



# The Routledge Water Diplomacy Handbook

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Kickoff Meeting

2021.11.30



# Asking Questions During the Meeting

- **In the first half of the meeting, the editors will be sharing details about the book.**
  - Please remain **muted** until we pause for questions.
  - The **mute / unmute** button can be found in the bottom left of the Zoom bar.



- You may always ask a question using the chat feature, and we will address it when we pause for questions.

# Meeting Agenda

- **In the first half of the meeting, we will share:**
  - our vision for the Handbook
  - the current structure and table of contents
  - the timeline of the submission process
  - editorial guidelines
- **In the second half of the meeting, we are looking for your input on what we can do to:**
  - support you during the Handbook process
  - build a community that extends beyond the Handbook

# Who We Are



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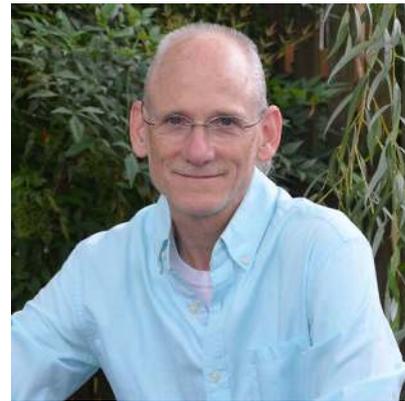
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## Our Vision for the Handbook

**Create an accessible reference for those seeking negotiated resolutions to water conflicts and dialogue opportunities at the transnational, subnational, and community scale.**

Many publications address these issues only at a **theoretical** level, and we see a compelling need for a handbook that is **practice-oriented** in content, structure, and its approach to theory-practice synthesis.

# What the Handbook Is and Is Not

This Handbook is **not a cookbook containing recipes for success.**

Rather, **it is a chef's companion** cataloging common kitchen terminology, suggesting spice combinations, and detailing culinary techniques in the context of a selection of case studies documenting both successes and failures.

Our goal is **a useful framework** for addressing complex water problems, **not a generalizable theory.**

## What We Mean By “diplomacy”

Water Diplomacy adopts a notion of *diplomacy* that **extends beyond the official state-sanctioned diplomacy** that happens in formal meetings and is inclusive of ***being diplomatic*** in the ordinary, local, and often informal circumstances in which water is contested.

The goal of engaging in ***Water Diplomacy*** is to build and institutionalize the relationships necessary to address complex water issues at the appropriate scale (e.g., transnational, subnational, community).

# Key Themes

- Boundary-Crossing Problems
- Embracing Complexity
- Water Diplomacy as Negotiated Problem Solving
- One Framework, Three Uses
- Scales

# Boundary-Crossing Problems

Many of the most challenging water problems are boundary-crossing in nature.

- Natural – e.g., between countries
- Political – e.g., between ecosystems
- Societal – e.g., between communities and cultures
- Sectoral – e.g., between industries and uses

**Note:** We use “boundary-crossing” to distinguish this more general idea from “transboundary,” which is used specifically refer to waters shared between two or more countries.

## Embracing Complexity

The boundary-crossing nature of many water problems leads to **complex couplings** between natural and human systems.

This complexity renders many traditional problem-solving frames ineffective or counterproductive.

We argue for a negotiated problem-solving approach that is both principled and pragmatic.

# Water Diplomacy as Negotiated Problem Solving

Traditional problem-solving approaches work well when there is scientific certainty and consensus about appropriate interventions.

When these elements are missing, we require a problem-solving approach that builds and institutionalizes relationships ...

... distinguishes uncompromisable **values** from negotiable **interests** ...

... and recognizes the objectivity of scientific methods and the plurality of subjective interpretations...

while seeking actionable outcomes consistent with local capacities and constraints.

# One Framework, Three Uses

The development and practice of Water Diplomacy has been motivated by three cases:

- when water is a direct source of conflict

(diplomacy *for* water)

- when water is an incentive for cooperation

(water *for* diplomacy)

- practicing adaptive water governance and management

(diplomacy *in* water)

# Scales

We use three scales to **arrange our case studies** and to **contextualize scale-dependent factors** that will be referenced in our topical chapters:

- Transnational Scale – e.g., between countries
- Subnational Scale – e.g., between regions
- Community Scale – e.g., between groups of water users

These distinctions are organizational and imperfect, but we hope they will help guide readers to the insights they need.

