

# Course Change Request

## New Course Proposal

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### In Workflow

1. **ESP Chair**
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3. SC Associate Dean
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5. Registrar-Courses
6. Banner

### Approval Path

1. 09/24/19 11:03 am  
A. Alonso Aguirre (aaguirr3):  
Approved for ESP Chair

Yes

### Requestor:

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**Effective Term:** Fall 2020

**Subject Code:** EVPP - Environmental Science & Policy

**Course Number:**

534

### Bundled Courses:

**Is this course replacing another course?** No

### Equivalent Courses:

**Catalog Title:** Food-Energy-Water Nexus

**Banner Title:** Food-Energy-Water Nexus

**Will section titles vary by semester?** No

**Credits:** 3

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week:** 3

**Repeatable:** May only be taken once for credit (NR)  
\*GRADUATE ONLY\*

**Default Grade Mode:** Graduate Regular

**Recommended Prerequisite(s):**

One environmental social science course (e.g., policy or economics), or permission of instructor.

**Recommended Corequisite(s):**

**Required Prerequisite(s) / Corequisite(s) (Updates only):**

**Registrar's Office Use Only - Required Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):**

And/Or	(	Course/Test Code	Min Grade/Score	Academic Level	)	Concurrency?

**Registration Restrictions (Updates only):**

**Registrar's Office Use Only - Registration Restrictions:**

**Field(s) of Study:**

**Class(es):**

**Level(s):**

**Degree(s):**

**School(s):**

**Catalog Description:**

This course examines resilience and sustainability challenges involving the food, energy water (FEW) nexus, along with innovative solutions to them. Discussions bridge multiple disciplines, considering the technological, economic, and institutional dimensions of the nexus in various places around the globe at local and national scales. Building on these existing empirical cases, students will add their own analysis of a FEW challenge in a place they select.

**Justification:**

This course fills a gap in graduate-level cross-sectoral sustainability courses and responds to student demand for such a course. The existing 505 course received 5/5 in all categories on student evaluations in spring 2019. The course can serve as an option to fulfill the public policy requirement for the EVSP concentration.

**Does this course cover material which crosses into another department?** No

**Learning Outcomes:**

- 1) understand linkages between food, energy and water systems;
- 2) understand interlinked challenges facing these systems;
- 3) understand some existing solutions to these challenges;
- 4) apply existing and new solutions to these challenges;
- 5) recognize how the parameters for 1-4 vary for different places.

**Attach Syllabus**

[EVPP 434 534 Food Energy Water Nexus course syllabus for approval.pdf](#)

**Additional Attachments**

**Staffing:**

Dr. Jennifer Sklarew

**Relationship to Existing Programs:**

The course can serve as an option to fulfill the public policy requirement for the EVSP concentration.

**Relationship to Existing Courses:**

Currently taught at the graduate level as EVPP 505 (Special Topics), looking to create permanent course number.

**Additional Comments:**

**Reviewer  
Comments**

Key: 16514

**EVPP 490-009 / 534-005: Food-Energy-Water Nexus**

**Fall 2019**

**Tuesdays/Thursdays 12:00 pm-1:15 pm**

**Music and Arts Building, room 1008**

**Instructor**

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Hours: Thursdays, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm by appointment

**Course description:** Food, energy and water systems face individual challenges to their sustainability and resilience. The linkages between these systems can generate additional challenges. Integrative solutions that leverage these systems' interdependencies are emerging. In EVPP 490/505: Food Energy Water Nexus, we'll discuss resilience and sustainability challenges that involve the food, energy water nexus, as well as innovative solutions to these challenges. Our discussions will bridge multiple disciplines, as we examine the technological, economic, and institutional dimensions of the nexus in various places around the globe at local and national scales.

**Course Learning Objectives:**

- 1) understand linkages between food, energy and water systems;
- 2) understand interlinked challenges facing these systems;
- 3) understand some existing solutions to these challenges;
- 4) apply existing and new solutions to these challenges;
- 5) recognize how the parameters for 1-4 vary for different places.

**Weekly Learning Objectives:**

Weekly learning objectives will help us to move toward our course learning objectives.

