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All are welcome

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Big Fights over Small Fish: Ecology, Society and Politics in the Gangetic Plains

In Bihar's Gangetic floodplains, the last few decades have witnessed severe conflicts between riverine fishing groups over which fishing gears cause unsustainable harvesting. Different gears catch different sizes: some catch young and small fish and others selectively catch larger fish at their reproductive age. Some are categorized as illegal and others claimed as traditional, further complicating these conflicts. In my talk, I will share insights from my long-term research on these gear use conflicts. I will further discuss how these conflicts are underpinned by classical and emerging concepts from fisheries biology, and how they reinforce on-ground social realities and perceptions.

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