

WELCOME TO WAT COURSE!

Meeri, Marko & Anni 13.9.2021

OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY MORNING

1) Forming the WAT Course groups

→ Building on WAT Mentor Groups formed last week

- 2) Mapping your existing expertise on water and environmental engineering
- 3) Understand the concept of WAT Course
 - → Structure, assignments, assessment + 'metathemes'
- 4) Discuss and agree how Group Work works
 → Setting up your group's own Rules of Work

SO STARTING QUITE EASY – BUT WITH FUNDA-MENTALS → Today lays the foundation for the rest of WAT Course



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Mapping your existing expertise

Introduction to WAT Course

WAT Essential elements

BREAK

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 \rightarrow Different phases and roles in the group

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INTRODUCTIONS Who are we?



MARKO KESKINEN

Associate professor, WAT Programme Director + WAT Course Teacher

Interested in water resources management, sustainability, governance – and WAT!

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Senior University Lecturer, Coordinating the Weekly Exercises of WAT course

Interested in hydrological modelling urban hydrology + geospatial computing

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Course assistant (online arrangements) 2nd year WAT student

Interested in sustainability and global challenges, like access to clean water



MEERI KARVINEN

University teacher (sub.), WAT Programme coordinator + Responsible teacher of WAT Course Interested in sustainability, higher education and learning people.aalto.fi/meeri_karvinen



Plus our other professors, university lecturers and teaching staff \rightarrow You'll meet them during WAT Course



FIRST: How many we are?

 \rightarrow Do you know of someone missing still?

THEN: Do you have a group? (online: use "raise hand" if not)

- \rightarrow If you don't find yourself in any of these groups, join one!
- → BUT: each group should have max. 6-7 members!

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
Eemeli	Ksenija	My	Henri	Osama	Pauliiina
Maiju	Camilo	Juho	Vilma	Eveliina	Riku
Jouni	Nathan	Ronja	Fanni	Jasmin	Julia
Joona	Henrika	Sara	Caroline	Alessia	Daria
Chen	Carla	Camilla	Väinö	Sophia	Milla
Léna		Talitha	Hanna		Peter
Maximilian			Thibault		

AND: You will get to know each other this afternoon

YOU SAY WAT?

How would you define Water & Environmental Engineering with just 1 or 2 sentences?

1) Think first alone, write key things down

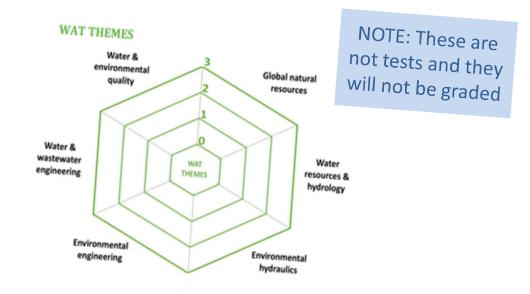
2) Share your definition with a pair

→ What did you find out?
 Key themes, methods, aims?

