This presentation focuses on a historically settled and culturally active region of South Asia by examining the environment, especially the presence of water, that has influenced the political, socio-economic and cultural systems in the area.

The study area is richly populated by historic cave complexes, forts, numerous temples, pilgrimage centers, ashrams, Sufi dargahs and tanks. The micro-watershed of Khuldabad Taluka, provides a case study for the evolution of human settlements in the region since pre-historic times.

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