

Brace Centre / IWRM Program Talk

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Water Conservation and Soft Path Planning

Transboundary water agreements are usually conceived as allocation agreements in which water is treated as if it were a pie to be divided among the riparian states. This approach fails to recognize that water moves along, across and under political boundaries, and that it can be used over and over between its start as precipitation and the time it finally reaches the sea. The FoEME Proposal provides a new approach for sharing water, relying upon ongoing monitoring and mediation to achieve equitable and sustainable use.

Joint water management is particularly difficult for Israelis and Palestinians because of the many years of conflict between them, and because their rates and patterns of economic development have been so different. Nevertheless, history around the world has shown that joint management of shared water creates its own positive dynamic that leads to further cooperation in a peace process. The FoEME Proposal shows why and how an agreement on water can be reached now, before resolving the full range of issues required in a Final Status Agreement between Israel and Palestine.

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McGill MacDonald Campus, Raymond Building, room R2-046

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