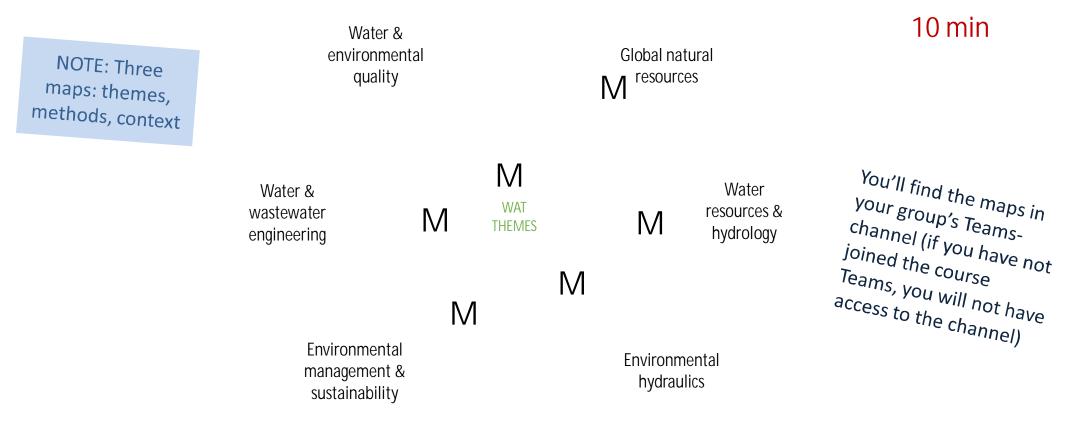
YOUR EXPERTISE

- You are a diverse set of students, with varying backgrounds and expertise (as discussed last week)
- Challenges us, in different ways
 - → Have to find new ways for (co-)learning: we are not so much teachers but facilitators of your learning process
- First assignment of WAT Course: mapping your existing expertise through Expertise Maps





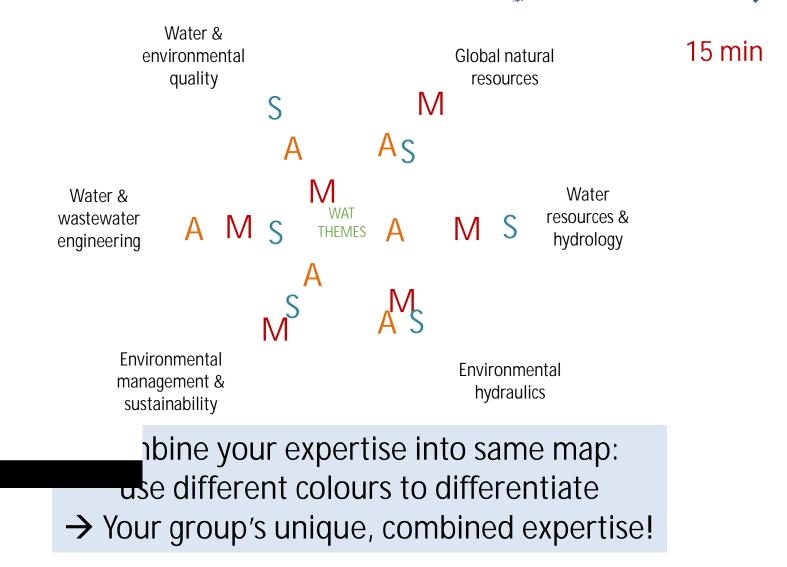
EXPERTISE MAPPING: first individually



 $0 = know next to nothing \rightarrow 3 = done 2 or more courses / worked on$

Be honest – and not too humble!

