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# Water governance in the OSCE – increasing security and stability through cooperation

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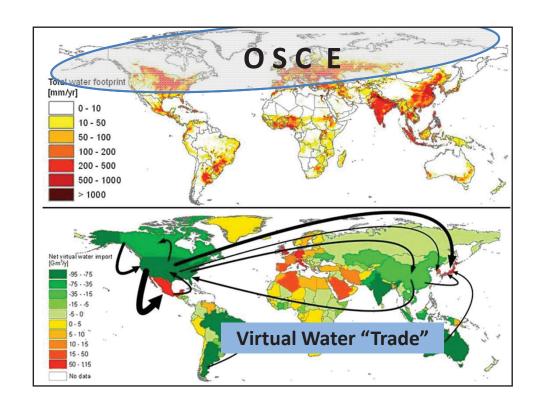
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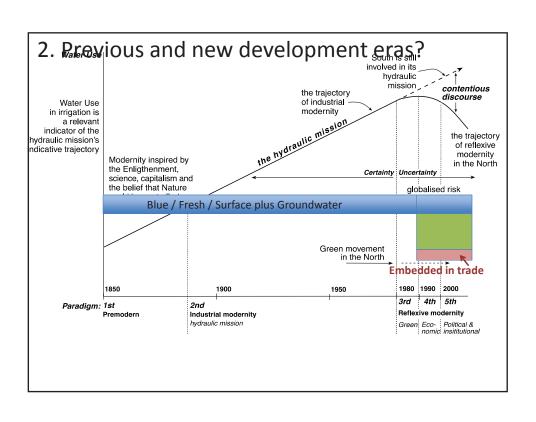
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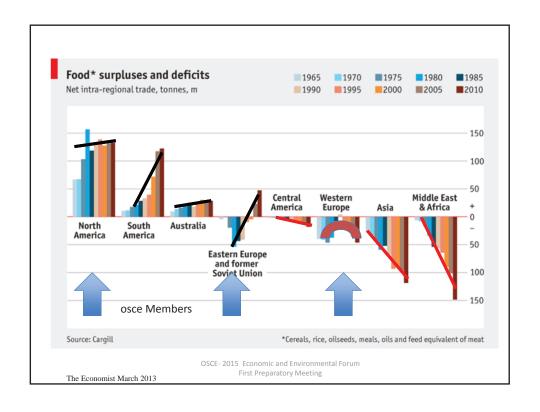
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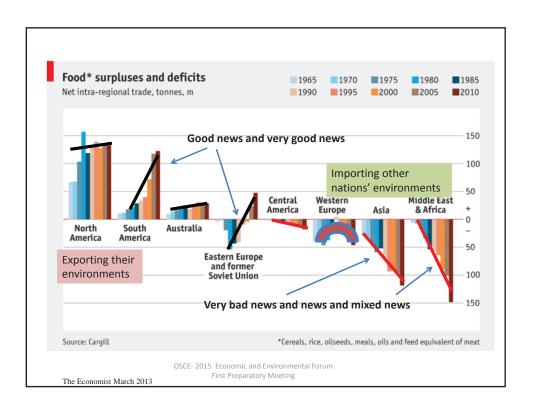
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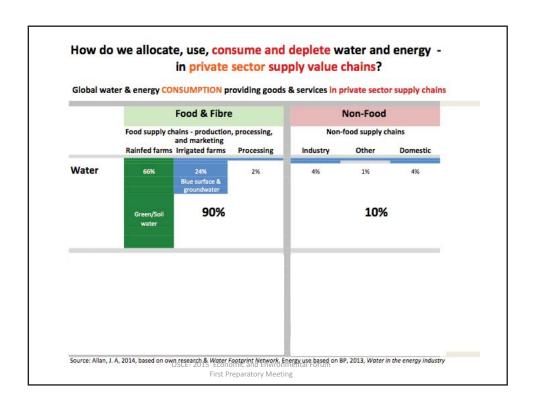
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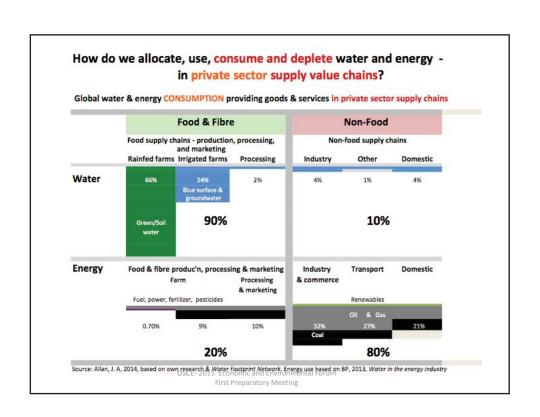


