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Turning towards a community of interest approach in the management of international watercourses

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The structural problem of holism

- Conflicts with positivist tradition of international law – subjects and process

- The Community of Interest approach: perfect equality and exclusion of preferential privileges

- Identify structural problems and contradictions in the traditional pattern of international law, and how the Community of Interest approach can contribute
International cooperation today

Equitable and reasonable utilization,
avoid significant transboundary harm

States as negotiators/actors          Inter-state pattern

Development in international law?
Conflicting developments

Decision-making

Parties

Consent to norms

NGOs

Consent to process

IOs

Domestic Pressure groups
The Community of Interest approach

Community

Watercourse

Process

The Community of Interest approach
Thank you!