

BOOK SERIES:

ISSUES IN WATER RESOURCE POLICY

A review of current journals and books about water resources strongly suggests that the best knowledge about water resources is contained in works that are largely intended for professional and scholarly audiences. Even at that, one tends to find that each of the many aspects of water resources is treated as its own field of study, presented in a technical language and context that is very discipline specific. While this kind of specialization and fragmentation matches the logic of the academic world, it does not make existing knowledge accessible to the wider audience that has a strong stake and interest in water resources, and it does not contribute to our greater understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of water resources.

Our series starts by acknowledging where scholarly investigation has, to date, led to a partial treatment of the water issues, or to incomplete reporting of the various issues at stake in water use and water policy. The series is intended to fully reflect the interdisciplinary aspects of water policy, but, rather than follow models that artificially segregate, book-by-book, one aspect of water use from the others, and one perspective from the others, each of these books will in itself be interdisciplinary. Each book will have as its own mission the integration of the physical, economic, institutional, legal, social and political considerations involved with water use. Taking this interdisciplinary approach within each book is intended to advance our overall understanding of issues in water resources. By making each part of the book accessible to scholars across a range of disciplines, information also becomes more accessible to policymakers and general interest readers.

The series will consist on both books that address issues in water policy in specific countries, and books that compare a particular water policy issue across countries of one region, or several regions.

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