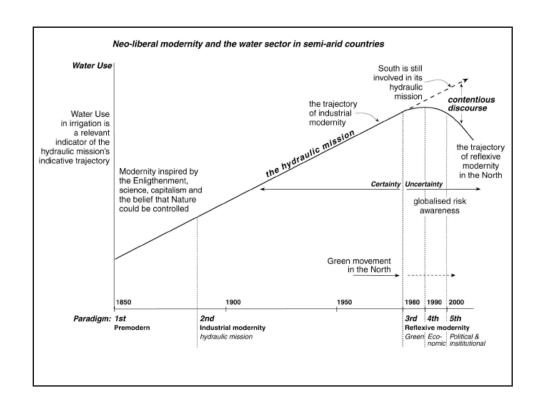


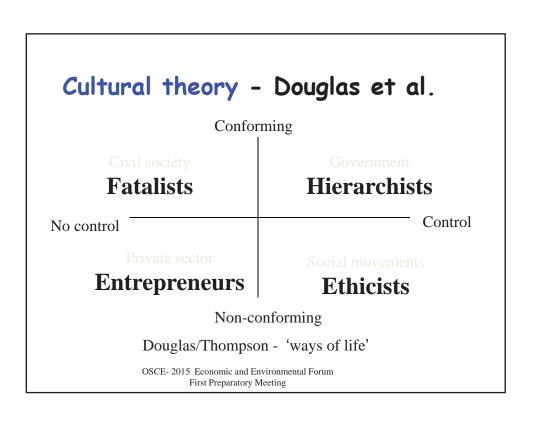




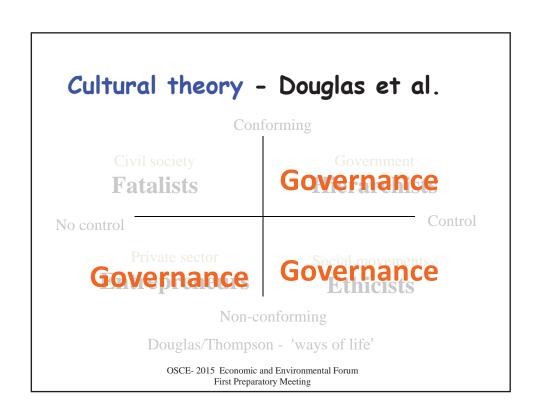


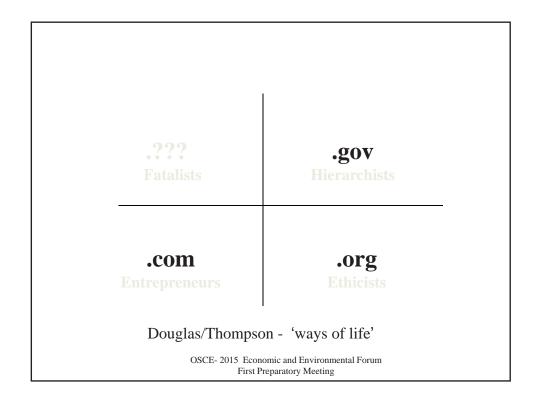


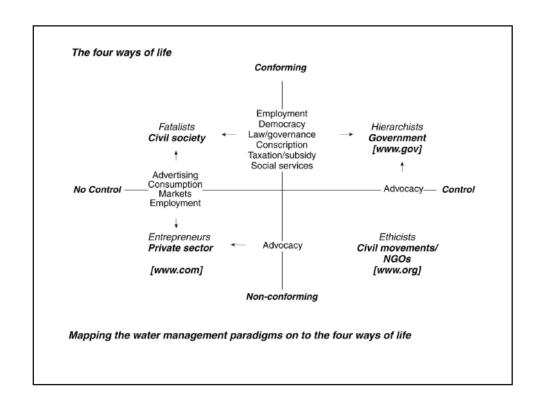


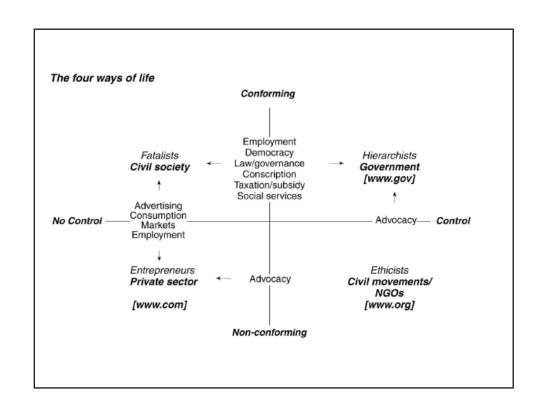


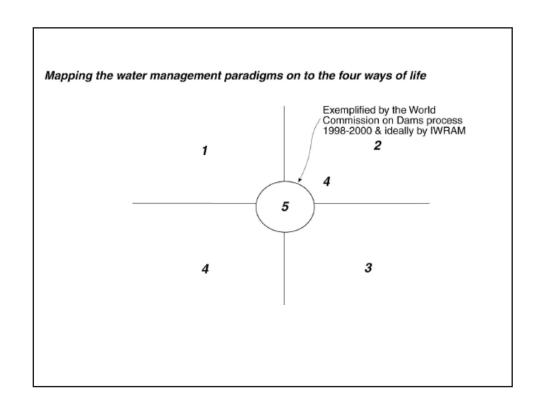
