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### Issues and Challenges for Nations and Communities in South Asia

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This book brings together current knowledge and cutting edge interdisciplinary perspectives from renowned scholars on the histories, politics, ecologies and cultures of water in South Asia. It explores the complexities of the issues and challenges thrown up by contemporary water management practices in the South Asian region. It also attempts to ascertain whether or not the competing and/or complementary explanations provided for these issues are adequate. The book also offers examples of local action that has been taken. Through a rich offering of case studies firmly grounded in theory, the book elaborates how multiple representations have led to the current system of management of water resources in South Asia. The chapters in this book provide insights into the complex and dynamic relationships that exist between water and human societies—locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

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