Natural resources can be defined as resources that exist in the natural environment that are both scarce and economically useful in production or consumption, either in their raw state or after a minimal amount of processing. They represent a potentially transformational opportunity to support development but are ultimately finite.

Therefore natural resources are increasingly subject to intense competition. In areas where the number of people is growing, resources often need to be shared among more users with different interests. Securing access to resources can become people’s greatest concern when those resources are scarce.

Recent years have shown growing recognition of land and resource disputes as drivers of conflict and violence. Resolving natural resource conflicts is a defining peace and security challenge of the 21st century. The geopolitical stakes are high as the survival or authority of states may depend on securing access to key natural resources.

The seminar explores the causes of conflicts when it comes to the distribution of natural resources. In parallel, peace negotiations have increasingly addressed these issues directly. Indeed, all major peace agreements since 2005 include provisions on land and natural resources. Therefore we want to understand the complex and interwoven aspects of natural resource governance and focus on options of conflict resolution for disputes that center on natural resources.

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