



MAY 21 WEDNESDAY



Two abandoned ships near Aral, Kazakhstan

## Water: The Vanishing Necessity

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Beyond the impact of global warming, human incompetence and greed is dangerously depleting our supply of usable water. For example, wasteful irrigation practices in Central Asia have led to the virtual disappearance of the Aral Sea. The large amounts of water used to acquire new sources of energy, as in fracking, are permanently contaminated.

As the world's population expands, the water crisis is likely to become a serious source of international conflict. 260 river basins and 265 aquifers are shared by two or more countries. Already, India is accusing China of "stealing" water from the Brahmaputra River through a series of upstream dams, while Syria and Iraq fear the effects of Turkey's exploitation of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers for irrigation and hydroelectric power.

**Sylvia Lee** previously worked for the World Bank in Nepal, resolving international conflicts over water rights, and for the World Economic Forum, encouraging public/private sector collaboration to meet the global water challenge.

**Pre-paid reservations required for guaranteed seating.  
Dinner reservations required by Friday, May 16.**

This program is co-sponsored by the Marin Chapter of the United Nations Association.

### Dinner & Program

Council & UNA Members: \$35  
Non-members: \$40  
Students and Dominican  
Faculty & Staff: \$35

### Dessert & Program

Council & UNA Members: \$6  
Non-members: \$9  
Dominican Staff: \$6  
Students: Free (without coffee  
and dessert)

Reception: 6:30 PM  
Dinner: 7:00 PM  
Dessert: 7:30 PM  
Program: 7:50 PM

Dominican University  
Caleruega Dining Hall  
Creekside Room  
Magnolia at Palm Ave.  
San Rafael, CA