**Readings:**

**Required text:**

Dodds, Felix, and Jamie Bartram, Eds. 2016. *The Water, Food, Energy and Climate Nexus: Challenges and an agenda for action*. Routledge.

**Weekly readings:** All students must read all of the required readings. Graduate students must also read the optional readings marked with \*\*.

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### **Assignments:**

1) **Article for discussion:** At least once during the semester, each student will find an article (newspaper, journal, magazine, website posting, etc.) on the food-energy-water nexus for discussion in class. Please send the article to me as a PDF via email by midnight the Saturday before class so I can distribute it for everyone to read before class. Please also send me 2-3 questions for the class to discuss. Be prepared to lead a 15-minute discussion of the article and your discussion questions in class, including a brief summary of the article and how it relates to that week's topic. Graduate students also must create a short slide presentation summarizing their article and how it relates to the food-energy-water nexus, and must send their slide presentations to me by midnight the day before class. Late penalties for all submissions apply (see deadlines below).

### **2) Semester project and interim assignments:**

The semester project will enable you to explore the food-energy-water nexus challenges in a place or organization of your choosing. You also will examine solutions that leverage these systems' interdependencies. You will have the opportunity to apply your own specific research interests.

### **Semester project:**

The overall assignment is to examine a food-energy-water nexus problem and assess solutions in a place or organization you choose. Graduate students also must include identification of lessons on challenges and solutions that can apply to other organizations or places, including technical, economic, institutional, and/or other aspects. If you choose a place/organization that already has resolved a problem, you can conduct a case study of this place, including challenges they overcame and lessons for other places.

### **Interim assignments:**

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> week: Project topic selection: Choose an organization, city, county, state or country that is facing or has faced a food-energy-water nexus challenge.

2. 7<sup>th</sup> week: Nexus challenge and actors involved: (3-5 pages for undergrads, 6-8 pages for grad students)

a. Describe the food-energy-water nexus challenge on which you will focus in the organization or place you selected. Describe the ecological, economic, and institutional aspects of the challenge.

b. Describe the actors involved in creating the challenge, including government, private sector, NGOs, citizens, and other entities. Describe these actors' roles in creating the challenge.

c. Describe the actors affected by the challenge, including government, private sector, NGOs, citizens, and other entities. Describe how they are affected.

d. Graduate students also need to include: an analysis of how the challenge they have selected can apply to other organizations or places, including technical, economic, institutional, and/or other aspects.

e. References/citations

3. 13<sup>th</sup> week: Nexus solutions, actors involved, and challenges to the solutions: (6-8 pages for undergrads, 10-12 pages for grad students)
- Describe any solutions already attempted, and propose your own solution(s). These can include technical, economic, institutional, and other aspects.
  - Describe the actors involved in these solutions, including government, private sector, NGOs, citizens, and other entities.
  - Describe the actors affected – positively or negatively – by these solutions.
  - Assess challenges to these solutions, including technological, economic, and institutional aspects.
  - Graduate students also need to include: a description of lessons from a-d above that can apply to other organizations or places, including technical, economic, institutional, and/or other aspects.
  - References/citations

4. 15<sup>th</sup> week: Turn in final papers incorporating revision of the interim assignments.

3) **Presentation:** At the end of the semester, each student must give a short presentation that explains his/her semester project results. Graduate students' presentations will include applied lessons for other places. More details will be provided later in the semester. (undergraduates: 15 minutes; graduate students: 20 minutes)

4) **Extra credit presentation:** Sometime during the semester, you may give a short guest lecture on your area of research as it pertains to the food-energy-water nexus (up to five extra credit points).

**Deadlines:** In fairness to all students, I will lower your grade by ten points for each day that any assignment is late without a previously approved extension, starting from the time of the deadline. E.g., if you hand in your assignment within 24 hours after the deadline, 10 points off; within 2 days, 20 points off, etc.

**Class participation/Group discussion:** Aside from the textbook readings, I will post on Blackboard all of the required readings, including the article of the week chosen by you, along with questions for you to consider while reading. We'll discuss these questions in class. Optional readings marked with \*\* are required for graduate students, who will summarize them in class. Your participation grade is based on your attendance in class and your active participation, which enables me to assess your understanding of the readings and concepts. One class session during the semester will be dedicated to discussion of FEW nexus challenges and solutions discovered through students' semester project research. Graduate students will each provide 2 questions for this class discussion session.

