



In the context of PROJECT

Protection of the environment and cultural heritage  
in Mesopotamia - Tigris & Euphrates: the lifeblood of Iraq

Special Seminars

Environmental sustainability: water in international law

Sustainable use of water resources in the Middle East - the example of the Euphrates and Tigris  
Director and Speaker: Prof. Kirk Junker, the participation of international scientists

The world population is growing rapidly and the global water supplies are shrinking even more rapidly. Supplying sufficient quantities for everyday needs (drinking water, industrial and Agricultural purposes) and for natural ecosystems needs can no longer be guaranteed. Billions of people lack access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation, a fact that comes along with devastating consequences for health millions around the world. Some parts of the earth are less affected than others and in the Middle Eastern Countries; water has become a matter of national interest. With the example of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, but also from other regions of the world the goal of this Seminar is to make a clear presentation of the transboundary water issue and to propose a set of solutions that could be applicable across different regions. The seminar therefore takes a comparative and an Interdisciplinary approach and will bring together experts from politics, economy, science and law, but also from civil.

The Program: Location: University of Cologne

Friday, 2/12/2011: The Water Resources

Seminar Venue: Seminarraum S21-Seminargebäude; Universitätsstraße 35, 50931 Köln

- 15:00 Music from Mesopotamia - AUD – Latief AL-Dabou Introductory Word - Presentation of the project. (Prof..Junker & Dr.AL-Gaboori)
- 15:40 Legal bases of water distribution between Iraq and its neighbours (CAP, Ramsar Agreement) (Dr.Hassan Al-Janabi, Iraqi Ambassador to FAO Rome)
- 16:30 Discussion
- 16:45 Break
- 17:00 Interstate distribution of water resources, definition of International Rivers (Prof.Junker)
- 17:45 Break
- 17:55 Discussion
- 18:15 The Global water resources, water scarcity and its causes, (Dr. Rechkemmer)
- 19:00 Discussion
- 19:45 to 20:00 Concluding Remarks

Saturday, 3/12/2011: Are The Tigris and Euphrates International Rivers?

Seminar Venue:: Aula XII – Hauptgebäude , Universität zu Köln, Albertus-Magnus-Platz

- 13: 00 Presentation introduction with a description of the basin of the Euphrates and Tigris, the Environment Pollution and water crisis in Iraq (Dr..AL-Gaboori Badir)
- 13:40 Discussion
- 14: 00 water problem in Africa (IMES-program) - Mr. Msc. John Takang and Others
- 14: 35 Comparative Case Studies (the Nile, the Elbe and other rivers in Africa)
- 15:00 Discussion
- 15:45 to 16:00 Concluding Remarks

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