



Fellow's Individual Project

Fellow	Host Institution	PhD enrolment	Start Date	Duration
ESR 2	IHE	Y	Month 9	36 months

Project title and related WP(s): Virtual water flows: re-articulating gendered structures of accumulation along emerging agro-food commodity chains in Maharashtra, India (WP2, WP7).

Objectives: This ESR focuses on initiatives of small farmers, water users, women's and workers' organisations to resist or reshape processes and effects of water re-allocations, dispossession and accumulation provoked by the intensification of agriculture and the entrance of agribusiness companies. It will use a grounded FPE analysis to explore the connections between changes in the environment (water) and trade (commercial farming) in Maharashtra, India. The analysis traces how re-allocations of water modify tenure, labour and consumption relations and identities, particularly examining caste, class and gender divisions and identities. It will map the new socio-material and cultural articulations and connections these processes of change entail between people, and between people, places and natures, also assessing their implications for modalities and scales of water governance.

Expected results: The ESR will analyse water-trade connections, linking water-intensive forms of capitalist agriculture in Maharashtra with urbanising and international patterns of consumption in order to identify creative proposals for strengthening rural people's water security and improving their opportunities to benefit from virtual water flows.

Planned secondments: SOPPECOM (3 months) to learn about community water strategies and HUB (3 months) to work on water and the concept of fluid conversations.