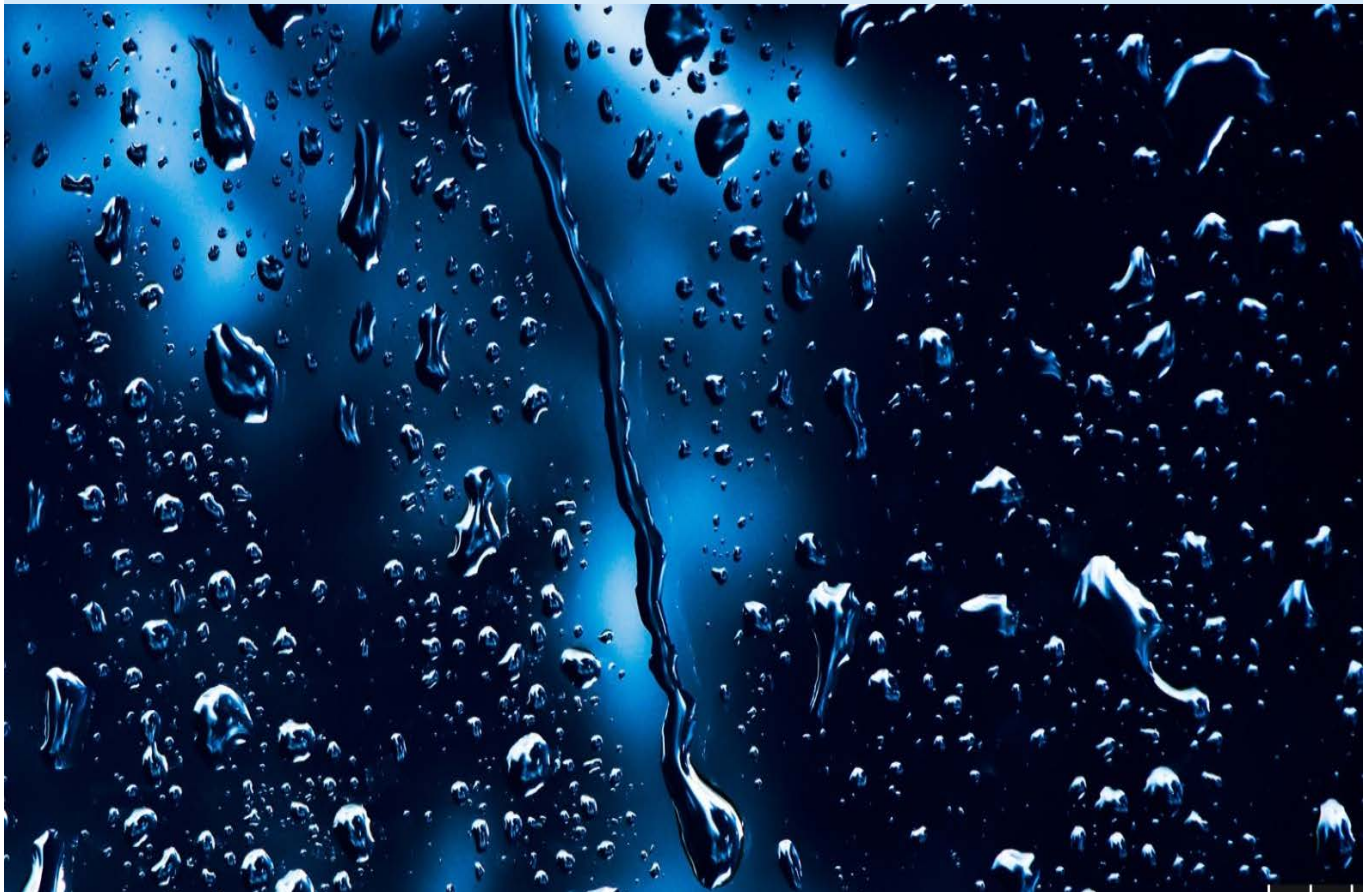


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LECTURE AND PANEL DISCUSSION

**Maude Barlow**

**The Human Right to Water: The Fight Continues**



TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2012, 18.15-19.30 H

UNIVERSITY OF LUCERNE, FROHBURGSTRASSE 3, ROOM 8, LUCERNE

## Maude Barlow



Maude Barlow is the National Chairperson of the Council of Canadians and chairs the board of Washington-based Food and Water Watch. She is a board member of the San Francisco-based International Forum on Globalization and a Councillor with the Hamburg-based World Future Council.

Barlow is the recipient of eleven honorary doctorates as well as many awards, including the 2005 Right Livelihood Award (known as the “Alternative Nobel”), the 2005 Lannan Foundation Cultural Freedom Fellowship Award, the Citation of Lifetime Achievement at the 2008 Canadian Environment Awards, the 2009 Earth Day Canada Outstanding Environmental Achievement Award, the 2009 Planet in Focus Eco Hero Award, and the 2011 EarthCare Award, the highest international honour of the Sierra Club (USA).