**Attendance:**

Missing class: If you need to miss class due to illness, travel, family obligations, etc., please notify me ahead of time via email. **To receive credit for the missed class, please choose two of the reading questions and email your responses to me before the next class.** If you have an unexcused absence and do not send answers to the questions, you will receive

a zero for that day. If you have an excused absence but do not answer the questions, the class will not count toward your grade.

**Late arrival:** If you are more than 15 minutes late to class without a valid explanation, your participation grade for that day will be reduced by 10 points.

**Cell phone/computer use:** If you use a cell phone or computer during class time for purposes other than the class, you will receive an unexcused absence for that day. If you need to use one of these for an emergency, please step out of the room and/or let me know. (No need for personal details; just let me know that you are having a problem that necessitates phone/computer use.) If you decide to drop the course, please complete the necessary paperwork to avoid an automatic F at the end of the semester.

**Basis of Grading: EVPP 490**

Class participation	10%
Article Discussion Leadership	5%
Interim paper 1: 3-5 pages	15%
Interim paper 2: 6-8 pages	20%
Semester Paper: 10-15 pages	25%
Final Presentation: 15 minutes	25%

**Basis of Grading: EVPP 505**

Class participation and Class Discussion Leadership	10%
Article Discussion Leadership and Slide Presentation	5%
Interim paper 1: 6-8 pages	15%
Interim paper 2: 10-12 pages	20%
Semester Paper: 18-25 pages	25%
Final Presentation: 20 minutes	25%

**Grade table** (General grading criteria for writing assignments, class participation and presentation will be provided separately, and specific criteria for each assignment will be provided during the semester.)

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Percent</b>
A	93-100%
A-	90-92.9%
B+	87-89.9%
B	83-86.9%
B-	80-82.9%
C+	77-79.9%
C	70-76.9%
F	<70%



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<http://www.gmu.edu/facstaff/handbook/aD.html> Plagiarism also reflects poorly on the intellectual capability of the person plagiarizing, and it is unfair to the original source of the plagiarized material. It also will earn you a failing grade in this class. I know professors who have failed students for plagiarism. Please don't turn me into one of them.

## **Writing Assistance**

Mason's Writing Center can provide tutoring and guidance on structure and grammar for course assignments, theses, and other projects. They provide in-person and on-line services. They are located in Robinson Hall, room 114A. Please see <http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/> or contact them at [wcenter@gmu.edu](mailto:wcenter@gmu.edu) or 703-993-1200.

## **General Support**

**Student Support and Advocacy Center (SSAC) and Resources for Crises:** OSSCM - <https://ssac.gmu.edu> -- provides comprehensive (and confidential) services for your safety and well-being.

**Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS):** provides a wide range of services to students by a staff of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors. CAPS individual and group counseling, workshops and outreach programs are designed to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance. <http://caps.gmu.edu/>

**WAVES:** helps students develop and maintain healthy lifestyles through one on one support, interactive programs and resources. Topics include healthy relationships, stress management, nutrition, sexual assault, drug and alcohol use and sexual health. <http://waves.gmu.edu/>

**Gender-based/Sexual Discrimination:** The 1-page [George Mason University Title IX Resources](#) sheet may benefit those of you seeking resources to prevent, address &/or recover from gender-based discrimination – including sexual harassment, sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence, and sexual exploitation. It includes 16 on- and off-campus sources of assistance, including confidential ones.

## **General Plan for Class Schedule**

Class discussion of readings and article of the week: Tuesdays

Food/Drink: No set breaks, but feel free to bring power bars or other fuel sources to consume. ☺

Class lecture by instructor or guest speaker and discussion of lecture: Thursdays

Discussion of applications to projects: Tuesdays at the end of class

Lead-in to next class: 5 minutes

## **Session Topics and Readings:**

### **Week 1 (August 27 and 29): Syllabus Overview and Introduction: Defining the Food-Energy-Water Nexus**

Session overview: We'll discuss the concept of the food-energy-water nexus and its relevance to policymaking and private sector challenges in different locations and at different scales.