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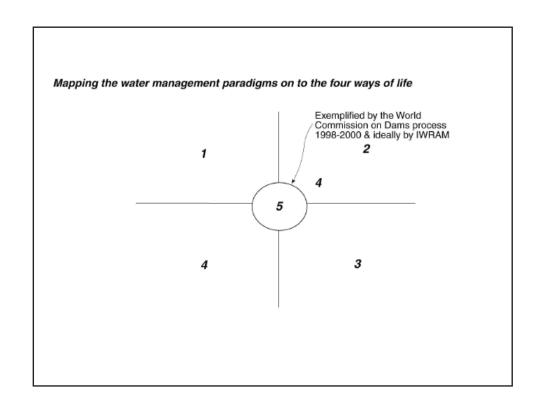


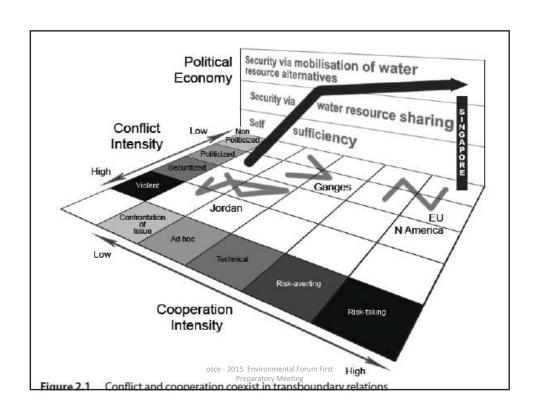












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As well as the things that can be changed,

And give us the wisdom to know the difference

Entrepreneurs

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