

Linking Water Governance in Canada to Global Economic, Social and Political Drivers

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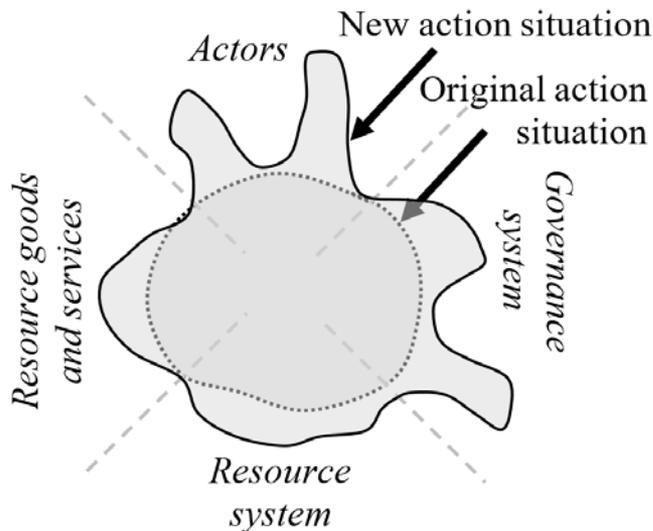


Problem context and rationale

- Water problems typically are approached through a water-centric lens
- Water governance systems frequently don't match problem boundaries
- External forces operating at the global and national scales have local impacts on water resources and governance
- **How can we be expected to address our water challenges through existing water governance systems if those systems don't count for critical external forces?**

Goals of the research

- Identify and assess social, economic and political trends internal and external to the water sector that have, or may have, implications for water governance in Canada
- Assess ways of adapting water governance in Canada to better account for those drivers



Project organization

- **Phase 1** (next three years)
 - Analysis of a key regional action situation: nutrient management in the binational Lake Erie basin
 - External forces: primarily continental to local (e.g., energy policy)
- **Phase 2** (possible following four years)
 - Analysis of key current and emerging pan-Canadian water problems subject to external forces
 - External forces: primarily global to continental (e.g., financialisation of agriculture; global corporate water stewardship frameworks)

Current status: spinning up

- Launch December, 2017
- Recruiting post-doc
- Recruited PhD student
- Developing links with IJC nutrient work
- Exploring links with other GWF initiatives