## **INTERCONNECTIONS**

### **Week 2 (September 3 and 5): System interconnections: overview**

Session overview: We'll discuss broad connections between food, energy and water systems and connections to sustainable development at global, national and local levels.

#### Reading Questions:

- 1) What are some of the approaches to food-energy-water nexus thinking, and what are some key areas that connect these three systems?
- 2) How is the food-energy-water nexus linked to resilience and sustainable development?
- 3) What types of priorities drive private sector interest in the food-energy-water nexus?

#### Required readings:

Al-Saidi, Mohammed, and Lars Ribbe. (2017.) Development and Use of Nexus Assessments. In *Nexus Outlook Report: Assessing International Challenges*: 13-18.

SABMiller and WWF. (2014.) The Water-Food-Energy Nexus: Insights into resilient development.

Jones, Kristal, Nicholas R. Magliocca and Kelly Hondula. (2017.) *White Paper: An Overview of Conceptual Frameworks, Analytical Approaches and Research Questions in the Food-Energy-Water Nexus*. SESYNC White Paper, National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC), University of Maryland, March 2017.

#### Optional Reading:

\*\* Bazilian, M., et al. (2011.) Considering the energy, water and food nexus: Towards an integrated modelling approach. *Energy Policy* 39: 7896–7906.

### **Week 3 (September 10 and 12): Ecological aspects**

#### **ASSIGNMENT 1 DUE**

Session overview: We'll discuss the ecological aspects of the nexus at global, national and local levels.

Reading Questions:

- 1) What are some of the ecological aspects of the food-energy-water nexus at different scales?
- 2) How do ecological aspects of nexus thinking differ in developing vs. developed nations?
- 3) Which actors are interested in the ecological aspects of the food-energy-water nexus, and what are their priorities?

Required readings:

Dodds and Bartram, Eds. Part 1, chapter 5.

Allan, Tony, and Nathaniel Matthews. The Water, Energy And Food Nexus and ecosystems: The political economy of food and non-food supply chains.

Scanlon, Bridget, et al. 2017. The food-energy-water nexus: Transforming science for society. *Water Resources Research*, 3550-3556.

Liu, Q. (2016.) Interlinking climate change with water- energy-food nexus and related ecosystem processes in California case studies. *Ecological Processes* 5:14.

### **Week 4 (September 17 and 19): Economic aspects**

Session overview: We'll discuss the economic aspects of the nexus at global, national and local levels.

Reading Questions:

- 1) What are some of the economic aspects of the food-energy-water nexus at different scales?
- 2) How do economic aspects of nexus thinking differ in developing vs. developed nations?
- 3) Which actors are interested in the economic aspects of the food-energy-water nexus, and what are their priorities?

Required readings:

Dodds and Bartram, Eds. Part 1, chapter 3.

von Braun, Joachim, and Alisher Mirzabaev. Nexus scientific research: Theory and approach serving sustainable development.

Asian Development Bank. (2013.) Executive Summary. In *Thinking about Water Differently: Managing the Water–Food–Energy Nexus*: vi-ix.

Becker, Rike, and Laura Margarete Simon. (2017.) The Water-Energy-Food Nexus: Challenges for Chilean agriculture. In *Nexus Outlook Report: Assessing International Challenges*: 22-29.

Conservation International Business and Sustainability Council. (2013.) Resources: The Energy- Water-Food Nexus.

### **Week 5 (September 24 and 26): Institutional aspects**

Session overview: We'll discuss the institutional aspects of the nexus at global, national and local levels.

#### Reading Questions:

- 1) How do interactions between different actors and levels of government influence the food-energy-water nexus? Do they make it more challenging, more beneficial, or both?
- 2) How do institutional aspects of nexus thinking differ in developing vs. developed nations and wealthy vs. impoverished communities?

#### Required readings:

Dodds and Bartram, Eds. Part 6, chapter 16.  
Norman, David, and Stuart Orr. Building partnerships for resilience.

