

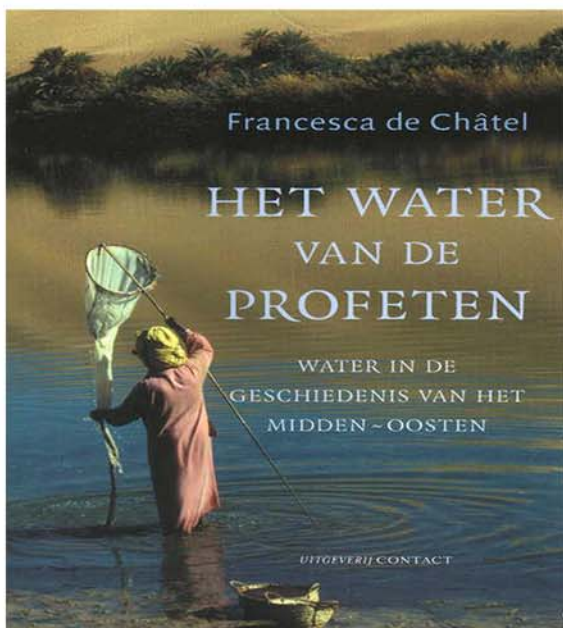
The Netherlands Institute for Academic Studies in Damascus (NIASD)
has the pleasure to invite you for the lecture

“Perceptions of Water in the Middle East”

by Ms. Francesca de Châtel, writer and researcher specialised in environmental
issues and the Middle East.

Thursday the 3rd of May, 2007, 19H00 at NIASD

The lecture focuses on some of the reasons behind
the lack of public awareness that surround issues
of water scarcity among large parts of the general
public in the Middle East. It also examines possible
solutions, assessing the value of projects that aim
to increase public awareness and give users a greater
sense of responsibility for the water they consume.



Francesca de Châtel is the author of *Water Sheikhs and Dam Builders, Stories of People and Water in the Middle East* (Transaction Publishers, 2007), a book about the history, culture and politics of water in the Middle East. De Châtel's articles have been published in *The Observer*, *The Guardian*, *The Times* among others. She has contributed to and (co-)authored several books in the United Kingdom and in the Netherlands.

Language: English with Arabic translation projected on a screen

Location: Netherlands Institute for Academic Studies in Damascus, Farabi Street 85
(near the Greek Embassy)

Time: 19H00

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