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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 will 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 graduate students in environmental and natural resource policy, water resources, international relations, conflict resolution, Middle East studies, and related fields. Undergraduates prepared to undertake serious study and discussion of the topic are 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:

Additional selections (virtual course reader), via Blackboard

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