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# GLOBALIZATION AND WATER MANAGEMENT: THE CHANGING VALUE OF WATER

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## NEW THINKING IN REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL WATER LAWS?

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**ABSTRACT:** In the last years, European and (Southern) African regional water laws have been undergoing a process of profound revision in order to adjust them to new problems and new thinking related to the management and use of transboundary waters. Common to these developments, thus forming a new normative trend, is an effort to “marry” the “old” quantitative issues-oriented water law with a more modern quality and environment-oriented one through the appeal to new integrative techniques of management of transboundary waters. Prominent in this effort are the drive to renew the set and content of fundamental principles, the “greening” of their orientation, the development of a participatory outlook, an insistence upon the issues of implementation and compliance, a mounting care with the procedural and institutional vectors of the law as well as concern with its general coherence.

**KEY TERMS:** Transboundary waters, paradigm-shift, regional laws, coherence of law, environmental-orientation.

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