

From source to sea - The governance of water resources



*Salmon leaping at Shrewsbury on the River Severn,
site of a new hydro-electric generating station*

New Course! This is the latest course in our series of ‘Commons Management & Governance’ series of on-line short courses, focusing on different aspects of commons: their management, governance and sustainability.

The course will be delivered by the Countryside and Community Research Institute at the University of Gloucestershire (UK), under the auspices of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC).

Start Date: Monday 15th May 2017
Finish Date: Friday 23rd June 2017

Cost:

Non-member of the IASC: £100

Member of the IASC: £60

‘Source to sea – the governance of water’ focuses on the management, governance and sustainability of surface and ground waters. Water is a resource essential to life but in many parts of the world access and use are becoming more restrictive through appropriation and privatisation of water rights. Surface and ground waters provide a wide range of ecosystem services including provision of drinking water, food, irrigation, navigation, energy, recreation, and biodiversity. These uses are often in conflict resulting in pressure for both state control and privatization of water resources at different stages through the hydrological cycle.

The course will increase participant’s understanding of the hydrological cycle as we look at a range of problems currently experienced, including pollution, flood, drought, and water shortage.

Key topics addressed include:

- ... Controlling water – characteristics of the resource and rights of access and use
- ... The issue of scale - exploring river basins as commons resources
- ... Managing a hidden resource – the value of groundwater
- ... Surface water bodies and trans-boundary issues
- ... Estuaries - managing conflict within large scale socio-ecological systems

Who will benefit from taking this course?

The course is targeted at those wanting to learn more about the management and governance of water as a common pool resource. It will be of interest to practitioners involved in supporting community water management and development, policy makers involved in designing policy, programmes, or initiatives for water management and use, as well as a wide range of those involved in, or wanting to learn about, the basics of taking action to protect rights of access to water resources.

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Follow the link to the CCRI website at <http://www.ccri.ac.uk/from-source-to-sea-the-governance-of-water-resources/>



Severn Estuary below Oldbury



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