### Topic Teaching Guide: Topic 3.1

#### 3.1 Water laws and water right doctrines from an IRBM perspective: (inter)national water and environmental law

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**Overall Guideline for the Lecturer:**
Block 1 and 2 of the course delved into definitions and key issues in water and river basin governance. Underlying the dynamics in river basin governance are water rights, defined either locally or via the state, and the allocation of water. Topic 3.1 provides an introduction to water law and rights as a foundation for Block 3.

**Content and detailed learning objectives:**
At the end of this topic, students will be able to:
- Summarize the meaning and features of law at a basic level
- Describe the linkages between water rights, water ownership, water use and water classifications
  - Water right doctrines (riparian, prior appropriation, proportional appropriation, free for all?)
- Explain the basics of Ethiopia’s national water and environmental legal framework
- Summarize international Water Codes and Treaties (Helsinki Rules, Rules UN Non-Navigation)

**Presentation / Lecture:**
See the powerpoint presentation on the website and DVD

**Lecture Notes / Hand outs:**
See the lecture notes on the website and DVD

**Exercise(s)/Tutorial:**
To comprehend the texts and lecture notes the students are requested to individually answer the following questions:
1. Distinguish between International Environmental law, International water law and national water law.
2. Explain the means through which water rights are acquired.
4. Examination of water use management and protection of water in the context of customary rules, legal codes and contemporary proclamations.
5. Identify the provisions of the Civil Code on Water law which are still in force.
6. Discuss the subjects of customary water law in detail.

**Videos:** n.a.

**Required Reading:**

**Further Reading:**