Dodds and Bartram, Eds. Part 6, chapter 18.  
Dodds, Felix, and Cole Simons. Principles for the integration of the Nexus within business.

Nebraska Collaborative for Food, Energy, and Water Education. Food-Energy-Water-Nexus.

<https://www.unl.edu/nc-few/food-energy-water-nexus>

Sklarew D. and J. Sklarew. (2018.) Integrated water-energy policy for sustainable development. *Foresight and STI Governance* 12(4): 10-19.

## **CHALLENGES**

### **Week 6 (October 1 and 3): System challenges: overview**

Session overview: We'll broadly discuss food, energy and water system interconnection challenges in the context of sustainability and resilience of all three systems at global, national and local levels.

#### Reading Questions:

- 1) How do food-energy-water nexus challenges influence resilience and sustainable development?
- 2) How do nexus challenges differ in developing vs. developed nations?
- 3) Which actors are creating or contributing to these challenges?
- 4) Which actors are affected by these challenges, and how?

#### Required readings:

Dodds and Bartram, Eds. Part 3, chapter 9.

Grobicki, Ania. Water–food–energy–climate: Strengthening the weak links in the Nexus.

Dodds and Bartram, Eds. Part 3, chapter 10.

Lee, Sylvia. Natural resource security in an uncertain world.

Dodds and Bartram, Eds. Part 4, chapter 13.

Rodriguez, Diego, Anna Delgado Martin and Antonia Sohns. Adding to complexity: Climate change in the Energy–Water Nexus.

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. Environmental Engineering for the 21st Century: Addressing Grand Challenges (2019.) Chapter 3: Grand Challenge 1: Sustainably Supply Food, Water, and Energy  
The National Academies Press. 8-top of 24.

<https://www.nap.edu/read/25121/chapter/3>

Smedly, Tim. (2013.) Can 'nexus thinking' alleviate global water, food and energy pressures? *The Guardian*.

### **Week 7 (October 8 and 10): Ecological aspects**

## **ASSIGNMENT 2 DUE**

Session overview: We'll discuss ecological aspects of food, energy and water system interconnection challenges at global, national and local levels.

#### Reading Questions:

- 1) What are some of the ecological aspects of food-energy-water nexus challenges at different scales?
- 2) How do these ecological challenges differ in developing vs. developed nations?
- 3) Which actors are creating or contributing to the ecological aspects of these challenges, and why?
- 4) Which actors are affected by these challenges, and how?

Required readings:

D'Odorico, Paolo, Kyle Frankel Davis, Lorenzo Rosa, Joel A. Carr, Davide Chiarelli, Jampel Dell'Angelo, Jessica Gephart, Graham K. MacDonald, David A. Seekell, Samir Suweis and Maria Cristina Rulli, (2018.) The Global Food-Energy-Water Nexus, *Reviews of Geophysics*, 56, 3, (456-531). Pages 456-497 (stop at “10. Resilience of the Food-Energy-Water Nexus”).

Optional Readings:

\*\*Wakeford, Jeremy & Mentz-Lagrange, Sasha & Kelly, Candice. (2016). Managing the Energy-food-water Nexus in Developing Countries: Case Studies of Transition Governance.

**Week 8 (October 15 and 17): Economic aspects**

Session overview: We'll discuss economic challenges associated with the nexus, including challenges specific to developing vs. developed nations and wealthy vs. impoverished communities.

Reading Questions:

- 1) What are some of the economic challenges of the food-energy-water nexus at different scales?
- 2) How do these economic challenges differ in developing vs. developed nations, wealthy vs. impoverished communities, and rural vs. urban areas?
- 3) Which actors are creating or contributing to these challenges, and why?
- 4) Which actors are affected directly or indirectly by these challenges, and how?

Required readings:

Asian Development Bank. (2013.) The Water-Food-Energy Nexus. In *Thinking about Water Differently: Managing the Water-Food-Energy Nexus*: 6-18.

Spiegelberg, M., S. Hoshino, and S. Hashimoto. (2015.) Serving the underserved: the water-energy-food nexus in socio-ecological production landscapes. *WIT Transactions on Ecology and The Environment*, Vol 193. 183-191.

