Drops of Diplomacy

Questioning the Scalar Possibilities of Hydro-Diplomacy through a Moroccan Fog-Harvesting Project

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Hydro-Diplomacy

1. “the water problems of our world need not be only a cause of tension; they can also be a catalyst for cooperation”

   (Kofi Annan, World Water Day 2002)

1. foreign policy cooperation over shared waters can help resolve other conflicts and encourage integration

   (adelphi 2014)
Hydro-Diplomacy has been...

- State-centric
- Formal international relations
- Transboundary river basins
Pushing against those assumptions...

• Diplomacy Tracks

• Local versus/and Global

• Multiple forms of ‘conflict’
Diplomacy Theory: Tracks

• Considering unofficial forms of diplomacy

Montville 1981

• Tracks of Diplomacy:
  - 1 (official negotiations)
  - 2 (unofficial dialogue between civil society leaders)
  - 3 (people-to-people relationship-building)
# Using Track Diplomacy to Question Scale

Example Diplomacy Track Timeline of Hydro-Diplomacy

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Track 2
Track 3
community engagement
women’s empowerment
Ethnographic Field School
Hydro-Diplomacy

• Potential beyond rivers and states

• Various forms of water

• Many scales and multiple actors
Thank you!

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