



**6th Interdisciplinary Colloquium
Webinar via Webex to be held on
Tuesday 18 May 2021 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM GMT+2**

PROGRAMME

WATER ETHICS: WHAT DOES IT MEAN IN PRACTICE?

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SYNOPSIS

For its 6th Colloquium, the **Association Workshop for Water Ethics (W4W)**¹ remains true to its ethical and interdisciplinary approach. It shall explore what **water ethics** means in practice, based on practical examples from the fields.

The Association W4W is an apolitical civic-minded interdisciplinary platform that has the following goals:

- Conceptualize and explain the ethical dimension of fair and sustainable water management in a globalized world.
- Contribute original thought likely to foster an environment conducive to the implementation of international development commitments.

The proceedings of past colloquia are available in English and French at:

https://www.globethics.net/documents/4289936/13403256/GE_Texts_6_isbn9782889313129.pdf

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¹ Its Members : Annie Balet, Evelyne Fiechter-Widemann, Benoît Girardin, Laurence-Isaline Stahl Gretsche, Christoph Stucki, Gary Vachicouras, Renaud de Watteville

- 2:00pm **Welcoming Remarks** : Dr. Laurence-Isaline Stahl Gretsche
Facilitator presentation: Dr. Benoît Girardin, former Swiss Ambassador
- 2:05pm **Introduction** :
Dr. Evelyne Fiechter-Widemann:
"Water Advocacy"
- 2:10pm **Part I: 2021 and its Water Challenges**
1. **Political and Legal Perspectives** :
Dr. Cecilia Tortajada: "Government as an important player of the advocacy of water"
 2. **Economical Perspective** :
Prof. Dr. Asit K. Biswas: "Public participation in water management: Chinese experiences"
 3. **Ethical Perspective** :
Dr. Benoît Girardin: "Ethics, economics, ecology joined to each other: the case of Nestlé-Waters managing along with local farmers a spring in Henniez (Switzerland)"
 4. **Legal Perspective** :
Prof. Dr. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes: "The contribution of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to access to water"
- 3:10pm **Part II: Q&A and debate among speakers**
- 3:30pm **End of colloquium**

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION

LAURENCE-ISALINE STAHL GRETSCH



After studying at the University of Geneva, Laurence-Isaline Stahl Gretschi spent fifteen years as an archeologist specializing in prehistory, both in the Jura Canton (for construction related to the Trans-Jura freeway) and at the University of Geneva. Following the defense of her dissertation in sciences, she joined Geneva's History of Science Museum, which she has headed for fifteen years. In 2009 the museum staged an exhibit on hydropower in Geneva. Since 2011, the Museum had hosted all congresses on water ethics.

EVELYNE FIECHTER-WIDEMANN



Evelyne Fiechter-Widemann is a hon. member of the Geneva Bar and holds a MCJ from New York University. After obtaining a doctorate in theology at the University of Geneva in 2015, she is pursuing her research on global ethics of water in Singapore. She taught Swiss and international public law at the Collège de Genève. She was a Board member of the Swiss Protestant Church Aid (EPER) as well as of the Geneva International Museum of the Reformation.

SPEAKERS

DR CECILIA TORTAJADA



Professor in practice, School of Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Glasgow and Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Water Policy, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. Former president of the International Water Resources Association, and Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Water Resources Development. Over 25 years of experience on water, environment and natural resources management, agricultural development and capacity building in the overall context of development. Working at present on impacts of global changes on water resources, environment, food and societies.

PROF ASIT K. BISWAS



Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Glasgow, UK; Chairman, Water Management International, Singapore; and Chief Executive, Third World Centre for Water Management, Mexico.

Prof Asit K. Biswas is universally acknowledged as one of the world's leading authorities on water, environment and development-related issues. He has a very distinguished career as an academic; senior public official in Canada; advisor and confidant to Presidents, Prime Ministers and Ministers in 19 countries, six Heads of United Nations Agencies, two Secretary-Generals of OECD, several Heads of bilateral aid agencies, and four CEOs or Chairmen of MNCs in Fortune 500 list.

BENOÎT GIRARDIN



Benoît Girardin is lecturing on ethics and international politics at the Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations, a university institute. He has extensive international experience, having been responsible for the Swiss development cooperation programs in Cameroon, Pakistan, and Romania, then later for evaluation, finally serving as Swiss Ambassador to Madagascar. Once retired, he was invited to lead from 2011 to 2015 a private academic institution in Rwanda. Initially, he earned a doctorate in theology from the University of Geneva in 1977.

PROF. LAURENCE BOISSON DE CHAZOURNES



Laurence Boisson De Chazournes is a professor at the University of Geneva's Law Faculty. As senior advisor to the World Bank's legal department (1995-99), she collaborates with various other international organizations. She is an expert in international law, dispute settlement (ICJ, WTO and investments) as well as environmental law. She is the author of numerous publications related in particular to international environmental law and water protection and management.

