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Dr. Farhad Mukhtarov is Assistant Professor of Governance and Public Policy at the International Institute of Social Sciences (ISS), Erasmus University Rotterdam and an Adjunct Senior Research Fellow at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at National University Singapore. Currently, he also holds the position of Visiting Senior Professor at Khazar University Environmental Research Center.

Farhad Mukhtarov studied and worked at universities in England, the Netherlands, Hungary, Azerbaijan and Singapore. Mukhtarov's research can be summarised in three broad themes: water governance, politics of knowledge, and theories of policy-making. Geographically, Farhad's work has covered Western Europe, the larger Mediterranean, and Central and South-Eastern Asia. He currently develops research in the South Caucasus.

He served on various expert panels, such as convened by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2019), the United Nations Environmental Programme (2017-2019), and The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (2007-2009). Mukhtarov was a lead author of the UN-Environment's flagship publication – the Sixth Global Environmental Outlook published in 2018. He received the Prose Award for Environmental Sciences for this contribution. He is a recipient of various grants, scholarships and fellowships, including those by the European Commission, Open Society Institute, Foreign Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom (Chevening), the European Science Foundation and the Netherlands Research Council (NWO). Mukhtarov delivered keynote addresses at international conferences at the National University of Singapore (2020) and the Higher School of Economics of Russia (2021). Mukhtarov has also served as a Chairman of the Academic Council at the ADA University in 2014-2016 in Azerbaijan and a coordinator of a Major at ISS-EUR in 2020-2023. He currently serves on the committee of four doctoral students.

Dr. Mukhtarov published over 20 peer-reviewed journal articles in international academic journals and a few dozen of book chapters, review essays, public interviews, policy reports, and professional magazine contributions. Since 2020, Mukhtarov is an Associate Editor of Environmental Science & Policy, an Elsevier published academic journal with an impact factor of 6,424 in 2022. His work was cited by UN agencies and IPCC.

Dr. Mukhtarov studies the intersection of public policy and the environment in the context of international development. Broadly speaking, dr. Mukhtarov is interested in understanding the role of knowledge in politics, especially in a transnational context where global policy ideas influence national and local policy practices and vice versa. Over the years, he developed several lines in his research as follows. dr. Mukhtarov would be interested to supervise Ph.D. students working on one of the themes below.

Dr. Mukhtarov is currently developing cooperation with Khazar University, Azerbaijan, within the framework of an Erasmus+ mobility grant (2023-2026). The theme of collaboration is water security in Azerbaijan. In addition, a UNIC seed grant from the European Commission that Farhad leads together with colleagues from Koc University and University of Oulu, as well as Deltares Research Institute, is meant to set-up a collaborative platform for a dialogue on transboundary water management in the South Caucasus. dr. Mukhtarov also received a starter grant from the Erasmus University Rotterdam to explore water security, border imaginaries and lived experience of water users in Azerbaijan's border regions (2023 to 2027) as part of a team science project to examine water, securitisation and border imaginaries.

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