

11.382 Water Diplomacy

Thursdays:

Lecture 3-5 pm

Section 5-6 pm

Location:

9-450 B

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This class focuses on conflicts over the allocation of water resources and ways of resolving them. Graduate students (and advanced undergraduates) in DUSP, CEE, ESD, TPP, and other departments and programs interested in water policy and water management at any geographic scale, anywhere in the world, are invited to participate. Students are required to prepare a detailed case study of a water conflict and use it to test the likely effectiveness of the Water Diplomacy Framework (Islam and Suskind, *Water Diplomacy, Resources for the Future*, 2010) as a conflict management strategy. The course has five parts: (i) presentation of the Water Diplomacy Framework; (ii) review of key concepts central to water security and water resource management; (iii) discussion of cases of water conflict in South Asia, North America, Africa and the Arctic included in the Aquapedia (aquapedia.waterdiplomacy.org); (iv) presentation of student case studies of water conflict; and (v) reconsideration of the Water Diplomacy Framework in light of students findings.