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Professional Experiences

since 07/2018	IHE – Institute for Water Education , Delft, The Netherlands Senior Lecturer for Water Law and Security (on leave from GIZ) Freelance Consultant for Water Law, Water Diplomacy and Transboundary Water Management
10/2017 – 06/2018	Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) , Eschborn, Germany Program Manager „Water, Energy and Food Security Nexus“
03/2014 – 12/2017	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) , Eschborn, Germany Coordinator „Transboundary Water Management“
09/2011 – 02/2014	Mekong River Commission (MRC)/GIZ , Vientiane, Laos Advisor on Organizational Reform and Sustainable Hydropower
10/2010 – 09/2011	The World Bank – Africa, AFRWR , Washington, D.C., USA Consultant for the Africa Regional Department on Water Resources Management
11/2010	The World Bank – Sustainable Development Network, ETWWA , Washington, D.C., USA Consultant to the Water Anchor
10/2010	MRC/GIZ , Vientiane, Lao PDR Consultant to the MRC
06/2010 – 09/2010	The World Bank, Washington – Sustainable Development Network, ETWWA , D.C., USA Consultant to the Water Anchor
02/2010 – 05/2010	MRC , Vientiane, Laos/Berlin, Germany Consultant to the MRC
11/2009 – 02/2010	MRC/GIZ , Vientiane, Laos Consultant to the MRC Watershed Management Project
01/2008 – 09/2008	The World Bank – Corporate Strategy, Risk and Resources Management (CSRRM, now CFR/CFRPA) , Washington, D.C., USA Team Member in the Operations Team in CSRRM
10/2003 – 12/2007	University of Leipzig/Institute for Political Science , Leipzig, Germany Research and Teaching Assistant
12/2006 – 05/2007	German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) , Berlin, Germany Research Assistant in Department “Security Policy in Asia and the Pacific”
05/2005 – 10/2005	Centre de Recherche sur l’Economie en Développement , Paris, France Research Assistant

Additional Academic Activities

since 04/2018	Expert Advisory Group on Transboundary Water Management and Diplomacy, UNESCO-IHP , Paris, France Member of the Expert Advisory Group
since 06/2017	National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC), University of Arizona, University of Massachusetts Member of research project “Science and Policy in Transboundary Rivers”
04/2017	UNESCO-IHE, Institute for Water Education , Delft, Netherlands Guest Lecturer – Water Conflict Management

- 09/2013 – 10/2013 **Network for Sustainable Hydropower Development**, Bangkok, Thailand/Vientiane, Laos
Trainer, Training-of-Trainers Course on Transboundary Hydropower Management
- 02/2011 – 06/2011 **Hertie School of Governance – Master of Public Policy Program**, Berlin, Germany
Lecturer, MPP Course “International Environmental Institutions”
- since 2011 **Earth System Governance Project**, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Research Fellow

Education

- 01/2015 – 05/2017 **University of London, International Programs**, London, GB
Masters of Law (LLM), International Law (specialization: International Treaty Law, Environmental and Natural Resources Law, Law of the Sea), with distinction
- 09/2008 – 09/2011 **Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies (BTS)**, Berlin, Germany
PhD, defended with summa cum laude
- 10/2001 – 12/2007 **University of Leipzig**, Leipzig, Germany
MA International Relations/International Law
- 08/2004 – 07/2005 **Institut d’Etudes Politiques Paris (IEP)**, Paris, France
MA Program “Development”

List of Publications

Books and Articles (peer-reviewed, selected)

