

WATER RESOURCES AND GLOBAL CHANGE IN THE OPT

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ABSTRACT

This paper will set the Palestinian territories (oPt) into the global contexts. An array of common myths surround the conventional view on water resources in Palestine and Israel. The impact of the Israeli occupation will be weighed against other factors contributing to the permanent water crisis in the oPt and the prospects for entrenched water conflict, cooperation or agreement. Before this background of the exceptional circumstances of the oPt it becomes understandable how and why global actors with their experience and technical background from around the globe time and again fail to appropriately respond to the challenges and seem unable to even get started for the requirements of global change. The conventional answer simply misinform the strategies for local and regional water projects. The paper will weigh different technical and political responses and try to suggest some alternative venues for meeting the challenges of the 21st century in Palestine.