



INSPIRING TALK ON WATER ISSUES

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Main goals of conférences :

Increase awareness around one of the world's most precious resources and the challenges surrounding eight vitally important rivers.

Water is a precious resource and its value will constantly increase as time passes. Unfortunately, many of the world rivers face daunting challenges and many countries are fighting over water rich territories. Most conflicts and water issues involve **Transboundary Rivers**.

In an effort to increase awareness of these global water issues, photographer Franck Vogel has created a multi-faceted photography project focusing on eight major rivers, each with its own specific set of problems. He started investigating on the Nile and its controversial Millennium Dam project in 2012. He then continued with features on the Brahmaputra, the Colorado, the Jordan, the Mekong, the Ganges, the Zambezi and finally in 2019 the Danube.

During this one-hour conference, Franck Vogel will present how he came to be interested in Water and Rivers following an initiatory journey, before presenting the eight rivers. It will focus particularly on the Colorado, the only river that no longer reaches the sea, to better understand the keys to the problem and how to remedy it. He will end with the positive example of the Danube before concluding on a poetic note. The conference will be followed by a debate with the audience.

FRANCKVOGEL

PHOTOGRAPHER & SPEAKER

Franck Vogel works as a photographer specializing in social and environmental issues for the international press (Le Monde, Paris Match, GEO, France Télévision, Bloomberg, Discovery). He's a member of the French Explorers' Society.

Since 2007, he has focused on the unique relationship between Man & Nature in an effort to illustrate that it's possible to live in harmony. In a world where the media only reports negative stories, Franck has decided to bring hope. For example, his epic work about the Bishnoi community in India tells the story of some of the world's first environmentalists. This work has been published all over the globe, including in GEO magazine's special 30th anniversary issue in 2009, as well as photos showcased in Parisian Metro stations in 2011 and 2012 (15 million visitors). In order to reach a wider audience, Franck Vogel wrote and co-directed in 2011 a documentary film entitled, *Rajasthan, l'âme d'un prophète* (The Bishnois, India's Eco-Warriors), for France Télévision. The film was awarded the Phoenix d'Or 2011 and the 2013 Terre Sauvage Prize.

His work to denounce the Albino killings in Tanzania has been featured in magazines and exhibited around the world (Rencontres d'Arles, Visa pour l'Image, Pingyao Photo Festival in China), and his book on Albinos released in 2012 (Michel Lafon Publishing).

Franck Vogel is currently focusing on global transboundary water conflicts and has completed stories on the Nile, the Brahmaputra, the Colorado, the Jordan, the Mekong, the Ganges and the Zambezi. Articles were subsequently published by GEO, Bloomberg, Stern and Le Monde diplomatique, exhibited at Gardens by the Bay (Singapore), United Nations in Geneva, COP22, Pavillon de l'Eau in Paris, Festival Photoreporter (France) and Photoville Festival in New York, and featured in inspiring talks Vogel gave for institutions (UNESCO, Columbia University with the Earth Institute, Sciences Po Paris, ESSEC Business School, COP22 with Erik Orsenna, French Academician) or for companies (Pictet, Crédit Agricole, Artelia...). BBC News interviewed him live on the rivers' project while visiting Singapore in 2016. A two-volume book set will be released by La Martinière Publishing and the first volume has been launched in Sept 2016, and was praised by the international press including National Geographic.

On October 4th, 2013, to reward his tireless efforts to promote the Bishnoi culture, Franck Vogel received the highest honors from Bishnoi religious and political leaders at a ceremony at the Mukam Festival (India) attended by thousands of pilgrims.



FLEUVES FRONTIERES
(Transboundary Rivers)
La Martinière Publishing (2016)

TALKS ON THE PROJECT



« Besides Franck Vogel's committed work, he is a great storyteller and knows how to engage with his audience. »

Erik Orsenna

NEW YORK - Columbia University

COP22 - **MARRAKESH**

SINGAPORE - Gardens by the Bay

Pavillon de l'Eau - **PARIS**

Talk with **ERIK ORSENNA**
from the French Academy



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NILE

For centuries, Nile water access has been one of Egypt's major concerns and the country won't hesitate to go to war to preserve it. One reason for the 25-year civil war in the Sudan is due to the Nile, and the new Grand Renaissance Dam constructed by Ethiopia, which is sure to increase tensions.



BRAHMAPUTRA

With little to no concern for environmental risks or local population, China and India are engaged in a hydro-dam construction race on the Brahmaputra and its tributaries, in efforts to generate substantial amounts of electricity.

COLORADO

The Colorado is the vital artery of the American Southwest but is also the only river in the world that no longer flows into the ocean.

JORDAN

Holy for half Humankind, the Jordan River remains nowadays a dirty and polluted stream. Most of its water has been diverted for farming and cities in Israel and Jordan.



MEKONG

It took the Mekong River thousands of years to create its delta in Vietnam and it never failed to feed the population. Today the river is in danger: the Mekong delta is sinking and fish migration is blocked because of the new mega dams.

GANGES

The Ganges is India's most sacred river, but also the most polluted. Millions of Hindus live from its water, bath in it and conclude their lives on the riverbanks. At the same time, settlements and companies dump their waste into it.





ZAMBEZI

The Zambezi is one of the last unnavigable wild rivers and it might face pollution from a new copper mine planned inside the Lower Zambezi National Park in Zambia.

DANUBE

Symbol of Europe, the Danube river went through crises but over time and the European construction it has become a link between poor and rich countries, as well as an example of cooperation.

PRESS COVERAGE TO DATE



5 min live interview from the BBC studios in Singapore
(16 April 2016 - Audience 400 million)



Interview on TF1 evening news « Le 20 h »
(8 October 2018 - Audience 5,76 million)



Also: Bloomberg Businessweek, RTL, L'Obs, France Info TV, France Culture, La Vie, RFI, La Gazette Drouot, Madame Figaro, France Info, Corriere della Sera, Radio Télévision Suisse, We Demain, El Comercio...

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