

Joint Israeli-Canadian Workshop
Governing Water in the Face of Uncertainty
May 14-16, 2012

The Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies, Room 4707 Social Sciences Building,
Mount Scopus Campus, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

Workshop Programme

What are the sources of uncertainty, and what are their implications for sustainability?

1600-1700 Monday, Session 1

Kay (University of Waterloo): Data, efficiency and conservation, and resilience—sources of uncertainty in the Canadian scene

Morin (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): Meteorological and climatological sources of uncertainty

1715-1900 Monday, Session 2

Brandes (POLIS): Water governance reform in Canada's west—an addition to uncertainty?

Katz (University of Haifa): Awareness raising campaigns as a response to market-mechanism policy uncertainties

How do we now cope with or manage uncertainty?

0930-1100 Tuesday, Session 3

Brooks (POLIS): Water soft paths—what have we learned, what do we need to learn

Feitelson (Hebrew University) Implications of climate change for Israeli-Palestinian water agreements

1130-1300 Tuesday., Session 4

Brandes (POLIS): Rescaling of decision making for watershed governance, and the potential of the public trust as a tool for reform

Fischhendler (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): Impact of uncertainty on cooperation and conflict in transboundary water management

Kliot (Haifa University) title to come

1300-1400- lunch

What modifications to current regimes, or what new paradigms, might be promising to improve how we manage uncertainty?

1400-1500 Tuesday p.m., Session 5

Shrubsole (University of Western Ontario): Thoughts on some water paradigms in the face of uncertainty

Lipchin (Arava Institute) How certain is Israel's desalination policy? Environmental, economic and political perspectives.

1530-1700 Tuesday, Session 6

McClenaghan (Canadian Environmental Law Association): Developing water management and governance initiatives in a complex environment—practical considerations derived from Ontario's experience

Lucas (executive director of the Southern Ontario Water Consortium): Policy development across silos: engaging multiple ministries & diverse stakeholders in water policy – two examples from Ontario

Tubi, (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)title to come.....

How do we address social feasibility?

0930-1300 Wednesday a.m., Session 7

Sorek (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev): Decision support system for sustainable integrated management of water resources: A conceptual model

Cohen-Blankshtain & Fischhendler (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): Marketing mega projects in the face of uncertainties

Cook (University of British Columbia): Approaching water security from a risk governance perspective

Feitelson (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): A policy packaging approach to water management

Linton (Université Paul Valéry, Montpellier): Alternative dispute resolution as an effective process in the face of uncertainty, cultural pluralism, and need for socio-ecological sustainability

1300-1400 lunch

Wednesday p.m., Session 8

Synthesis of shared issues; articulation of priorities for research and interventions

Open discussion with summary by Kay and Feitelson