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

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Reading seminar on water issues and initiatives in Israel, the Palestinian Territories, and Jordan. Participants explore a variety of perspectives on the biophysical, historical, and sociocultural roots of transboundary and other 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 students interested in environmental and natural resource policy, water resources, international relations, conflict resolution, Middle Eastern studies, and related fields. Each week, students write short commentaries on required readings; the essays serve as starting point for class discussion. Over the course of the semester, students develop and submit a research paper on a related topic.

## 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.

Additional selections (virtual *Course Reader*), via Blackboard

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