

Hydro-Hegemony

Obstacle or Catalyst of international transboundary water governance ?



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Hydro-Hegemony CAN be a catalyst for effective transboundary governance

stakeholder participation
Influence over process
participatory planning **EMPOWERS**
constraints facing the poor
consensus governance **Water Law**
 politics
POWER



The Features of Power

Dimension of Power <small>(based on Lukes)</small>	Features
Hard Power <i>(puissance)</i>	Force Capacity Riparian Position

Is it not **the supreme exercise of power** to get ...others to have the desires you want them to have – that is, **to secure their compliance by controlling their thoughts and desires?** Lukes

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Hard Power <i>(puissance)</i>	Force Capacity Riparian Position	
Soft Power <i>(pouvoir)</i>	Bargaining Power	Legitimacy
	Ideational Power	Perceptions

Hegemony = *force + consent between formal equals*

HEGEMONY

'Hydro'-Hegemon =
 'first amongst equals' on the river basin

Basin Leader
 or
Basin Bully?

Israel
on the Jordan?

South Africa
on the Orange?

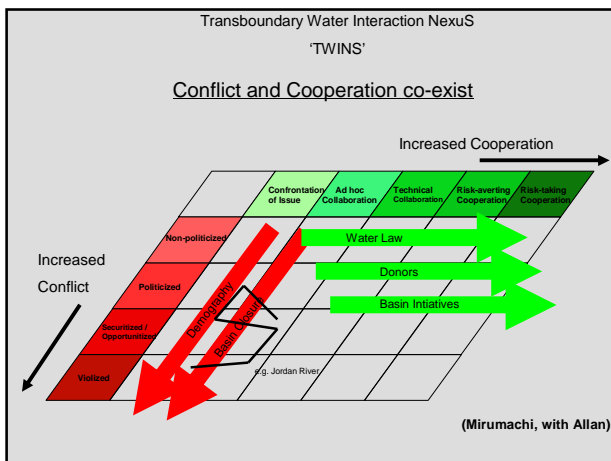
Hydro-Hegemony as a Catalyst for good water governance

Moving from **Basin Bully** → **Basin Leader**:

1. Understand Drivers of Conflict and Cooperation (TWINS)
2. Understand Power and Interests
3. Strengthen International Water Law
4. Counter Hydro-Hegemony

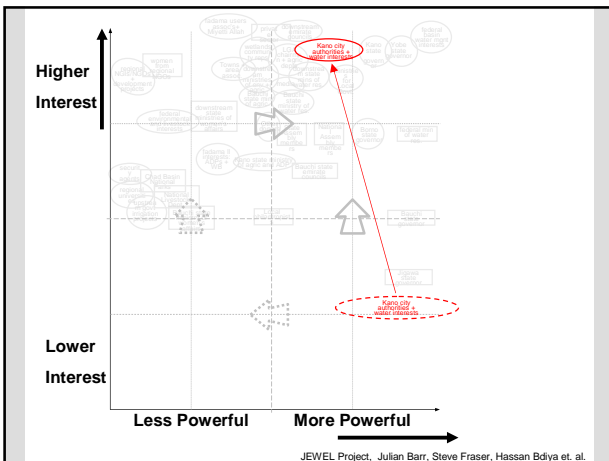
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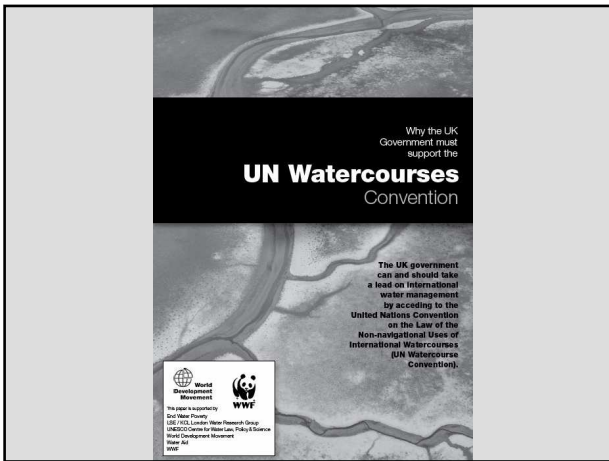
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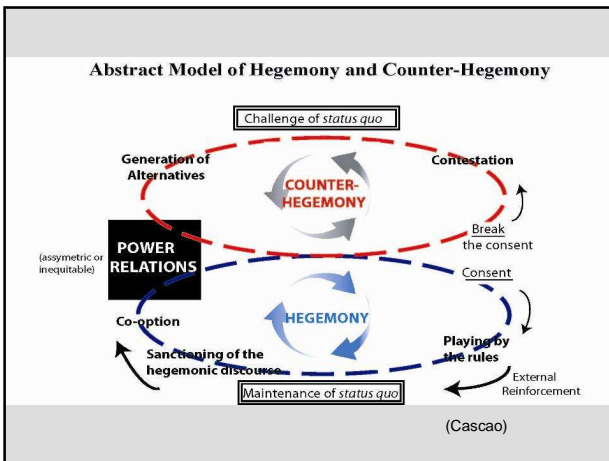
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CONCLUSION

Hydro-Hegemony CAN be a catalyst for effective transboundary governance,

Though we must question whether it is not **ACTUALLY** an obstacle.

Thank-you.

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