- Blumstein, S., Pohl, B. & Schmeier, S. (2018): The Case for Empowering Water Diplomacy, Warner, J. et al. (eds.): The Case for Empowering Water Diplomacy in Transboundary Basins, Special Issue of Water International (forthcoming 12/2018)
- Schmeier, S. (2018): The Mekong Legal Regime – Can Treaty Arrangements keep up with Basin Development?, Gupta, J. & Dellapenna, J. (eds.): Edgar Elgar Environmental Law Series: Volume on Water Law, Cheltenham: Edgar Elgar (forthcoming 12/2018)
- Shubber, Z. & Schmeier, S. (2018): Anchoring water diplomacy: The legal design of river basin organizations, Klimes, M. & Neal, M. (ed.): Water Diplomacy: Bridging the Science, Policy and Practice, Special Issue of the Journal of Hydrology (forthcoming 07/2018)
- Schmeier, S. & Vogel, B. (2018): River Basin Management as a Means for Implementing Principles of International Water Resources Management – Insights from around the World, Schmutz, S. et al. (eds): Riverine Ecosystem Management: Science for governing towards a sustainable future, Berlin: Springer (forthcoming 06/2018)
- Blumstein, S. & Schmeier, S. (2017): Disputes over International Watercourses: Can River Basin Organizations make a Difference?, Dinar, A. et al. (eds): Management of Transboundary Water Resources under Scarcity: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach, World Scientific Publisher
- Schmeier, S. (2017): Joint institutional arrangements for transboundary waters – a comparative analysis of state practice, Rieu-Clarke, A. et al. (eds.): Routledge Handbook on Water Law and Policy, London: Routledge, 260-274
- Gerlak, A. & Schmeier, S. (2016): River Basin Organizations and the Governance of Transboundary Watercourses, Conca, K. & Weinthal, E. (eds.): Oxford Handbook on Water Politics and Policy, Oxford: Oxford University Press, DOI: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199335084.013.20
- Schmeier, S., Gerlak, A. & Blumstein, S. (2015): Clearing the muddy waters of shared watercourses governance: conceptualizing international River Basin Organizations, International Environmental Agreements, DOI: 10.1007/s10784-015-9287-4
- Schmeier, S. (2014): The Institutional Design of River Basin Organizations – Empirical Findings from around the World, International Journal of River Basin Management, 13, 1, 51-72
- Schmeier, S. (2014): River Basin Organizations lost in Translation? Transboundary River Basin Governance between Science and Policy, Bogardi, J. et al. (eds): The Global Water System in the Anthropocene. Challenges for Science and Governance, Berlin: Springer, 369-383
- Gerlak, A. & Schmeier, S. (2014): Climate Change and Transboundary Waters: A Study of Discourse in the Mekong River Commission, Journal of Environment and Development, 23, 3, 358-386
- Schmeier, S. (2013): Effektives Management grenzüberschreitender Flussgebiete – die Rolle von Flussgebietskommissionen, Hydrologie und Wasserbewirtschaftung, 57, 4, 179-184
- Schmeier, S. (2013): Governing International Watercourses. The Contribution of River Basin Organizations to the Effective Governance of Internationally Shared Rivers and Lakes, London/New York: Routledge
- Heikkila, T., Gerlak, A., Bell, A. & Schmeier, S. (2013): Adaptation by a river basin organization: three cases of trigger and adaptive response within the Mekong River Commission, Environmental Science and Policy, 25, 1, 73-82
- Schulze, S. & Schmeier, S. (2012): Governing Environmental Change in International River Basins – The Role of River Basin Organizations, International Journal of River Basin Management, 10, 3, 229-244

- Schmeier, S. (2012): Navigating Cooperation beyond the Absence of Conflict: Mapping Determinants for the Effectiveness of River Basin Organizations, *International Journal for Sustainable Societies*, Special Issue: Water Wars in the 21st Century, 4, 1-2, 11-27
- Menniken, T. & Schmeier, S. (2010): Regionale Kooperationsstrukturen am Mekong und die institutionalisierte Bewältigung regionaler Konflikte um grenzüberschreitende natürliche Ressourcen, *Internationales Asienforum*, 41, 3-4, 215-242
- Schmeier, S. (2009): Regional Cooperation Efforts in the Mekong River Basin: Mitigating river-related security threats and promoting regional development, *Austrian Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, 2, 2, 28-52
- Schmeier, S. (2008): Staat oder Markt im sozioökonomischen Entwicklungsprozess. Eine vergleichende Analyse der Rolle des Staates im Entwicklungsprozess in Afrika und Südostasien, Saarbrücken: VDM

Policy Papers, Working Papers (selected)

