

When Water Bleeds: Protecting Water in a Changing Conflict Landscape

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Speaker:

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“Water and blood cannot flow together,” declared Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, on 12 May 2025. This was a dictate to revoke water sharing with Pakistan in the wake of violence in Kashmir. Recent conflicts have brought renewed attention to the use of water in warfare, at odds with a longstanding moral current – a water taboo – of the international community that prescribes high standards for water sharing and denounces water weaponisation as morally objectionable. Against this backdrop, Dr Grech-Madin will share her research on the successes and challenges of protecting water across the post-World War II period. From the presentation, it is hoped that one will walk away with new insights and respect for upholding the sacredness of water.