

Einladung zum Kolloquium

Water Issues in Central Asia

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The presentation attempts to provide an overview on water resources management on two geographical scales, regional and meso level. The emphasis on these levels will be on transboundary water issues (infrastructure and water allocations) within the Syr Darya basin, the water-energy nexus in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan particularly taking into consideration the export potential of hydropower as well as the current national policy of shifting to water management boundaries within Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

The recent shift in political leadership in Uzbekistan and its new regional policies is transforming the image of Central Asia as a region of potential of conflicts over water resources to an image of cooperation. The focus on these three themes on the meso level underlines the potential and need of cross border experience sharing. The water-energy nexus at the meso level highlights existing challenges. These challenges need to be tackled through a broader dialogue between governments and stakeholders.