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# Book Details

**Publisher:** Routledge (Taylor and Francis)

**Publication Date:** Late 2022 or Early 2023

**Length:** 300,000 words, ~600pg, 60 chapters, ~80 contributors

**Price:** £190 (Hardback – ‘library price’); £40 e-book or paperback

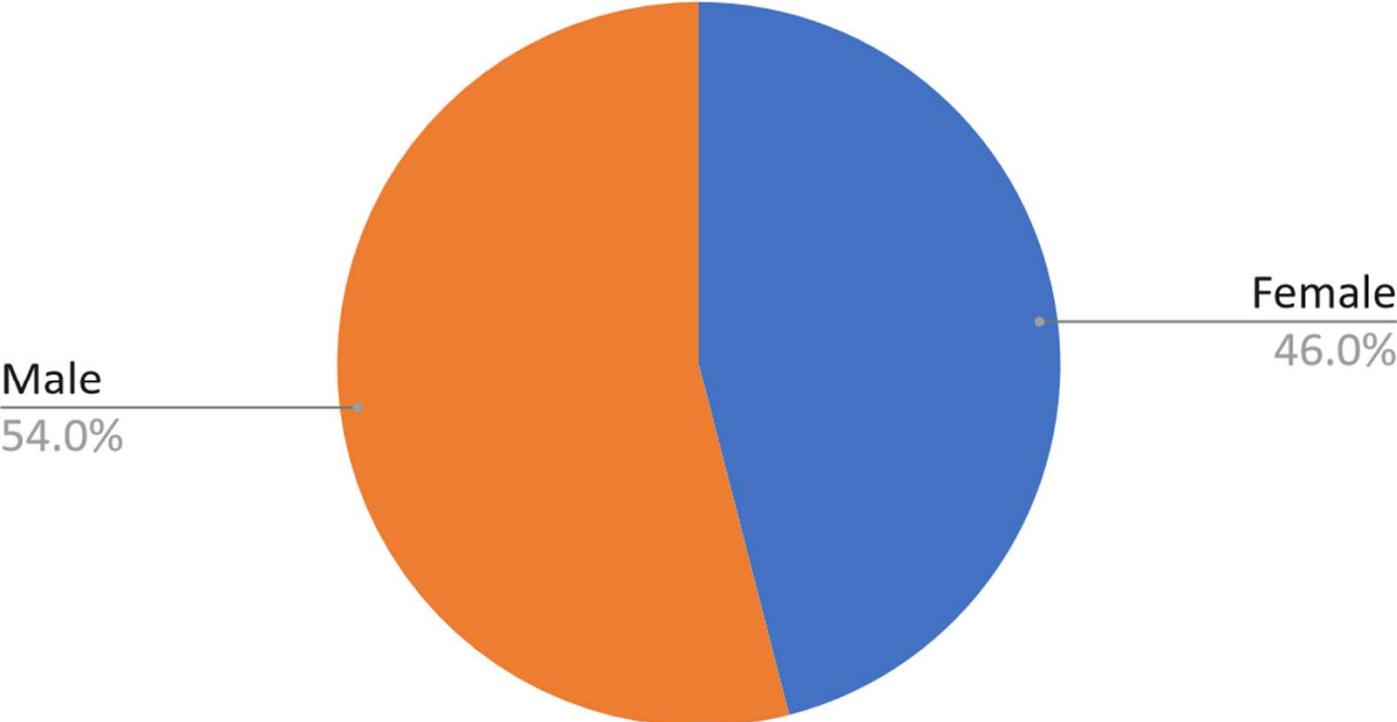
*We will inquire about making certain chapters open access.*

**Free copies:** The lead author of each chapter will receive a hard copy; all other authors will receive a free e-book copy.

# Book Structure

- Broad Overview**
  - Part I – Introduction to Water Diplomacy
  - Part II – Overview of Water Diplomacy Concepts and Ideas
- Short Topical Chapters**
  - Part III – The Multifaceted Nature of Water Diplomacy
  - Part IV – The Process of Water Diplomacy
  - Part V – Common Challenges in the Process of Water Diplomacy
  - Part VI – Some Tools of Water Diplomacy
  - Part VII – Perspectives
- Case Studies**
  - Part VIII – Case Studies: Transnational Scale
  - Part IX – Case Studies: Subnational Scale
  - Part X – Case Studies: Community Scale

# Contributor Gender Balance



# Timeline

Date	Due to Authors	Due to Editors	Community Event
December 2021	Editorial Guidelines		
January 2022			sometime in January
February 2022			
March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2022		Draft Ready for Editorial Review	sometime in March
April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Feedback on Draft		
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2022		Revised Draft Ready for Peer Review	sometime in May
June 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Peer Feedback		
July 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2022		Final Chapter Version	sometime in July
August 2022		Possible Minor Revisions	
September 2022			sometime in September

Final publication in late 2022 or early 2023.