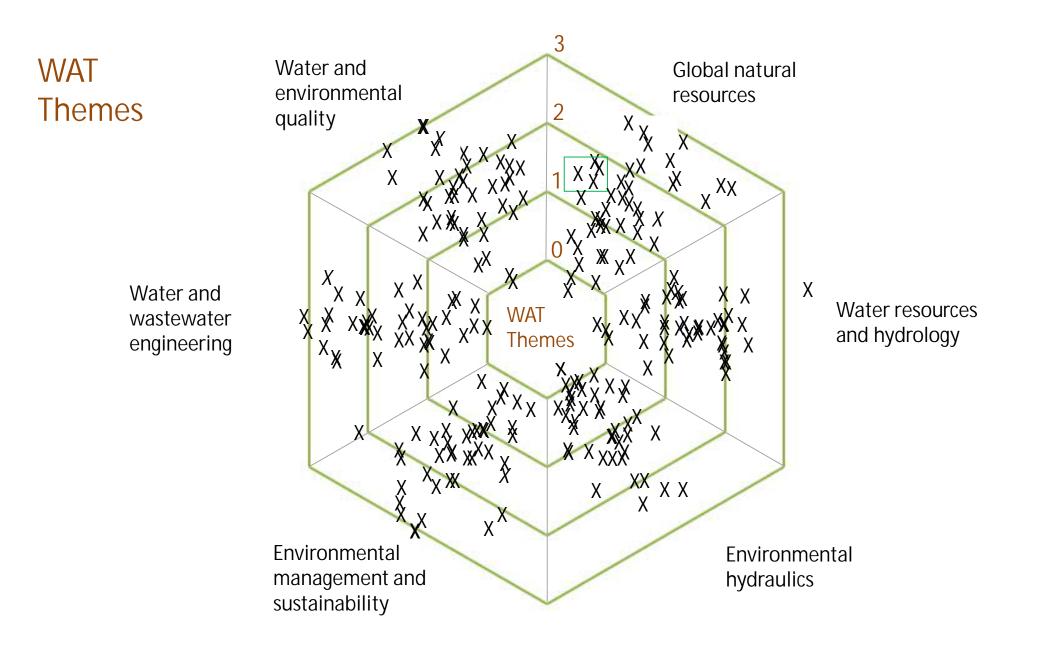
EXPERTISE MAPPING: your group

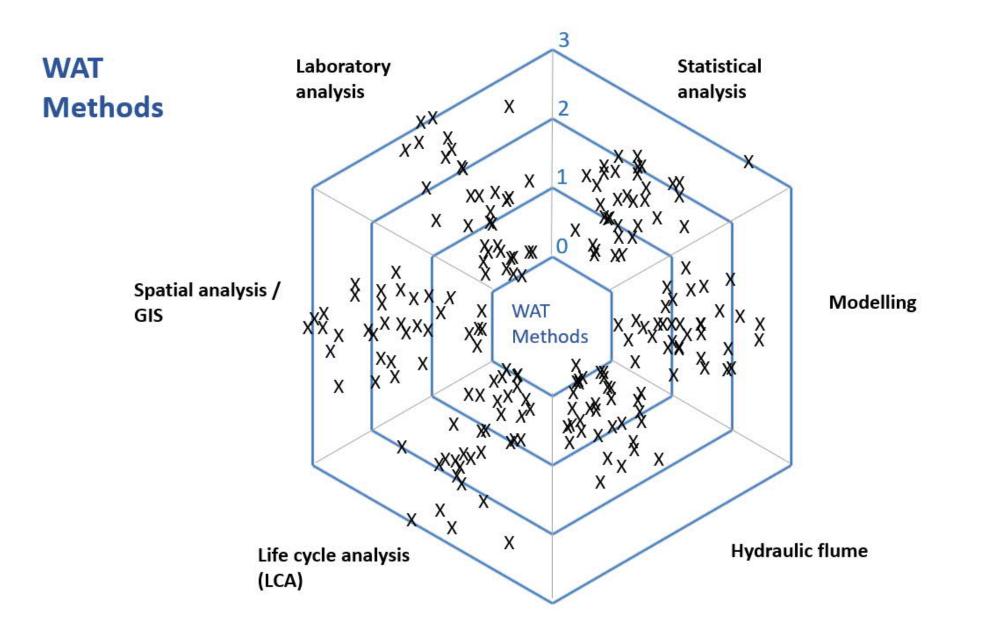


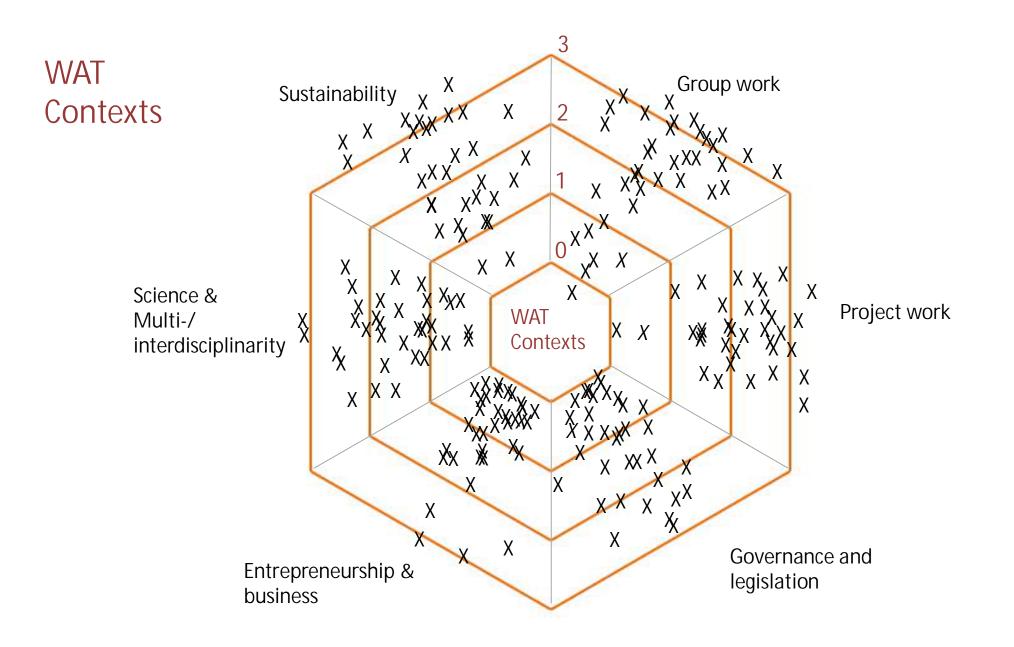
Your combined, unique expertise

We'll combine your maps and put the combined expertise maps for everyone to see (use only your initials in the maps, please!) → Helps both you and us to understand your diversity, and also helps us to plan our teaching

(your maps in the following three slides)







BE ACTIVE!

• Learn from each other

→ As we cannot teach you as one uniform group, you must also learn from each other (so plenty of group work coming)

- ...think wisely about your group work
 - → Your expertise should NOT mean that everyone does what they already know in the group (as no-one learns then)
 - → Rather: do what you don't know so well yet and use your group members as your mentors to learn it!
- ...and let us know of your expertise, too!
 - → Tell us already beforehand if you are expert on some of the themes or methods we teach



Questions, comments?

(Online students: You can also send us private chat, if you have questions you want to discuss later on, during the break)





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Entrepreneurship & business

Governance

& legislation

Project & planning skills

Sustainability

WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL...

Key contents in our field: global resources, water resources & hydrology, environmental hydraulics, water & wastewater

...ENGINEERING

Key methods in our field: <u>e.g.</u> modelling, statistical analysis, laboratory analysis, flume, spatial analysis as well as general problem-solving approaches

Multi-& interdisciplinarity

> Group work & interaction skills

> > ...IN A BROADER CONTEXT

WAT Course introduction

Warning: lot of information, so please return to these slides also later on through MyCourses

Three Elements of WAT course

• The 3 themes of WAT Course form the basics of WAT

'WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL' (our key themes)

'...ENGINEERING' (our key methods)

'...IN A BROADER CONTEXT' (our context)

- You have to get our themes and methods right to be a water & environmental engineer
 - → But to be able to do your work well, you need also to understand the broader context
 - → Our advanced courses focus on our themes and methods; in-depth expertise on context you have to get elsewhere

WAT Course provides an in-depth introduction to water and environmental engineering + its context Sustainability

