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Rivers and History, and Rivers of History

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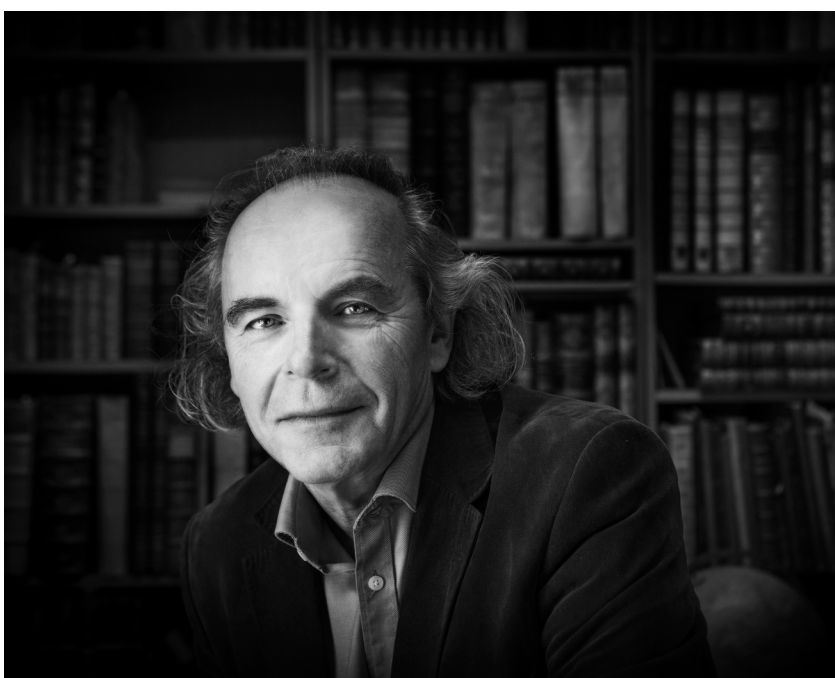
OPENING KEYNOTE LECTURE OF

Modern Rivers of Eurasia: Potential, Control, Change

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The lecture will examine several examples of the very important but changing roles of rivers in history (the small Akerselva of Norway, the Derwent of England, the Indus, and the Huang He of China). Based on these cases, Tvedt will discuss modernization theories that dominated international discourse on development after World War II—theories that disregarded the role of water in historical developments.



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