social Science Research Council's Conference and Fellow's Workshop on Resources, Contestations and Constructions, Kathmandu, January 3 – 11. |
| 2002 | Faculty Member and Speaker , Salzburg Seminar on the Politics of Water, October 15 – 22. |
| 2002 | Organiser , 'Mobilising for Gender Justice', Engendering Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policies in India, hosted by IDS and ActionAid India, New Delhi, September 12 – 13. |
| 2001 | Speaker , 'Theoretical Challenges to Community-Based Resource Management', workshop on the Amazon Community-Based Resources Management Initiative (ACRI), hosted by Instituto del Bien Comun, Lima, Peru, April 22. |
| 2001 | Speaker , 'Changing Water Worlds: Official and Displaced People's Perceptions of the Water/Well-being Nexus in Gujarat', The Cultural Politics of Water, hosted by the Department of Sociology, University of Delhi, March 2 – 3. |
| 2000 | Speaker , 'Water Scarcity and Gender', Poverty, Gender and Water in South Asia, hosted by the International Water Management Institute with the Gujarat Institute of Development Research and the Ford Foundation, Ahmedabad, India, August 10 – 11. |
| 2000 | Speaker , 'Rethinking Key Assumptions in Natural Resources Management: Drawing Lessons from the Case of Water', Constituting the Commons: Crafting Sustainable Commons in the New Millennium, hosted by the International Association for the Study of Common Property, Indiana, USA, May 31 – June 4. |
| 2000 | Panellist , Poverty and Water Policy: Squaring up to the Challenge at The Hague, hosted by ODI and SOAS, London, March 14. |
| 2000 | Speaker , 'Institutions and Uncertainty', Environment and Development Affinity Group Conference hosted by the Ford Foundation in Cebu, Philippines, February 15. |

Numerous academic seminars at LSE, SOAS, QEH, Oxford, Linköping (Sweden), Oslo, Noragric, Vienna, Overseas Development Institute, Middlesex, Norwich, and Sussex Universities.

DOCTORAL SUPERVISION

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| Ongoing | Lin, R. 'Solastalgia and Transfiguration: emotional and adaptive responses of the Monpa transhumant pastoralists to climate and environmental change of the Himalayan Borderland in Western Arunachal Pradesh, India'. 50% co supervision with Lars Otto |
| Ongoing | AlSultan, M. J. M. S. 'The meanings of environmental citizenship in a hypermodern built 'environment' in the context of heat extremes: The case of Qatar'. Co-supervision with Lars Otto |
| 2024 | Wangari, E. 'Intersectional subjectivities, embodied experiences, and everyday responses among the Maasai pastoralists amidst environmental changes: Insights from the Mara in Kenya'. 50% supervision with Lars Otto Naess. EU funded. |
| 2022 | Pickard, J. 'Mutability, Mobility, Worlding: Appropriate infrastructure and urban sociotechnical change in Ahmedabad, Gujarat'. 50% supervision with Andy Stirling, SPRU. ESRC/ STEPS. |
| 2021 | Al-Aghbari, A. 'From Abundance to Scarcity: Exploring Narratives and Locked-in Institutions around Desalination in Bahrain'. 50% supervision with Jeremy Allouche. Islamic Bank funded. |
| 2017 | Lofti, R. 'Water Security Mercantilism? Transnational State-Capital Alliances & Multi-level Hydropolitics of Land-Water Investments in Egypt and the Nile Basin'. 50% supervision with Jeremy Allouche. self-funded. |
| 2015 | Srivastava, S. 'Rules over Regulation. The making of water reforms and regulatory cultures in Maharashtra, India'. 50% supervision with Jeremy Allouche. Chevening. |
| 2013 | Welle, K. 'Monitoring Performance or Performing Monitoring? The Case of Rural Water Access in Ethiopia'. 50% supervision with Andy Stirling. ESRC/STEPS. |

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| 2013 | Walnycki, A. 'Rights on the Edge: the right to water and the peri-urban drinking water committees of Cochabamba'. 50% supervision with Fiona Marshall. ESRC STEPS. |
| 2012 | Arjimos, T. 'Negotiating citizenship through communal water management in highland Ecuador'. 50% supervision with John Thompson. self-funded. |
| 2011 | Karpouzoglou, T. 'Our power rests with numbers'. 50% supervision with Fiona Marshall. ESRC/STEPS. |
| 2011 | Kgomotso, P. 'Global Environmental Agreements and Local Livelihoods'. 50% supervision with John Thompson. Commonwealth. |
| 2011 | Demenge, J. 'The political ecology of road construction in Ladakh'. 80% supervision with Fiona Wilson. self-funded. |
| 2010 | Grabska, K. 'In-Flux: (Re)egotiations of Gender, Identity and "Home" in Post-War Southern Sudan'. 50% supervision with Anne Whitehead. self funded. Passed |
| 2008 | Movik, S. 'Fluid Rights: South Africa's Water Allocation Reform'. sole supervision. Norwegian Research Council. |
| 2006 | Yong, C. 'Dam-Based Development in Malaysia: The Temenggor and Sungai Selangor Dams and the Resettlement of the Orang Asli'. 70% supervision with Melissa Leach. Chevening. |

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

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| 2017 – PRESENT | Editor , Environment and Planning E (Nature and Space). |
| 2016 – 2020 | Advisory Board , Mistra Urban Futures. |
| 2015 – 2022 | Advisory Member , Green House Think Tank. |
| 2015 – 2019 | Director , Community-led Total Sanitation Foundation, Global. |
| 2013 | Editorial Board , Water WIRES. |
| 2007 | Editorial Board , Water Alternatives. |
| 2006 – 2013 | Editorial Board , Conservation and Society. |
| 2006 | Member , Fellowship Review and Promotion Board, IDS. |
| 2005 – 2011 | Scientific steering committee , Global Environment Change and Human Security Project, International Human Dimensions Programme. |
| 2004 – 2011 | Steering Committee Member , Bretton Woods Project. |
| 2002 – 2003 | Team leader , Environment Team. |
| 2000 | Lead drafter , background paper of the NGO major group on Strategies for Sustainable and Equitable Management of Water Resources, Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue, International Conference on Freshwater, Bonn. |
| 1998 – 2000 | Involved in UK Working Group on Dams, a group of NGOs providing inputs into the World Commission on Dams Process. |
| 1990 – 1994 | Active involvement in Austrian NGOs such as Friends of the Earth, Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and Praxis and the NGO coalition working on the 50 Years in Enough Campaign on the World Bank. |
| 1991 | Involvement in the activities of the Narmada Bachao Andolan (Save the Narmada Movement), India. |
| 1989 | Occasional journalistic writing in the Indian, Austrian and British media. |