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Water Planning, Policy and Design

This seminar is intended for graduate students who have a strong interest in water in environmental history, planning, policy, and design. Water poses some of the most challenging problems to societies around the world—from household supplies and waste recycling to regional river basin planning and global hydroclimatic change. Water conveys profound meanings of life, livelihood, beauty, death, and destruction.

Group members should have a water study in mind that requires systematic reading in the field, e.g., a design project, thesis chapter, or publication. If you do not have one, I have many topics in the U.S., South Asia, the Middle East that may be of interest.

Individual projects will vary by discipline, phase of development, and outcomes – but we will have a shared approach that will systematically introduce the field of water resources research. We will have common readings organized by scale. I will give short talks on the historical development of each scale of water management to complement the discussion. In addition, we will strive to build upon MIT's Rethinking Water theme to identify issues and interests across all five Schools.

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DAY:	Tuesday
TIME:	9:00 -12:00
ROOM:	5-231
PROF:	James Wescoat
UNITS & LEVEL:	3-0-6 H
REQUIREMENT:	Instructor's permission