- Molnar, K., Cuppari, R., Schmeier, S. & Demuth, S. (2017): Preventing Conflicts, Fostering Cooperation – The many roles of water diplomacy, Berlin/Koblenz: Federal Foreign Office/International Centre for Water Resources and Global Change/International Centre for Water Cooperation (ICWC) at Stockholm International Water Institute
- Pohl, B., Carius, A., Conca, K., Dabelko, G., Kramer, A., Michel, D., Schmeier, S., Swain, A. & Wolf, A. (2014): The Rise of Hydro-Diplomacy. Strengthening foreign policy for transboundary waters, Berlin: Federal Foreign Office/Adelphi
- Grossmann, M. & Schmeier, S. (eds.) (2014): Financial Sustainability of international River Basin Organizations, Eschborn: GIZ
- Bach H., Glennie P., Taylor R., Clausen T., Holzwarth F., Jensen K., Meija A. & Schmeier S. (2014): Cooperation for Water, Energy and Food Security in Transboundary Basins under Changing Climate, Mekong River Commission, Vientiane
- Gerlak, A. & Schmeier, S. (2013): River Basin Organizations – Tackling Questions of Design and Effectiveness, *Global Dialogue – Special Issue on Water*, 15, 2, online version
- Gerlak, A. & Schmeier, S. (2013): Cooperation for the Sustainable Governance of International Watercourses: The Role of River Basin Organizations, *Global Dialogue – Special Issue on Water*, 15, 2, online version
- Schmeier, S., Gerlak, A. & Schulze, S. (2013): Who Governs Internationally Shared Watercourses? Clearing the Muddy Waters of International River Basin Organizations, *Earth System Governance Working Paper No. 28*, Amsterdam
- Schmeier, S. (ed.) (2012): Assessment of RBO-Level Mechanisms for Sustainable Hydropower Development and Management, Report prepared for the MRC-GIZ Cooperation Programme, Vientiane
- Schmeier, S. (2011): Resilience to Climate Change Induced Challenges in the Mekong River Basin. The Role of the Mekong River Commission (MRC), Washington, DC: World Bank Water Working Note, May 2011
- Schmeier, S. (2011): Jointly Managing Transboundary Water Resources in Africa. The Organisation pour la Mise en Valeur du Fleuve Sénégal (OMVS) and its Role in Developing the Senegal River Basin, World Bank Senegal River Basin Multi-Purpose Water Resources Development Project, Working Paper (internal)
- Schmeier, S. (2010): Governing International Watercourses – Perspectives from Different Disciplines. A Comprehensive Literature Review, Hertie School of Governance Working Papers 53 (8), Berlin
- Schmeier, S. (2010): The Organizational Structure of River Basin Organizations. Lessons Learned and Recommendations for the Mekong River Commission, MRC Technical Paper, April 2010, Vientiane

Conference Papers and Presentations (selected)

- Schmeier, S. (2017): Water (in)security and conflict – Can effective water resources management make a difference? World Water Week, 30 August 2017, Stockholm

- Schmeier, S. (2017): River Basin Organizations as water diplomats? Opportunities within and beyond water resources management, Geneva Water Hub Workshop “Hydro-Diplomacy for Water, Peace and Security”, 27 February 2017, Geneva
- Schmeier, S. (2016): Water security in a changing world – Risks and opportunities for the water sector and beyond, World Water Week, 28 August 2016, Stockholm
- Schmeier, S. & Blumstein, S. (2015): Solving Disputes over International Waters, International Workshop “Management of Transboundary Water Resources under Scarcity”, 22 June 2015, Jerusalem
- Schmeier, S. (2014): Linking Science and Policy in Large River Basins, World’s Large Rivers Conference, 24 July 2014, Manaus
- Schmeier, S. (2014): Empowered to govern Hydropower? River Basin Organizations between Water and Energy, GWSP Conference “Sustainability in the Water-Energy-Food Nexus”, 19 May 2014, Bonn
- Schmeier, S. (2013): Translating Science into Policy Action in Internationally Shared Rivers and Lakes, World Water Week, 4 September 2013, Stockholm
- Schmeier, S. & Krohn, S. (2012): Ensuring Benefits from Hydropower Development without compromising Environmental Sustainability, Asia 2012 Conference “Water Resources and Renewable Energy Development in Asia”, 26 March 2012, Chiang Mai
- Schmeier, S. (2011): Internationally Shared Watercourses within the Water, Energy and Food Security Nexus, Bonn Conference “The Water, Energy and Food Security Nexus”, 16-18 November 2011, Bonn
- Schmeier, S. (2011): Responding to Environmental and Social Change – Assessing the Adaptation Capacity of African international RBOs, 4th European Conference of African Studies, 15 June 2011, Uppsala
- Schmeier, S. & Tokhi, A. (2011): Governing the Atom and the Waters: The Impact of International Institutions on the Governance of Water and Weapons of Mass Destruction, Hertie School of Governance Global Governance Colloquium, 13 April 2011, Berlin
- Schmeier, S. (2011): How to navigate River Basin Governance towards Effectiveness – Mapping Determinants for the Effectiveness of International River Basin Organizations, International Studies Association Annual Convention, 19 March 2011, Montreal
- Gerlak, A. & Schmeier, S. (2011): Climate Change Discourse in Transboundary Waters: Framing Issues, Actions and Scales in the Mekong River Basin, International Studies Association Annual Convention, 19 March 2011, Montreal
- Schmeier, S. (2010): Effective Governance of Transboundary Aquifers through Institutions – Lessons Learned from River Basin Organizations, International Conference “Transboundary Aquifers: Challenges and New Directions”, UNESCO, ISARM, 6-8 December 2010, Paris
- Schmeier, S. (2009): Transboundary River Basin Management Institutions: Assessing river basin management from an International Relations perspective, 2nd International DWA-Symposium on Water Resources Management, 1 April 2009, Berlin