



UNIVERSITY OF DELHI DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE



ICSSR Sponsored Conference on Urban Water Management: Policy and Praxis

Call for Papers

The dystopian predictions of future 'water wars' highlighted by some studies are a serious cause for concern. Given water's essential role as a life-sustaining resource, coupled with the rising population and urbanization, it is crucial to adopt a broad and integrated perspective on water management. For the universal objective of realizing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in consonance with the advancement of urban water management, one needs to untie the intricate knot of the urban water cycle. Existing studies on water management focus on technological innovations and economic viability and demonstrate advancements in areas such as wastewater reuse and rainwater harvesting. However, aspects such as psycho-social factors in facilitating the accomplishment of development objectives have largely been neglected. Academic and policy studies have not engaged with the human aspects of water management. The larger objective of India to become a developed nation by 2047, the vision of *Viksit Bharat@2047*, necessitates early climate action and a long-term vision for sustainability. The climate resilience of urban centers, especially in the water sector, is the most critical domain demanding action. The conference intends to align with national goals of sustainable growth, environmental resilience, and socio-economic well-being by ensuring reliable water supplies through smart management, tackling environmental problems with green infrastructure and new technologies, promoting social equity through inclusive development programs, encouraging technological innovation, and strengthening governance frameworks. It seeks to engage with existing policies, novel approaches and the possible praxis for water management. It further seeks to uncover possible approaches that would empower various stakeholders to make informed decisions to promote sustainable water management in urban spaces.

The conference invites faculty members, scientists, policy practitioners, research scholars, and other stakeholders to submit their abstracts for paper presentation on the following sub-themes. The list is not exhaustive and the conference encourages submission on any other theme that aligns with the broader ideas in the concept note.

- Managing the Water: Policy Responses
- Nudge Theory and Resource Management
- Net-Zero Principles in Resource Management
- Theory of Planned Behaviour in Water Management
- Systems Theory and Governance Theory in Water Management
- Integrated Water Resources Management
- Stakeholder Engagement in Water Management
- Sustainable Development and Water
- Adaptive Management Approaches to Water
- Water Management in Conflicted Areas

Abstracts, between 300-400 words with 4-5 keywords, need to be submitted using the Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/nMEqA4gvvtraUgND9>

Important Dates (revised)

- Last date for submission of abstracts: **13th December 2024**
- Acceptance/Rejection emails sent out: **23rd December 2024**
- Submission of full papers: **23rd January 2025**
- Tentative Date of conference: **5th February 2025**

Publication Opportunity:

Outstanding papers presented at the conference will be considered in a proposed special issue of a Q1/Q2 Scopus-indexed journal or in an edited volume with a recognized academic publisher.

Travel Support:

A limited number of travel accommodations (3rd AC train fare) will be provided to select participants based on the review committee's evaluation.

Contact: waterconference24@gmail.com