

WEF nexus La Plata River Basin



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La Plata River Basin

- Extends over 3,200,000 km²
- Situated in:
 - Brazil (46%)
 - Argentina (30%)
 - Paraguay (13%)
 - Bolivia (7%)
 - Uruguay (5%)
- Includes basins of River Paraná, River Paraguay, River Uruguay, River La Plata
- Contains several important ecosystems:
 - Pantanal
 - Chaco
 - Pampa's plains
 - Cerrado
 - Atlantic Forest (Mata Atlantica)
 - Delta del Paraná



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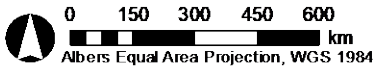


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Legend

- International Boundary
- Capital, Town
- River
- Dam
- Zone of Irrigation Development
- River Basin
- Pantanal wetland



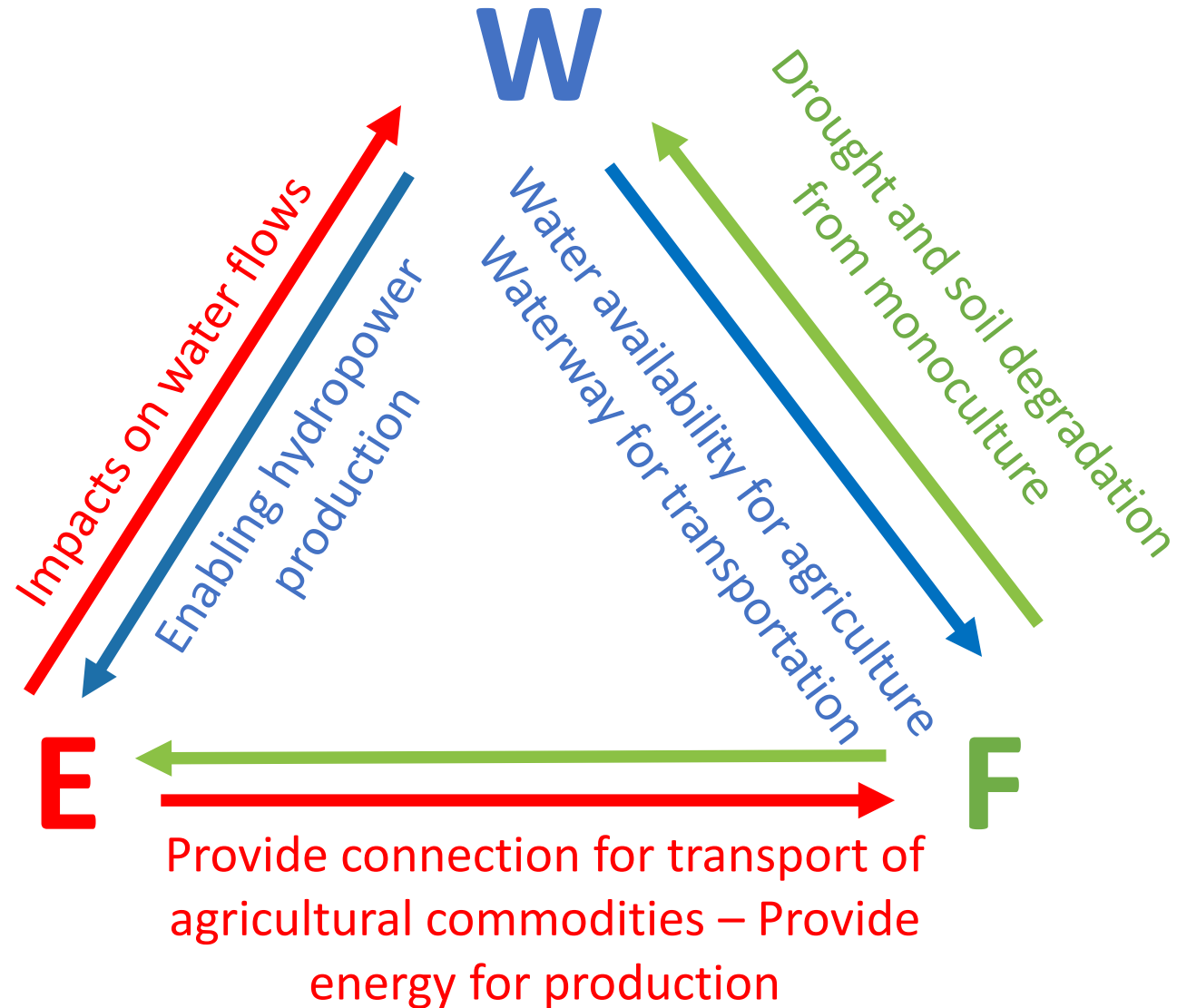
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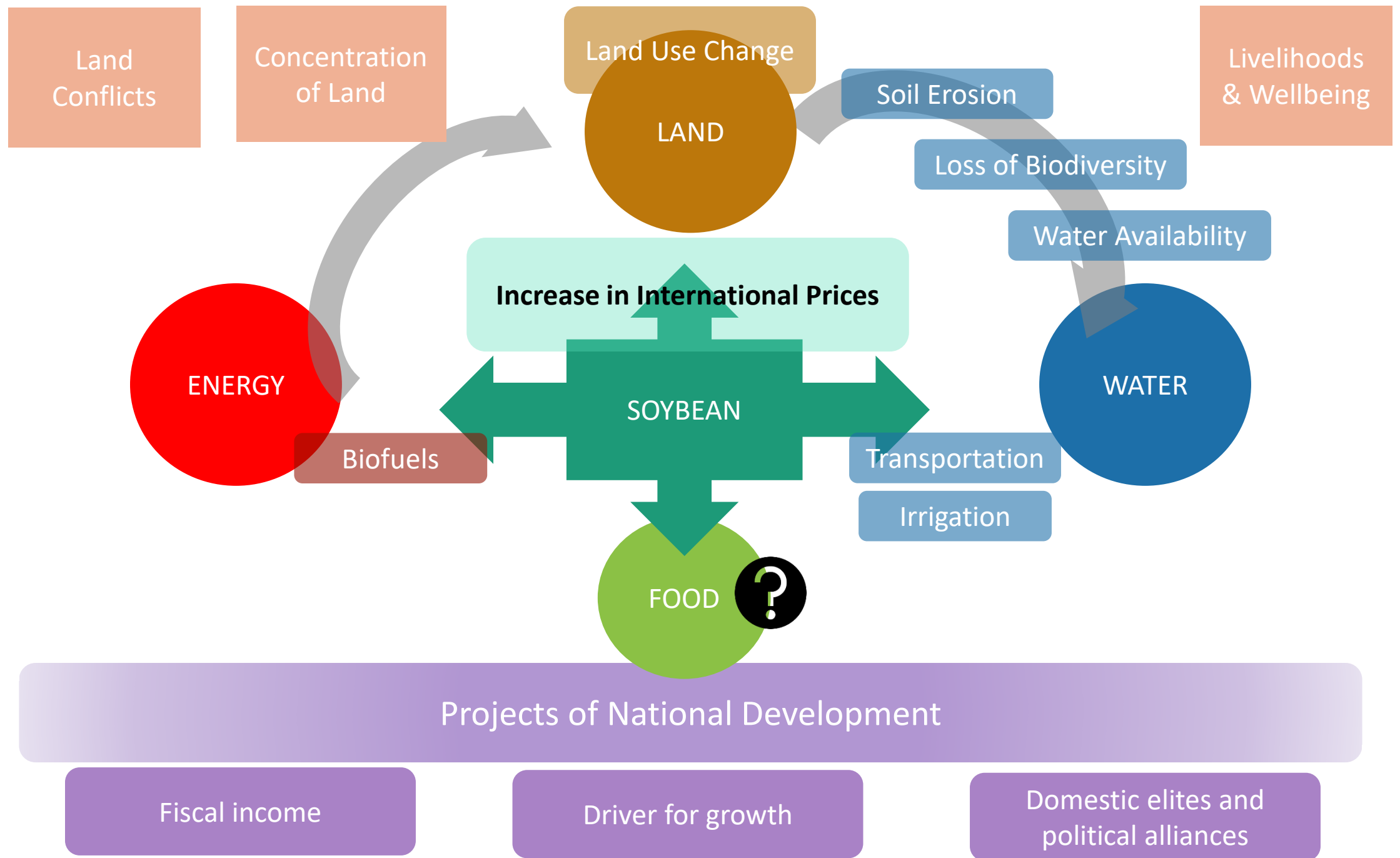
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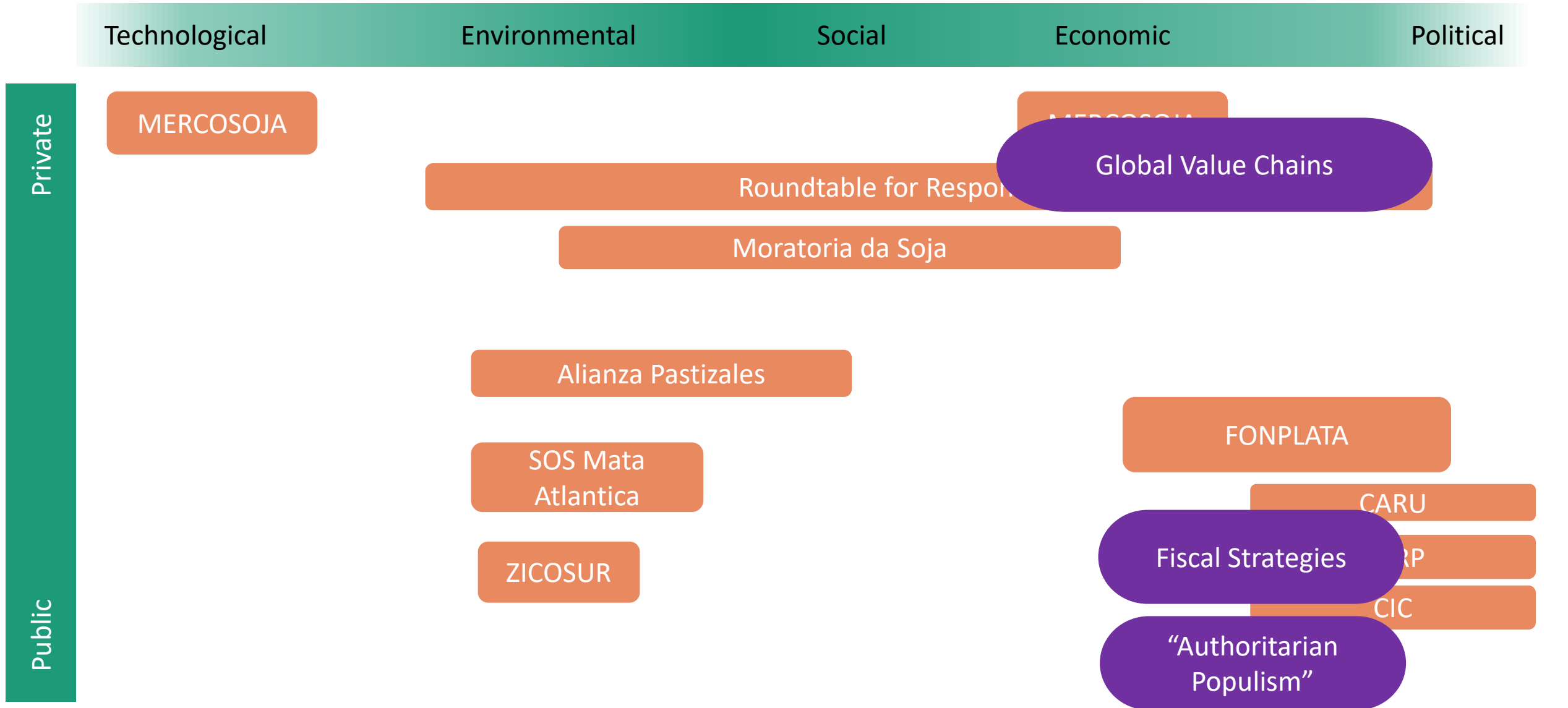


Water – Energy – Food nexus





Governing the ‘soybean’ nexus



Conclusions & Future Research Questions

- Existing gap in analysis of La Plata River Basin, particularly from a WEF nexus perspective
- Governance mechanisms: multiplicity and overlap of governance institutions and processes.
- **Soybean** is a central issue in the political economy of the region and a key element to understand WEF interconnections

How have dynamics of the global political economy affected the basin? How has the commodity boom transformed the nexus?

What is the role of the market in constituting the nexus? Are we in the age of the Anthropocene or the Capitalocene?

What are the national determinants for the dynamics of the nexus? Or, how does the nexus impact national economies?

What are the 'developmental threats' in the La Plata River Basin WEF nexus?

Thank you

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