In 2008/2009, she served as Senior Advisor on Water to the 63rd President of the United Nations General Assembly and was a leader in the campaign to have water recognized as a human right by the UN. She is also the author of dozens of reports, as well as 16 books, including the international best seller “Blue Covenant: The Global Water Crisis and The Coming Battle for the Right to Water”.

## Franklin Frederick



Franklin Frederick is a Brazilian water activist, awarded with the 2009 North-South Award from RomeroHaus (Lucerne), for his work on water as a human right and a public good. He has previously worked with the Movimento dos Amigos do Circuito das Aguas, Movement of the Friends of Circuito das Aguas, in Brazil – a social movement created to defend the waters of the Circuito das Aguas region in Brazil against water privatization and especially from Nestlé. Now based in Switzerland, he is working with OeME Bern – the Ecumenical and Cooperation Mission from the Reformed Church of Bern.

## Christian Hofer



Christian Hofer is currently Deputy Head of the Bilateral Economic Relations Asia and Oceania Section in the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) in Bern. Previously, he has been working from 2007-2009 as Policy Advisor in SECO’s Services Section, where he was mainly involved in WTO trade in services negotiations. Before joining SECO in 2007, Hofer was working as Project Manager for the Berghof Foundation for Conflict Studies in Colombo in 2007, as Research Fellow at the University of Edinburgh from 2005-2006, and as Research and Teaching Assistant at the University of Zurich from 2002-2005. He

wrote his doctoral thesis on “More Market in Water Supply: Understanding the International Human Rights Law Perspective”.

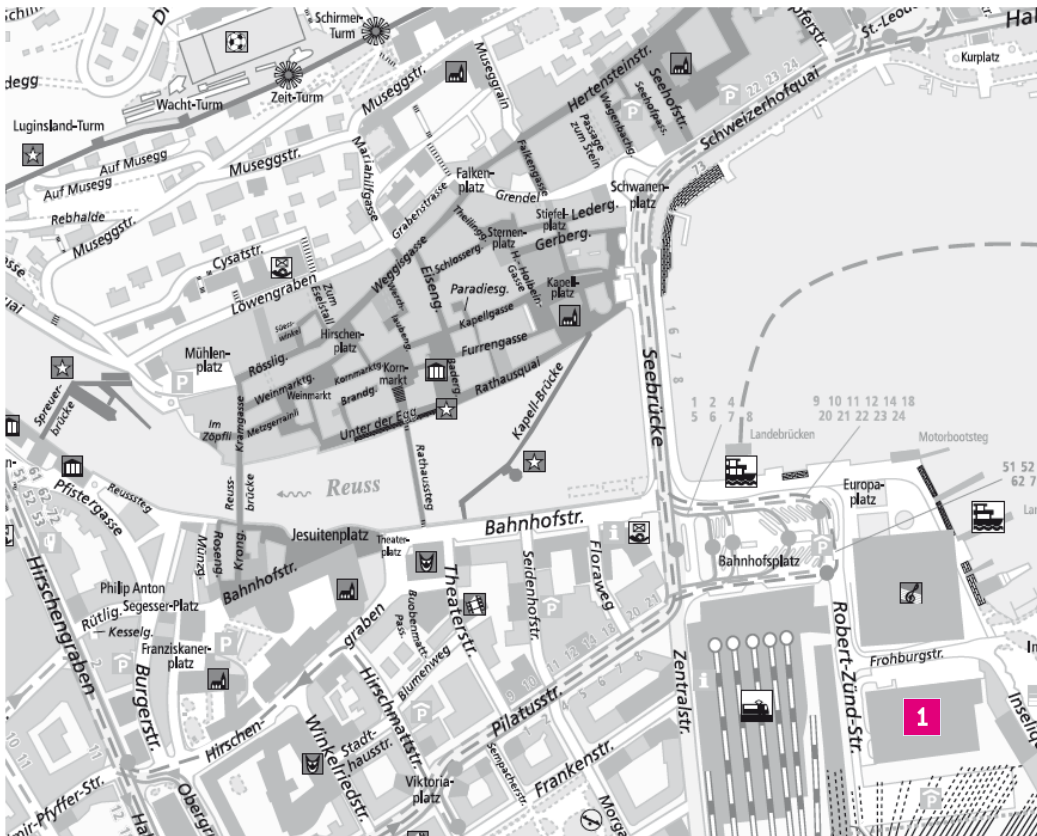
# The Human Right to Water: The Fight Continues

Two years ago, the United Nations finally recognized the human right to water and sanitation after resisting for decades. It was a huge breakthrough in a world plagued not only by water injustice and poverty, but by rapidly declining water supplies. Maude Barlow has been at the heart of this fight for two decades and warns that the corporate takeover of the “right to water” campaign by private interests such as Suez and Nestlé threatens to derail real progress. She will outline the four principles to a just and sustainable water future.

## Programme

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18.15 - 18.25	Klaus Mathis <b>Welcome and Introduction</b>
18.25 - 18.45	Maude Barlow <b>The Human Right to Water: The Fight Continues</b>
18.45 - 19.30	<b>Panel Discussion with Maude Barlow, Franklin Frederick and Christian Hofer</b>



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### Registration

Attendance is free of charge.  
Registration is not required.