Treemore-Spears, Lara, J. Morgan Grove, Craig K. Harris, Lawrence D. Lemke, Carol J. Miller, Kami Pothukuchi, Yifan Zhang, Yongli L. Zhang. (2016.) A workshop on transitioning cities at the food-energy-water nexus. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*.

Optional Readings:

\*\* Sperling, Joshua, and Philip Berke. (2017.) Urban Nexus Science for Future Cities: Focus on the Energy-Water-Food-X Nexus. FEW Nexus Workshop on Integrated Science, Engineering, and Policy: A Multi Stakeholder Dialogue, January 26 -27, 2017, College Station, Texas.

Gurría, Angel. (2014.) Water-Energy-Food: Taking on the Nexus. Opening Remarks delivered at the Global Forum on the Environment: New Perspectives on the Water-Energy-Food Nexus. November 27, 2014. Paris, France.

**Week 9 (October 22 and 24): Institutional aspects**

Session overview: We'll discuss institutional challenges associated with the nexus at local, national and global scales, including challenges specific to developing vs. developed nations and wealthy vs. impoverished communities.

Reading Questions:

- 1) What are some of the institutional aspects of food-energy-water nexus challenges at different scales?
- 2) How do these institutional challenges differ in developing vs. developed nations?
- 3) Which actors are creating or contributing to these challenges, and why?
- 4) Which actors are affected by these challenges, and how?

Required readings:

Pardoe, Joanna, Declan Conway, Emilinah Namaganda, Katharine Vincent, Andrew J. Dougill, and Japhet J. Kashaigili. (2017.) Climate change and the water-energy-food nexus: insights from policy and practice in Tanzania. *Climate Policy*, Volume 18, 2018, Issue 7: 863-877.

Taniguchi Makoto, Aiko Endo, Jason Gurdak, and Peter Swarzenskic. (2017.) Water-Energy-Food Nexus in the Asia-Pacific Region. *Journal of Hydrology: Regional Studies*, Volume 11:1-8.

White, Dave, et al. (2017.) Stakeholder Analysis for the Food-Energy-Water Nexus in Phoenix, Arizona: Implications for Nexus Governance. *Sustainability* 2017: 9.



### Optional Readings:

\*\* Weitz, Nina, Claudia Strambo, Eric Kemp-Benedict, and Måns Nilsson. (2017.) *Governance in the water-energy-food nexus: Gaps and future research needs*. Stockholm Environment Institute.

## **SOLUTIONS**

### **Week 10 (October 29 and 31): Solutions: overview**

Session overview: We'll discuss broad solutions to food, energy and water system interconnection challenges in the context of sustainability and resilience of all three systems at global, national and local levels.

#### Reading Questions:

- 1) How do nexus solutions parameters differ in developing vs. developed nations?
- 2) How do food-energy-water nexus solutions influence resilience and sustainable development?
- 3) What types of actors are creating or contributing to these solutions?

#### Required readings:

Dodds and Bartram, Eds. Part 4, chapter 12. 163-175.

Wouters, Frank, and Divyam Nagpal. Renewable energy: Nexus-friendly pathways for growth.

Dodds and Bartram, Eds. Part 5, chapter 15. 204-218.

Drechsel, Pay, and Munir A. Hanjra. Green opportunities for urban sanitation: challenges through energy, water and nutrient recovery.

D'Odorico, Paolo, Kyle Frankel Davis, Lorenzo Rosa, Joel A. Carr, Davide Chiarelli, Jampel Dell'Angelo, Jessica Gephart, Graham K. MacDonald, David A. Seekell, Samir Suweis and Maria Cristina Rulli, The Global Food-Energy-Water Nexus, *Reviews of Geophysics*, 56, 3, (456-531), (2018). Pages 497-514.

#### Optional Readings:

\*\* K.J. Helmstedt, J.R. Stokes-Draut, A.E. Larsen and M.D. Potts, Innovating at the food, water, and energy interface, *Journal of Environmental Management*, 10.1016/j.jenvman.2017.12.026, 209, (17-22), (2018).

## **Week 11 (November 5 and 7): Technological aspects**

Session overview: We'll discuss technological aspects of solutions to food, energy and water system interconnection challenges at global, national and local levels.

