

# **WATER ISSUES, CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICTS IN ARGENTINA**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Over the past decade, after new environmental rights were introduced with the 1994 amendments to the national constitution, unprecedented cases of environmental conflict took place throughout Argentina. This paper focuses on water-related issues and examines the way environmental conflicts trigger or awaken otherwise dormant environmental rights. Three modes of environmental conflict are distinguished: judicial litigation, social protest, and expert controversy. The paper discusses how these modes manifest themselves and combine in specific cases and what impact they have on environmental policy.

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