




## **Drying out? Water, society and climate in central Mexico**

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Access to water in adequate quantity and quality underpins societies whatever their economic base. Water scarcity, perceived or real, brings stresses and conflict between groups. Understanding how and why certain sectors of the population are affected by, and respond to, drought and water scarcities are considered essential steps toward designing appropriate drought preparedness, mitigation and relief programmes. This project will explore the complex relationship between climate, water and society in central Mexico by combining methods from the physical and social sciences. Differences between indigenous and Spanish populations, public and private institutions will be of particular interest. The UK team comprises Sarah Metcalfe and Georgina Endfield (School of Geography, Nottingham) and Sarah Davies (Geography and Earth Sciences, Aberystwyth). This work will be carried out in collaboration with Dr. Omar Tapia and Dr. Yosú Rodríguez from CentroGeo in Mexico City, Dr. Harald Bohnel at the Centro de Geociencias, UNAM, Queretaro and Dr. Jose Villanueva Diaz INIFAP, Durango.