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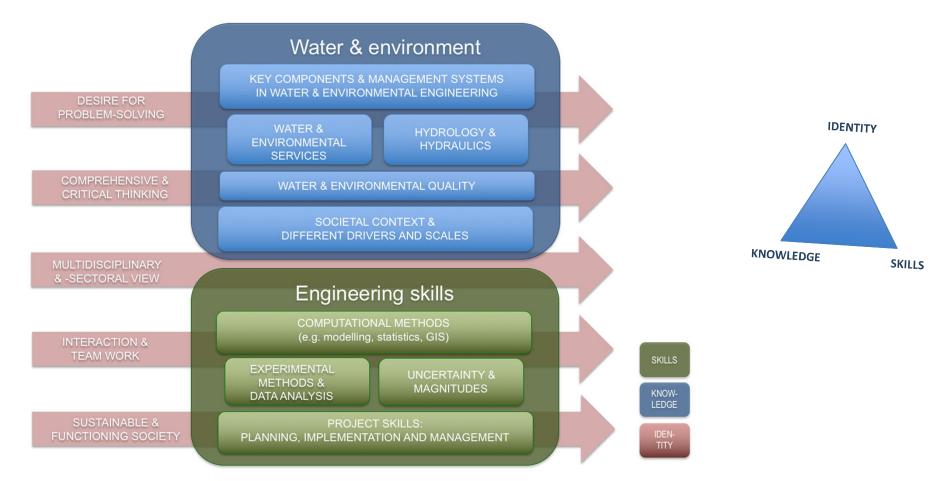
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WAT COMPETENCES



WAT Course aims to provide you a glimpse on all of these: advanced courses provide then more in-depth expertise on your preferred themes and methods

Intended Learning Outcomes ILOs

Check these from SISU / MyCourses' Syllabus: gives you an idea what the course is about + also is our quality promise to you

After the completion of the course the student is able to...

- Recognise and describe the main characteristics of the water and environmental engineering field, including its link to sustainability [knowledge]
- Understand the principles of the hydrological cycle and water resources management, including the role of hydraulic structures [knowledge]
- Understand the key principles of good environmental and water quality [knowledge]
- Define the main aspects of water and environmental services and related infrastructures, particularly those related to water supply and sewerage systems [knowledge]
- Identify the broader societal context relevant to water and environmental engineering, including the key governance and entrepreneurial aspects [knowledge]
- Create his/her Personal Learning Portfolio, and in this way is able to recognise, assess and communicate his/her own key competences and strengths [identity]
- Work interactively as part of the group, with relevant communication and group working skills [identity]

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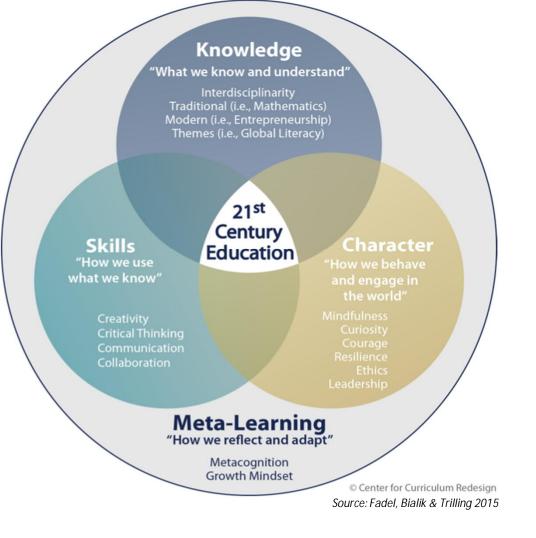
In addition, the student:

- knows the key computational methods (see below) related to water and environmental engineering [knowledge]
- can apply basic water and environmental measurement methods and related basic analyses in the laboratory and in the flume [skill]
- understands the basic concepts of storing and processing spatial data in GIS [knowledge]
- knows how linear regression and statistical testing can be applied in water and environmental engineering related problems [knowledge]
- is able to quantify errors associated with hydro-environmental measurements [skill]
- understands basic concepts of applying simulation models to problems related to water and environmental engineering [knowledge]
- is aware of the potential of using computational methods in solving water and environmental problems [identity]

