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# Groundwater Governance Lost in Translation

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**A**ssume something is broken and you need at least four people with four different skills to repair it. Now assume that these people talk different languages and cannot communicate to each other. Worse, imagine that each one thinks their skill is more important than the other one and can solve the problem alone. The four people do not want to make an effort to stop, and try to slowly understand the other people's languages and their skills. It is difficult to see how a problem can be solved in such a scenario.

The goal of this workshop is to slow down the pace of the discussion on groundwater governance and provide the chance for different disciplines to sit around the same table and discuss challenges and opportunities facing groundwater in order to find a common language. The workshop will also present examples of groundwater governance from developed and developing countries and will highlight good practices stemming from Scotland.

The workshop will be of interest to researchers and policy makers interested in the field of groundwater governance and to wider range of stakeholders interested in knowing more how States and non-State Actors manage a previous vital resource, such as groundwater, for global water security.

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The workshop builds on the “**Groundwater Governance: Drawing Connections between Science, Knowledge and Policy-Making**” workshop organised by the Strathclyde Centre of Environmental Law and Governance (SCELG) and CEREGAS (Centro Regional para la Gestion de Aguas Subterranas en America Latina y el Caribe) in Uruguay between 22 and 26 February 2016. The workshop, funded by the British Council in the framework of its Researcher Links Programme, was attended by 28 researchers, 14 from UK based institutions and 14 from Uruguay. Altogether 4 continents and 17 countries were represented. The workshop took place in Salto, in the North-Western part of Uruguay, on the border with Argentina and was hosted by the local branch of the Universidad de la Republica. Some of the participants of the February workshop will be attending the event in Glasgow and the papers they will be presenting are scheduled to feature in a special issue of the Journal of Water Law.

# Programme

2:00 – 2:30	Registration	
2:30 – 2:45	<b>Introduction</b>	Jon Rathjen, Team Leader Water Industry Team, Scottish Government
<b>Session 1</b> - Multidisciplinary Approaches to Groundwater Governance (Chair: Renee Martin Nagle, PhD Researcher, Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance, University of Strathclyde Law School)		
2:45 – 2:55	<b>Groundwater Governance Reforms: A Possible Licensing Framework for Groundwater Abstraction and Use</b>	Constantinos Yiallourides, PhD Researcher, University of Aberdeen Law School
2:55 – 3:05	<b>Hydropolitical dynamics and groundwater governance</b>	Hussam Hussein, Associate Tutor, School of International Development, University of East Anglia
3:05 – 3:15	<b>Groundwater Economics from a Natural Capital Perspective</b>	Nazli Kozeoglu, PhD researcher, School of Geoscience of the University of Edinburgh and Scotland’s Rural College
3:15 – 3:25	<b>Transboundary Groundwater governance: from large aquifers to localized hotspots</b>	Francesco Sindico, Director of the Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance, University of Strathclyde Law School
3:25 – 4:00	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
4:00 – 4:30	Coffee Break	
<b>Session 2</b> – Roundtable on Groundwater Governance: A North / South Conversation (Chair: Francesco Sindico, Director of the Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance, University of Strathclyde Law School, Glasgow, Scotland, UK)		
4:30 – 5:30	<b>Groundwater Governance in Malawi</b>	Robert Kalin, Professor of Environmental Engineering for Sustainability, University of Strathclyde, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
	<b>Groundwater Governance in Uruguay</b>	Javier Taks, Unesco’s Chair on Water and Culture. Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay
	<b>Groundwater Governance in California</b>	Jean Fried, Project Scientist, Planning, Policy and Design School of Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine
	<b>Groundwater Governance in Scotland</b>	Vincent Fitzimons, Water Resources Manager at Scottish Environment Protection Agency
5:45 – 6:00	<b>Conclusions</b>	Francesco Sindico, Director of the Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance, University of Strathclyde Law School