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I have worked in water policy and governance in the past 15 years upon completing my Ph.D. in 2009. I held various faculty and research-based positions, trained executives and diplomats and managed colleagues and research assistants. Since 2018, I am a tenured Assistant Professor at Erasmus University Rotterdam, where I have extensively explored and disseminated insights on various aspects of water and land governance, through peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, scientific blog posts, interviews, provocations in professional magazines, public lectures, conference panels and presentations and seminars with societal stakeholders. I have a strong network in the fields of water and climate governance internationally and in the Netherlands. Ongoing collaborations with thought leaders in this field, fellow academics and professionals, underscore my commitment to both knowledge generation and creative ways of promoting transformation.

EMPLOYMENT

2018- present	Erasmus University Rotterdam, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Tenured Assistant Professor of Governance and Public Policy, The Hague, The Netherlands
2016 –present	National University of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Institute of Water Policy, Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, Singapore
2016-2018	Utrecht University, Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development, Senior Researcher, Utrecht, The Netherlands
2014-2016	ADA University, School of Public and International Affairs, Assistant Professor of Environmental Sciences and Policy, Baku, Azerbaijan
2012-2014	Delft University of Technology, Department of Biotechnology, Biotechnology and Society Section, Senior Researcher, Delft, The Netherlands
2010-2012	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Institute for Environmental Studies, Senior Researcher, Member of Adaptive Governance Research Cluster, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

EDUCATION

2010	Ph.D. (magna cum laude) Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
2007-2008	Open Society Institute/United Kingdom Foreign Commonwealth Office Chevening Scholar, Oxford University School of Geography and The Environment, Oxford University, United Kingdom
2005	M.Sc. (with honours) Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, Manchester University, UK and Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
2004	B.A. (with honours) Department of International Economic Relations, Azerbaijan State Economic University, Baku, Azerbaijan

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Bilgen, A. and Mukhtarov, F. (2024) Selling Excellence: Hydrohubs and Policy Mobility in Neo-liberal World Order. Edward Elgar Handbook on the Governance and Politics of Water Resources. Eds. Oliver Fritsch and David Benson. Edward Elgar. Forthcoming.

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Mukhtarov, F., Minkman, E., and Hasan, S. (2022; 2023 republished). The Netherlands as a Global Hydro-Hub. Water Governance Tijdschrift: Bouwen met de Natuur 1 (April), 62-65. Online: <https://edepot.wur.nl/570690>.

Mukhtarov, F., Gasper, D., Aditya, A., Gautam, N., Hernandez Morales, D., and Duhita, S. (2021) "From "Merchants and Ministers" to "Neutral Brokers"? Water Diplomacy Aspirations by the Netherlands— a Discourse Analysis of the 2011 Commissioned Advisory Report. International Journal of Water Resources Development (IJWRD).

Franko-Filipasic, E. and Mukhtarov, F. (2021). ResearchGate Interview: Dr. Farhad Mukhtarov on global hydro-hubs and water governance. <https://www.researchgate.net/blog/post/interview-dr-farhad-mukhtarov-on-global-hydro-hubs-and-water-governance>. Appeared on 21 August 2021.

Mukhtarov, F., and Gasper, D. (2021). From 'merchants and ministers' to 'neutral brokers': how the Dutch do water diplomacy. A blog post on bliss, ISS Blog on Global Development and Social Justice, 15 December, 2021. Online: <https://issblog.nl/2021/12/15/from-merchants-and-ministers-to-neutral-brokers-how-the-dutch-do-water-diplomacy/>

Mukhtarov, F. (2014) Rethinking the Travel of Ideas: Policy Translation in the Water Sector. Policy and Politics, 42 (1): 71-88.

RECENT GRANTS & PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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| 2023-24 | UNIC Advancing EU Water Diplomacy in the South Caucasus, PI (15,000 EUR) |
| 2023-25 | Erasmus+ Project EUR and Khazar University in Azerbaijan (26,000 EUR) |
| 2023-28 | Starter Grant from the Netherlands Science Organization (240,000 EUR, in team with 4 other co-PIs) |
| 2022 | ODISSEI/e-Science funded project 'Markets for Resilience or Disaster Capitalism'? A Multi-method Critical Discourse Analysis of OECD's Studies on Water Reports (2009-2021) (ca 25,000 EUR). |

INDICATORS OF ESTEEM

- Co-chairing with Ambassador Eizema the Trade Mission of the Netherlands Water Sector to The Republic of Azerbaijan, 23-25 September 2024.
- 2021-2024, Associate Editor of Environmental Science & Policy. Elsevier Publishing. UNEP's Global Environment Outlook-6 receives Prose Award for Environmental Science.
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Sixth Global Environmental Outlook, Lead Author, Chapters on "Policy Effectiveness" and "Freshwater Resources", 2017-2019.
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Expert Meeting on "Water in the 21st Century", Boston, 24-26, June 2019.
- International Grant Reviewer of the WaWe Grant Programme Call of the Finnish Research Council (grants review of ca 30 million EUR value), September-October 2024.
- International Grant Reviewer, The United Kingdom Natural Environment Resource Council (NERC); Call for "Sustainable, ecosystem-based pathways out of poverty", ca. 500 000 EUR, 2017-2019.
- Reviewed journal articles for over 20 journals in Public Administration/Public Policy, Environmental Governance, Water Policy and Governance
- Reviewed book manuscripts for Cambridge University Press, Routledge, Oxford University Press, Earth System Governance Project

LANGUAGES

Azerbaijani (native), Russian (native), English (full proficiency), Dutch (full proficiency), Turkish (partial professional capability)