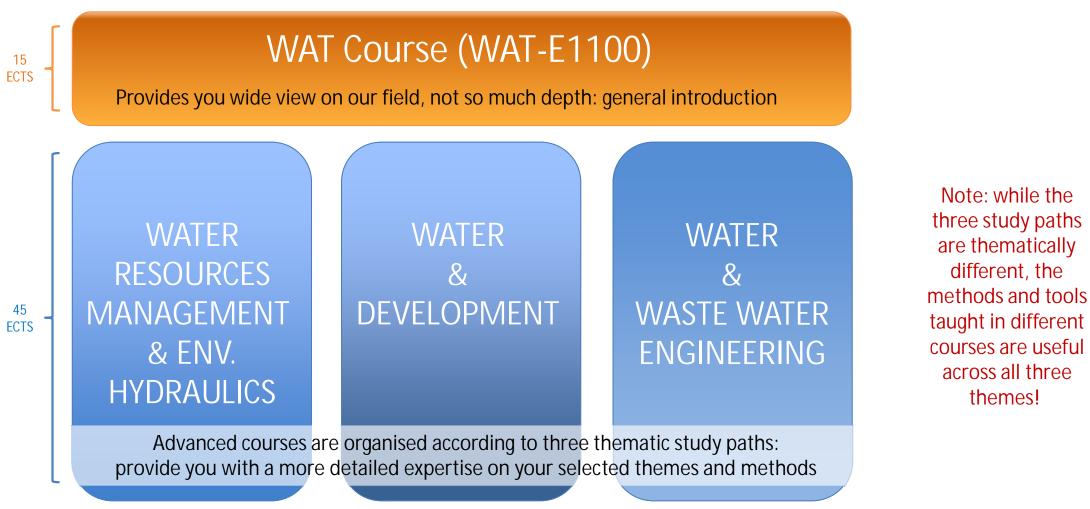
Your combined competence profile

Your WAT-competence will be a combination of knowledge, skills and identity skills ('character')

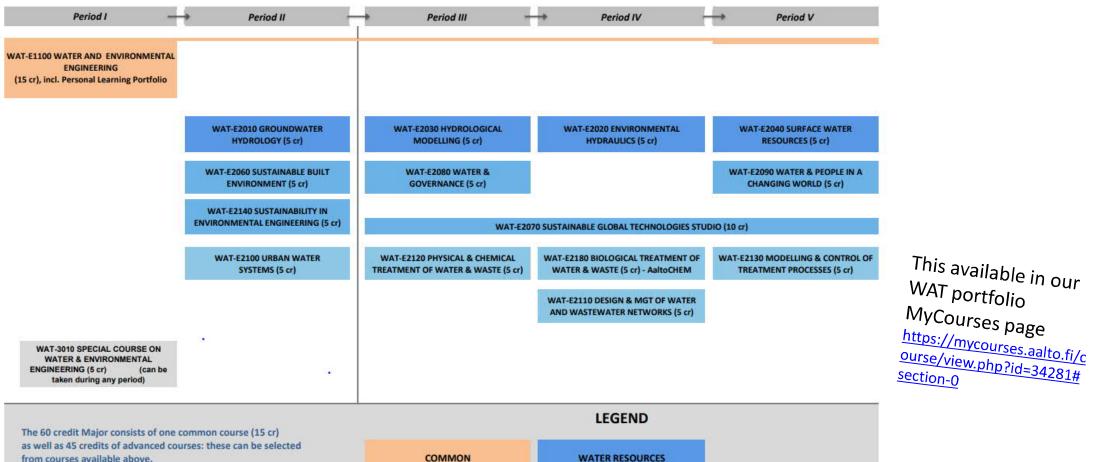
→These are naturally closely linked, too



WAT COMMON + ADVANCED COURSES



Master's Programme in Water and Environmental Engineering (WAT) **COURSE TIMETABLE FOR THE 1st YEAR (2021-22)**



The advanced courses include three thematic study paths: the students can either follow those paths or create their own course mix based on their interests. The personal portfolio created during the Introductory course facilitates this decision.