### Reading Questions:

- 1) What are some of the technological solutions to food-energy-water nexus challenges at different scales?
- 2) How do these solutions differ in developing vs. developed nations?
- 3) Which actors are creating or contributing to these solutions?

### Required readings:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Water-energy-food nexus. <http://www.fao.org/land-water/water/watergovernance/waterfoodenergynexus/en/>

Sarni, Will. (2015.) Deflecting the scarcity trajectory: Innovation at the water, energy, and food nexus. *Deloitte Review Issue 17*.

Wolfe, M.L., Ting, K.C., Scott, N. et al. (2016.) Engineering solutions for food-energy-water systems: it is more than engineering. *J Environ Stud Sci* (2016) 6: 172.

### Optional Readings:

Cansino-Loeza, Brenda, and Jose Maria Ponce-Ortega. (2019.) Involving the Water-Energy-Food Nexus in Integrating Low-Income and Isolated Communities. *ACS Sustainable Chemical Engineering*, 2019, 7 (1), pp 1399-1418.

Rao, Prakash & KostECKI, Robert & Dale, Larry & Gadgil, Ashok. (2017). Technology and Engineering of the Water-Energy Nexus. *Annual Review of Environment and Resources*. 42. 407-437. 10.1146/annurev-environ-102016-060959.

## **Week 12 (November 12 and 14): Economic aspects**

Session overview: We'll discuss economic aspects of solutions to food, energy and water system interconnection challenges at global, national and local levels.

### Reading Questions:

- 1) What are some of the economic solutions to food-energy-water nexus challenges at different scales?
- 2) How do these solutions differ in developing vs. developed nations and wealthy vs. impoverished communities?
- 3) Which actors are creating or contributing to these solutions?

Required readings:

Dodds and Bartram, Eds. Part 2, chapter 7.  
Brekke, Kathrine, and Jeb Brugmann. Operationalizing the Urban Nexus:  
Increasing the productivity of cities and urbanized nations.

Bieber, Niclas, Jen Ho Ker, Xiaonan Wang, Charalampos Triantafyllidis, Koen H. van Dam, Rembrandt Koppelaar, and Nilay Shah. (2018.) Sustainable planning of the energy-water-food nexus using decision making tools. *Energy Policy* 113: 586-407.

Coca-Cola. *Water Stewardship & Replenish Report: Looking Ahead: The Water-Energy-Food Nexus*.

Optional Readings:

\*\*Asian Development Bank. (2013.) New Water Accounting. In *Thinking about Water Differently: Managing the Water–Food–Energy Nexus*: 19-24.

**Week 13 (November 19 and 21): Class Discussion of Nexus Challenges/Mason Hydropower Pilot Site Visit**

**ASSIGNMENT 3 DUE**

Session overview: Class discussion/brainstorming on nexus problems and solutions discovered through your research for assignments 2 and 3. Graduate students will each provide 2 questions for class discussion.

**Week 14 (November 26 ; no class on 28): Institutional aspects**

Session overview: We'll discuss institutional aspects of solutions to food, energy and water system interconnection challenges at global, national and local levels.

Reading Questions:

- 1) What are some of the institutional solutions to food-energy-water nexus challenges at different scales?
- 2) How do these solutions differ in developing vs. developed nations?
- 3) Which actors are creating or contributing to these solutions?

Required readings:

Dodds and Bartram, Eds. Part 2, chapter 6.  
You, Nicholas. The contribution of innovation in urban resilience and sustainability to realizing the urban Nexus.

JPI Urban Europe/Belmont Forum. (2018.) The 15 projects that will take on the food-water-energy nexus. <https://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/news/the-15-projects-that-will-take-on-the-food-water-energy-nexus/>

United Nations. Food, Energy-Water (FEW) NEXUS Partnerships. <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/?p=27246>

**Week 15 (December 3 and 5): Institutional aspects cont'd and project discussions**

**FINAL PAPERS DUE Monday, December 9, by midnight**

**Week 16 (December 12): Final Presentations**  
**PRESENTATION SLIDES DUE BY December 12 at 9 am**