

Special Issue

Water Security

Message from the Guest Editor

Water is fundamental to human life, in fact, for many people, water is life. The security of water supply (quantity) and water quality is a fundamental determinant of human health and survival. Water security also influences economic development, social and political organization, and human settlement patterns. The concept of water security continues to gain momentum in the academic literature, largely as a result of its multi-scale utility. At a household scale, for example, there is growing literature on water entitlements, human capability, and socio-cultural dynamics. At a global scale, water security occupies literature on human access to safe water and sanitation. Between these scales, water security offers rich literature on regional flooding and drought frequency, governance struggles, inter-basin water transfers, and regional water shortages. Overall, water security (and insecurity) is a multi-scalar, highly mobile concept positioned in both the physical and social sciences. In this Special Edition of *Water*, we seek to amass papers that express the diversity and full breadth of water security, embracing both pragmatic and critical perspectives.

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