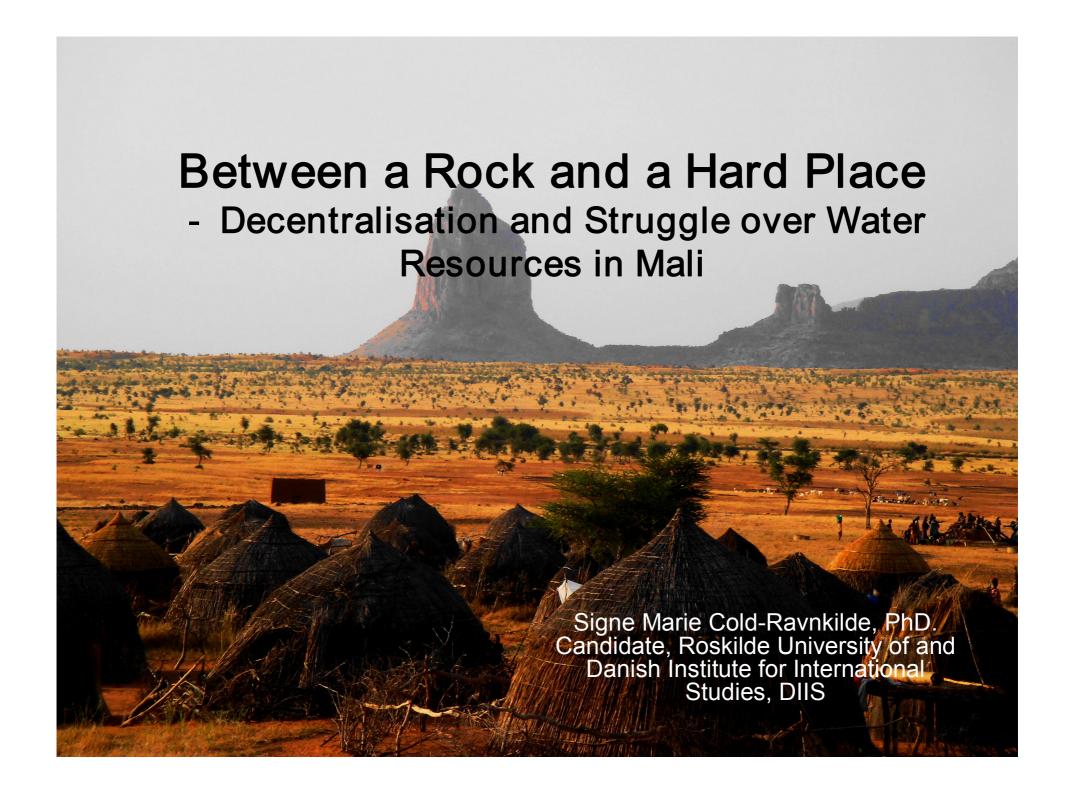


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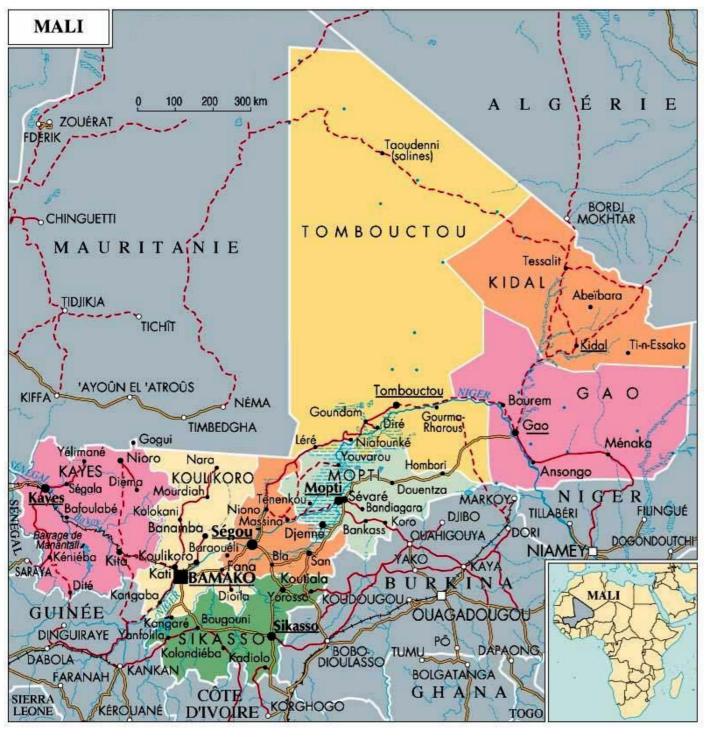




- Conflict over water resources and decentralisation in Mali
- Water scarcity
- 2 events
 - Competition over access
 - Competition over control



- Transfer of competences to municipalities
- Local participation in natural resource management
- Success story?



Lake Agoufou

 Between Gossi and Hombori municipalities

Geography - Facts





Permanent in 1991

Before temporary pond

Demography - Facts

- 3 ethnic groups
 - Songhai
 - sedentary cultivators
 - Tuareg
 - semi-nomadic camel herders
 - Fulbe
 - semi-nomadic herders and cultivators









Seasonal mobility

- Seasonal mobility
- wetlands and drylands Interdependence

Stakeholders and Interests

Stakeholders

Permanent Inhabitants

Temporary inhabitants

Customary chiefs

NGO Liptako Gourma

Municipalities

Interests

Domestic and productive purposes

Access to water and pastures

Control over land and rules

Planting of Bourgou

Revenue and power

Event 1

- Migrant Fulbe
- Transgression of Bourgou
- Network of power
 - Chiefs, NGO Liptako Gourma, municipalities





- Conflict over Access
- Contested ownership
- Creation and Marginalisation of "outsiders"?
- Decentralisation and exclusion



- Information signposts
- Border regions administrative borders
- Protests
- Different claim making







Conflict over control

Resurrection of historical conflicts

Making of history to fix the present



- Struggles over modes of belonging
- Inclusion and exclusion
- Identity formation
- Realism