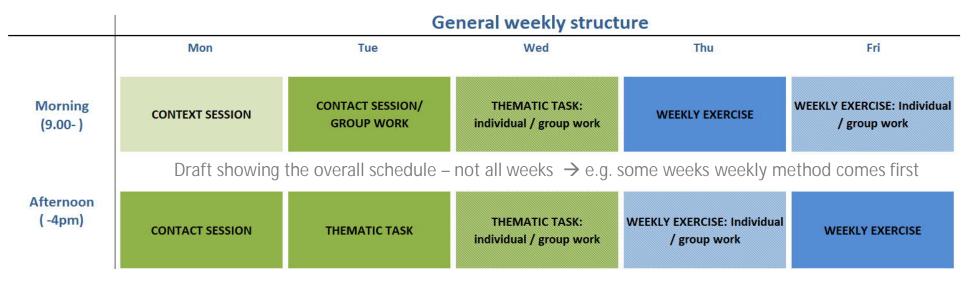
COMMON WATER RESOURCES WATER & WASTEWATER WATER & DEVELOPMENT This available in our

section-0

The thickness of the course is indicative for credits / period.

WAT COURSE: WEEKLY STRUCTURE ...

WAT Course themes tied together with common weekly structure (that change a bit each week as every week is different)



Timetable for each week can be found from WAT-E1100 MyCourses: check them out!

... WITH WEEKLY THEMES

6) Laboratory analysis

...as well as common weekly themes, methods + contexts

WEEKLY THEMES			
1) Global natural resources MATTI & OLLI	4) Water & wastewater engineering ANNA		
2) Water resources management & hydrology HARRI	5) Environmental management and sust. MEERI		
3) Environmental hydraulics JUHA	6) Water and environmental quality RIKU		
	7) Synthesis MEERI & MARKO		
WAT CONTEXTS - Team roles & group work (Week 1)	- Governance and legislation &		
- Entrepreneurship & business (Week 4)	Science & disciplinarities (Week 7)		
WEEKLY METHODS			
1) Statistical analysis	4) Spatial analysis		
2) Simulation modelling	5) Life Cycle Assessment LCA		

3) Hydraulic flume: measurement & uncertainty

COURSE MANAGEMENT + TEACHERS

- WAT Course has one responsible teacher Meeri, supported by Marko (general support) and Teemu (computational methods)
- Course assistant Anni responsible for online/hybrid arrangements and support (and some other staff, too)

 \rightarrow Each week has also Weekly Leader(s) who are responsible for weekly tasks and exercises + actual teaching: Weekly Leaders can be seen in the previous page under Weekly themes

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

- Each week includes two assignments
 - 1) Thematic Task: mainly done in groups
 - 2) Weekly Exercise: individually or in groups/pairs
 - → Some weeks include also Context Task

Laboratory safety exam for week 6: DL for the exam is already on Sun 26th Sept. See Week 6 Sub-pages how to take the test!

- The groups have a rotating Weekly Chair
- \rightarrow Responsible for chairing your meetings and submitting group tasks
- --> The group decides themselves the Weekly Chairs: everyone should be a chair at least once!

THEMATIC TASK

- Done in groups in different formats
- Synthesises the weekly theme and reflects week's activities
- Thematic Task usually completed within that week

CONTEXT SESSION

- Implemented in different ways: some have tasks, others not. Done in groups.
 - 1) Group/Project Work
 - 4) Entrepreneurship & business*
 - 7) Multi- and interdisciplinarity & Governance and legislation

TIME / WEEK: ~5 hours + portfolio / final assignment

* = exception as crosscutting theme for entire week

WEEKLY EXERCISE

- Done individually or in groups
- Introduces a computational method related to the weekly theme: submission same or next week
 - 1) Statistical analysis
 - 2) Modelling
 - *3)* Hydraulic flume
- TIME / WEEK: ~ 20 hours
- 4) Spatial analysis
- 5) Life-Cycle Analysis LCA
- 6) Laboratory analysis

Time estimates include time used for contact sessions, group work, independent work, presentation + reflection.

