

The Human Right to Water, Grabbing of Water and Protection of Rivers

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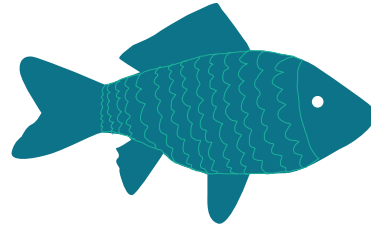


Invitation

The sustainable use and equitable distribution of water is one of the most urgent problems of our time. For billions of people, the right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation is still an unfulfilled human right. At the same time, scarce freshwater resources and their associated ecosystems are being overexploited, polluted and damaged all over the world.

More than ever, whether water will still be sufficiently available and drinkable in the future, and who will have access to it, depends on political decisions around water use. However, the influential forums of international water policy are dominated by multinational water corporations and their lobby groups. Instead of human rights-based approaches and distribution issues, technological and market-based solutions are at the center of the debates.

Since 2003, the Alternative World Water Forums have been established as exchange platforms for civil society discussions and responses on the human right to water and sanitation and are organized parallel to the World Water Forums. We will discuss the human rights-based focus of the Alternative World Water Forum and the state of preparations with international partners. In addition, the focus will be on the political responsibility of Germany and the German government in the extraction of raw materials and their impact on water resources.



Other contributors will present the global threat to our river ecosystems from dam projects for hydropower, using examples from South America. Together with Dam Removal Europe we talk about possible engagement in river protection with respect to the World Fish Migration Day.

Water grabbing is also taking place on our doorstep. The planned location of Tesla production in the immediate surrounding of Berlin raises fundamental questions about water availability and drinking water security, which we will discuss with the Water Table Berlin-Brandenburg.

We cordially invite you and your colleagues to attend the seminar. Details on the program and registration can be found below.



Program overview

Part 1

The Human Right to Water – Reports on the Alternative World Water Forum and on Mining

Contributions from the Senegalese Social Forum, European Water Movement (tbc.) and from FIAN

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Part 2

How dams destroy rivers and habitats

Contributions from GegenStrömung, Kolko (tbc.) and World Fish Migration Foundation/Dam Removal Europe

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Part 3

Tesla in Berlin - danger for drinking water?

Contribution from Berliner Wassertisch

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Each with discussion on Germany's role in protecting access to water here and worldwide

Moderation:

Michael Bender (Living Rivers Foundation) und Leonie Hilmers (Allianz der öffentlichen Wasserwirtschaft e.V.)

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Registration

You can register for the event [here](#).

This event will be held in English using the Zoom conference tool. French translation will be partly available.

Please note: Registration closes two days before the event. The seminar will be recorded and made available online as a video. With your registration you agree to the recording and making available of the seminar.

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