



HYDRORATIONALITY IN SOUTH ASIA

27-28 April 2020, Colombo, Sri Lanka

This is a call for papers towards the conference titled 'Hydrorationality in South Asia' to be held at ICES, Colombo on 27-28 April 2020. This interdisciplinary conference aims to engage 20 scholars and practitioners working on urban water in a two day focussed exchange.

Water and urban water systems have long been conceptualized as more than physical and various conceptual tools are devised to engage, understand, and act on these complex systems. This conference aims to engage in a discussion on how South Asia's urban water systems are socially rationalized via various angles including: Urban Political Ecology, Southern Theory, Public Health, Hydrology, and Urban Planning.

With this in mind, this conference calls for abstracts that address themes and questions including but not confined to:

1. Conceptualization of urban water (by citizens, state, professional, etc.)
2. Differing rationality of urban water networks
3. Rationality of state action and planning regimes on urban water systems
4. Nexus of urban water-food-waste-health nexus
5. Water and tools of its management
6. Water systems in urban planning, waste management systems, and public health
7. Water and the politics of land

Please email your abstract (1000 words maximum) to either Natasha Cornea (N.L.Cornea@bham.ac.uk) or Nipesh Palat Narayanan (nipesh.ar@gmail.com) by **22 March 2020**. Selected abstracts will be notified by 27 March 2020.

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