

# **INTERNATIONAL TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS AND POLICIES FOR WATER GOVERNANCE**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the challenges of regional policy formation and implementation for transboundary water governance. Water resources management links various sectors, not least agriculture and energy. Moreover, in international transboundary river basin settings, these linkages are compounded by power relations of basin states. Using International Relations theory and empirical case studies from the MENA region, Southeast Asia and South Asia, the paper focuses on (a) the character of regional policy and its fit with regional water resources management agreements, initiatives and mandates; (b) the political feasibility of such regional policy.