



# Water Governance and Conflict Management 2010

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How can we move debates about water resource issues beyond entrenched positions? What are some less confrontational approaches that bring conflicting interests and institutions together to craft workable solutions; ones that build community rather than disrupt it? Can we find solutions that work across different scales of both time and space? What are some ways we ourselves can work more peacefully within contentious situations?

Experience suggests that 21st Century water demands and associated issues will challenge us to seek new strategies. The complexity we face calls for approaches that foster sustained, long-term stewardship which connects people with the environment as well as with their communities. This Water Governance and Conflict Management course offers an opportunity for water resources professionals and graduate students to learn about current and leading-edge ways to work effectively in contentious water situations. It explores conflict tolerance, prevention, management, and transformation through collaborative structures as well as through models of negotiation and dialogue.

The week-long course emphasizes experiential learning. Class offers a place to learn and practice new skills that are applicable from the individual level to the societal level and across a range of real-life situations. Additionally, the course helps students understand just how creative, messy and inelegant workable solutions are likely to be.

Participants will receive three (3) Oregon State University graduate credits.

Register for the course and get more information on our website:

<http://www.transboundarywaters.orst.edu/training/Water%20Governance/home.html>

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The Dead Sea at Sunrise  
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*"No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it."*

~ Albert Einstein

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The OSU Department of Geosciences in the College of Science, with the Water Resources Graduate Program and UNESCO'S PCCP (From Potential Conflict to Cooperation Potential) now offer an online certificate in Water Conflict Management and Transformation in partnership with Extended Campus. The Water Conflict Management certificate program also enjoys the strong support of the Institute for Water and Watersheds (IWW), the hub for water-relate activities at OSU.