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The Shape of Water in India’s Deccan

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Water in India’s Deccan takes many shapes, from sacred libations to rushing rivers. In this presentation, Dr. Cohen will present work in progress from a current book project. This book spans the Deccan's history from the Kakatiya Empire of the 11th century to the present Telangana Government. The presentation will focus on examples from the Kakatiya and Sultanate periods. Rather than military conquests or "civilizational clashes," his approach will be to view the Deccan through hydrosocial terms. A hydrosocial approach locates humans and water under the same analytic lens, and sees the ways in which humans and water have impacted each other over time. Rather than writing Deccani history as a series of distinct kingdoms or empires, a hydrosocial approach allows for a long-term, connected history.