

Call for Papers

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Development is calling for papers for its March 2008 issue on 'Water and People' volume 51 no 1. Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt, Fellow at the ANU will be guest editing the issue. The focus of *Development* 51.1 will be on the histories, ecologies, cultures and the politics of water resource development and planning at different scales: globally, regionally, nationally and locally. Our objective is to show the various community-based, alternative water strategies that have existed in spite of the current efforts to turn this valuable resource into a commodity. We see water both as the producer and product of human agency, initiatives and alternative strategies of development. More than just an element of physical nature, water is part of the everyday life and the cultural landscape; its uses and practices of management are rooted in history, and the control over it represents social and political power. In the contemporary world too, 'empires of water' – resources owned by the states - are inextricably linked with national identities; yet all over the world, communities are resisting statist discourses of water control, and pursuing and practicing alternative water management.

Development is seeking short (around 3,000 words) papers on specific themes related to 'Water and People' from researchers and activists engaged in current debates on water from around the world. The articles should be prepared in accessible English language and to the housestyle as set out on the website and respond to the editorial thrust outlined above.

To be considered for publication you should send a provisional title and 100 word abstract together with a short bioline to Kuntala.Lahiri-Dutt@anu.edu.au by **4 May, 2007**. If you are selected for publication the full paper should reach Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt by **30 October, 2007**.

Development is also interested in publishing short summaries (250 words) of networks and institutes working on water for the Window on the World Section and also short (500-600 words) reviews of books on water, examples of water initiatives and stories of water activism from around the world.