You are cordially invited to a SIPRI event on

**Water as a symbol: The Israel–Palestine water conflict**

Water shortages in the Middle East are expected to drastically intensify. Since not all countries in the region can equally address the coming scarcity, this may aggravate existing regional asymmetries and further contribute to conflicts. This is especially the case for Israel and Palestine—countries which have struggled for decades over the allocation and access to water.

The event aims to conceptualise regional water conflicts, review the fundamentals of water disagreements between Israel and Palestine and to identify ways forward.

The event is organized with support from Mistra Geopolitics.

**Friday, 1 February 2019, 09.30–11.00 at SIPRI, Signalstgatan 9, Solna**

*Coffee will be served from 09.00 and the discussion will begin at 09.30.*

**Speaker**

*Prof. Itay Fishhendler*, Head of the Environmental and Planning Program at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Background:**

Prof. Itay Fishhendler is a leading scholar on transboundary water institutions and Middle East water issues. His research focuses on environmental conflict resolution, natural resources management and governance and decision-making under conditions of political and environmental uncertainty.

**Discussant**

*Dan Smith*, Director of SIPRI

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