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Water From Space: Societal, Educational and Cultural Aspects (6)

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## IMAGINARY FUTURES

**Abstract**

Imaginary Futures proposes and forms questions that assist in speculating the future of our planet, its resources and its relationship to outer space. Major scientific experiments like Space-missions, Large Particle Accelerators and massive Radio Telescopes are exploring our interest in outer space and its potential benefit to us. As science-fiction writer William Gibson noted “ We are in a place where things could just go anywhere”. A search for resources on other planets to make up for our depletion of them on earth is driving recent Mars missions to search for water and potential living conditions. This is no longer just a science fictional idea, but rather a direct response to our over-population and water crisis on earth. Addressing the intersection of science, art and science fiction, Nina Czegledy and Marcus Neustetter are presenting some concepts and ideas that surround current scientific search. In order to do this, they have identified the term “Space Water” to stimulate response and questions about our future from an international network of artists, science fiction writers and scientists. The responses and comments are presented in a paper that addresses speculations and predictions rooted in contemporary concerns and challenges. “Space Water” evokes imaginary concepts of what our future relationship to water and our surroundings could be, but also challenges our relationship to our planet.

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