

Global Studies 491/Judaic Studies 492 – Summer Pre-session 2014
Water Security and Peace in the Middle East, the U.S. and Around the World
May 19-June 6, 2014. M-F 10-12:00pm, OldH 516.

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Office hours: I will be available each day immediately after class, and by appointment.

Course Objective

The future of peace in the Middle East and other regions of the world depends heavily on access to water and water management. Water scarcity has contributed to armed conflict throughout the world. But there have also been important examples of cooperation related to water and related environmental issues. This interdisciplinary class will look at social, economic and political aspects of water scarcity, as well as considering the potential impact of scientific and technological advances in water production and distribution. Israel and its relations with its neighbors will serve as the main case study, but consideration will also be given to other regions.

Required Readings

Brahma Chellaney, *Water, Peace and War*
Alon Tal and Alfred Abed Rabbo (eds.), *Water Wisdom*.
Selected handouts.
Readings for each day's class will be given in class.

Course Requirements

1. Weekly two-to –three (2-3)-page summary and commentary on assigned reading (due on Friday of each week). 30%
2. Participation in class (this can take various forms; further directions given in class). 25%
3. Attendance at morning sessions of 2-day symposium, “**Water Security and Peace: Avenues for Cooperation,**” **May 28-29.** Kauffman Center. 25 %
4. Final take-home essay assignment (about 3-5pp), due **June 9th by midnight** – may be submitted electronically. Further instructions given in class. 20%

Approximate Schedule of Topics and Readings

Week 1 (May 19-May 22): Survey of Water Security Concepts and Specific Regional Problems Around the World

Readings assigned from Chellaney volume.

Week 2 (May 27-May30): Introduction to the Israeli-Arab Conflict
Readings in handout format; lecture

Symposium, “Water security and Peace: Avenues for Cooperation,” May 28, 29)

Friday, May 30th, guest lecturer.

Week 3 (June 2- June 6): Specific Cases –Israel/Palestine; Arizona; Indus River, others.

Readings assigned from Tal and Rabbo volume, as well as Chellaney volume.