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# **WATER IN THE MIDDLE EAST: ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES**

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*Spring 2018, W 9:30 am – 12:20 pm*

Reading seminar on contemporary transboundary water issues and initiatives in Israel, the Palestinian territories, and Jordan. Participants will explore a variety of perspectives on the biophysical, historical, and sociocultural roots of water-related issues in the region, as well as an array of top-down (technological, managerial) and bottom-up (community-based, participatory) approaches to developing solutions. Designed for graduate students in environmental and natural resource policy, water resources, international relations, conflict resolution, Middle Eastern studies and related fields; undergraduates prepared to undertake serious study and discussion of the topic welcome, too! Each week, students will write short commentaries on required readings; the essays will serve as the starting point for class discussion. At the end of term, students will submit a related seminar paper (15-20 pp., grads; 10-12 pp., undergrads). *Maximum 20 students.*

TEXTS:

Tal & Abed Rabbo, eds. 2010. *Water Wisdom: Preparing the Groundwork for Cooperative and Sustainable Water Management in the Middle East*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers Univ. Press.

*Course Reader*

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