## Peer Review (May 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022)

- We believe each chapter will benefit from a constructive peer-review process.
- We hope that every chapter will be reviewed **by two people:** a **person with similar expertise as the authors** and a **person with different expertise.**
- We hope this blend of feedback will help make the book as clear and accessible as possible.
- We have more contributors than chapters, so **you won't be asked to review more than one chapter** as part of this process.

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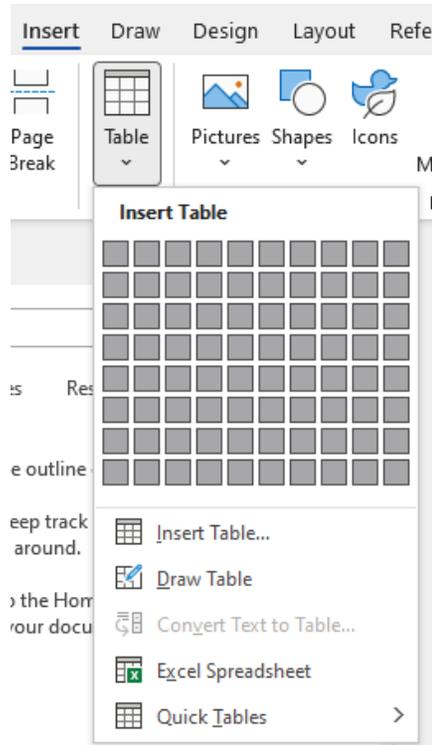
# Some Editorial Guidelines: Citation Style

- **Taylor and Francis – Harvard X**
  - Supported by all major citation managers
  - In-text citations of the form:
    - Some claim (Author Year, Page). *or*
    - Author (Year, Page) made some claim.
  - Bibliography at the end of the chapter
  - **Note:** Bibliography and citations are included in word count

## Some Editorial Guidelines: Figures

- Please let us know if you want to include a figure.
- We have room for **60 greyscale figures in the book** and across about 60 chapters.
- Figures must be high-resolution, should not rely on color for interpretation, and should be legible at “book scale.”
- Figures must be your **own work** (and not subject to other copyright), **qualify for fair use** or in be in the **public domain**.
- Figures must be supplied separately but can be included in Word Document to facilitate review.

# Some Editorial Guidelines: Tables



- Tables must be supplied as ***editable*** and ***not as images***
- Use Word's built-in table feature to create tables in line
- All tables and figures must have descriptive captions that cite their sources.

# Some Editorial Guidelines: Formatting

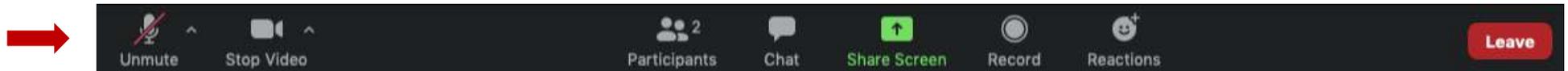
- Keep the format as simple as possible
- Use built-in Word headings to separate subsections
  - Don't number headings: write *Policy Recommendations* rather than *1.3.1 – Policy Recommendations*
  - Don't exceed depth of 3 subheadings: Part > Section > Subsection
- 12pt Times New Roman font, single line spacing, and standard margins
- All of this will make the final typesetting process easy
- **We will provide a Word template for you**

# Submission Process: What to Expect

- By the **end of the week**, you will receive a copy of this presentation and a packet of information that should have **all the details you need to get started**.
- The first deadline is **March 1st, 2022**
  - a draft ready for initial editorial review
- You will hear from us later in December:
  - about the date and topic of the next meeting
  - about your assigned editor (if you do not have one already)
  - about an online tool to manage the submission process

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## Discussion

- **Building a Handbook:** What can we do as editors to support you in this process? What resources and infrastructure (website, forum, mailing list, etc.) would be helpful?
- **Building a Community:** What can we all do to support each other in this process? How can we leverage online platforms to encourage this community to grow beyond this Handbook? What should our meetings look like?