



Full Syllabus



Course Title

Policy and Political Aspects of Transboundary Water Management in Israel and the Middle East

Lecturer

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Semester

Fall, Thursdays from 10:00-12:00

Course requirements

None

Final grade components

50% oral presentation; 50% final written exam

Course schedule

Class no. / Date	Subject and Requirements (assignments, reading materials, tasks, etc.)
1. 7/11	Introduction to contemporary water issues: what's the fuss all about
2. 14/11	Defining Water Scarcity: Definitions, Perceptions and Projections
3. 20/11	Please note! The class is on Wednesday 10:00-12:00 instead of Thursday 21/11 Overview on Transboundary Water Interactions: Conflict and Cooperation
21, 28/11, 5/12	No class
4. 11/12	Please note! The class is on Wednesday 10:00-12:00 instead of Thursday 12/12 Regional Water Resources: Review of Major Water Sources of the Middle East
5. 17/12	Field trip
6. 19/12	Double class until 14:00 International Environmental Law for Transboundary Water Management
7.	Water Resources Management and Policy in Israel
8. 26/12	Water Resources Management and Policy in the Palestinian Authority - The Oslo Accords
9. 2/1	The Israel-Hamas war and water resources management in Gaza
10. 9/1	Water Resources Management and Policy in Jordan: The Israel-Jordan Peace Treaty
11. 16/1	Mega-engineering projects for restoring the Dead Sea and resolving the region's water crisis – Prosperity Blue and Green
12. 23/1	Transboundary watershed restoration and wastewater management
13. 30/1	Student presentations

Required course reading

Readings will be provided as necessary throughout the course.

Optional course reading



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Additional reading material will be made available during the semester for each topic.

Comments

General course objectives: This course will introduce the major issues hindering or allowing for efficient water management in the Middle East. As water scarcity is a reality in the region, it is critical to explore the ways and means for sustainable management of this resource in the face of growing demand and dwindling supply and the associated regional plans for water allocation among the countries of the region. The course will concentrate on the Jordan River and Dead Sea Basin and associated groundwater resources and how these waters are managed and shared. The course will focus on the water resources of Israel, the Palestinian Authority and Jordan. The goal of the course is to provide students with an overview of the challenges facing policy makers and water experts in effectively managing these shared resources and negotiating over their equitable allocation .

Course format/delivery: Lecture and discussion