

Call for Papers South Asia Water Studies Journal Issue on 'Water justice, Gender and Disabilities'

South Asian Water Studies (SAWAS) is an interdisciplinary journal that aims at providing space for alternative and critical thinking. The journal is an independent forum for discussion about water-related issues that affect South Asia: including issues in particular countries and regions within South Asia, issues at the level of South Asia as a region, and issues related to the global context in which South Asian water issues are situated.

SAWAS is launching a special issue on '**Water justice, Gender and Disabilities**' for Volume 5, Issue 3, 2016. We now welcome contributions from academics, development practitioners, activists and researchers working on related water issues in South Asia. Articles submitted should not have been previously published or currently be under consideration for publication elsewhere and should report original unpublished research results.

Scope

Policies and programmes aiming at promoting gender equality in the water sector have largely focused on bringing change in the situation of women, especially in terms of access to water and/or participation in local water management organisations. Such approaches tends to produce essentialist accounts of gender that obscure the multiple identities through which access and rights are secured. An intersectional and relational approach to gender and water helps to analyse how different forms of discrimination and exclusion are related to multiple identities – and to development outcomes.

In particular, disabilities intersect with gender, caste, class, age and ethnicity to shape, produce and reproduce forms of water justice and injustice. 'Disability is an evolving concept and (...) disability results from the interaction between persons with impairments and attitudinal and environmental barriers that hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others' (UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2006). The most widely acknowledged forms of injustice relate to the access to safe water and sanitation for persons with disabilities and in particular, women and girls with disabilities.

We are seeking papers that use a relational and intersectoral approach to understanding how gender and disabilities affect the distributive, procedural and recognition components of water justice in South Asia. We will consider studies that include (but are not limited to) the following: how gender and disabilities intersect to shape access to agricultural and drinking water; decision-making power in relation to water governance and recognition of multiple identities in water resource development (e.g. hydropower, drinking water schemes and irrigation projects); the role of carers of persons with disabilities in securing water access and/or their representation in household decision-making processes. We are keen in particular on strong case studies from different communities across the region and, in particular, welcome papers that link their analysis with recommendations for policy-makers, funding agencies and research organisations on transformative approaches to challenging the social norms and political-economic structures that produce and reproduce social exclusion and injustice.

About the Journal

[South Asia Water Studies \(SAWAS\)](#) was conceived in 2008 as an interdisciplinary journal with an aim to provide space for critical thinking on water, fostering debate, eliciting innovative

approaches, promoting original analyses and critiques. SAWAS is a peer reviewed open access journal that aims to share knowledge of successful resolutions of water related problems and well as constructive analyses of deadlocks and failures, and create an intellectual debate on South Asian water issues.

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Submission of revised paper	:	November 30, 2016
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The submission would be done electronically. Kindly send your submission to sawasgenderdisab@gmail.com. For more information on how to submit your work please visit the SAWAS website www.sawasjournal.org

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