Governing the Paracommons

The case of Palestinian Water

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Of Lands and Waters (2013-2017)



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(2017-2020)

What is wrong with our portrayal of Palestinian water issues?

The way we frame them

Misconception 1: Water is only a stock

| | Million Cubic Meters for Israel | Million Cubic Meters for PA |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Western Aquifer | 340 | 22 |
| Eastern Aquifer | 40 | 54 +78 to be developed |
| Northeastern Aquifer | 103 | 42 |



Misconception 2: Law governs water management



Misconception 3: We know what is efficiency

 Treated wastewater is « wasted » if it is released in the environment



Misconception 4: Monocropping



Our Panel

Bruce Lankford – The Paracommons

Stephen Hodgson – Water Tenure

• Jeanne Perrier –Wastewater in the West Bank

Julie Trottier – Framing Palestinian water differently