TIME / WEEK: ~ 20 hours

LATE SUBMISSIONS

- The general practice during the whole course is that you should submit your tasks in time, by the given deadline (naturally).
- You are able to submit late, but this will automatically result in -30% of the grade (of that particular weekly task/exercise).
 <u>Submitting later than one week after the deadline is not</u> <u>possible</u>.
- However, if you face a force majeure situation with your submission(s), please contact the weekly leader/teacher who gave the assignment (or Meeri), and we'll figure things out!

1st WEEK THEMATIC TASK TIME / WEEK: ~ 20 hours 2nd WEEK ONTEXT SESSION WEEKLY EXERCISE THEMATIC TASK TIME / WEEK: TIME / WEEK: S hours ortfolio / final assignme 3rd WEEK CONTEXT SESSION WEEKLY EXERCISE THEMATIC TASK TIME / WEEK: ~ 20 hours ONTEXT SESSION WEEKLY EXERCISE 4th WEEK THEMATIC TASK TIME / WEEK: ~ 20 hours ONTEXT SESSION WEEKLY EXERCISE 5th WEEK THEMATIC TASK The assignments TIME / WEEK TIME / WEEK: 5 h of first six weeks 6th WEEK WEEKLY EXERCISE CONTEXT SESSION THEMATIC TASK TIME / WEEK synthesised through a Synthesis Work CONTEXT SESSION WEEKLY EXERCISE during the 7th week \rightarrow Aim is to answer to the question: 'What is Water & Environmental Engineering?' \rightarrow Links to your study plan and portfolio process

COURSE ASSESSMENT

The course is assessed in three parts:

- 1. Grade for Thematic tasks: 0...5
- 2. Grade for Weekly exercises = 0...5
- \rightarrow Teachers' evaluation of the weekly assignments
- 3. Self- and peer evaluation = 0...5
- \rightarrow As we expect you to work plenty in groups, also assessment done partly by yourselves

 \rightarrow Final grade = average of the three grades

Some tasks and exercises may be assessed with pass/fail

COURSE FEEDBACK

- We have fine-tuned the concept based on last years' experiences and feedback
 - → We know it is hard work, but trying to improve it by e.g. clarifying the structure and increasing focus
 - → Yet, the concept means you will have several separate tasks, and that you'll learn many new things every week
- Your feedback is very valuable!
 - \rightarrow Use chat, private calls or send us email
 - → Anonymous feedback box in MyCourses



Questions, comments?



More information through MyCourses pages of WAT Course: <u>https://mycourses.aalto.fi/course/view.php?id=33494</u>

 \rightarrow Each week has its own sub-pages

3^S 3S' 3S' 3^S 3S Essential elements ... for 'ensuring a functioning and sustainable society'

This is a self-study section; just for your notion

Essential elements

... for 'ensuring a functioning and sustainable society'

Three critical elements that you must comprehend to successfully pass WAT Course (and entire WAT): what they could be?

 \rightarrow Hint: all start with S!

- Sustainability (the aim & crosscutter)
- Society (the context)
- Systems (the way to think)

All discussed later as well: now just introduction

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability = a state of a system (where system maintains its critical functions under change)

Sustainability is the ability of a human, natural or mixed system to withstand or adapt to endogenous or exogenous change indefinitely. Sustainable development is therefore a pathway of deliberate change and improvement which maintains or enhances this attribute of the system, while answering the needs of the present population.

"Sustainable development ... meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."



Our Common Future i.e. Brundtland Report 1997

→ Other elements, too: see Marko's e-lecture



"A large group of people who live together in an organized way, making decisions about how to do things and sharing the work that needs to be done."

Society forms the main system for water and environmental engineering: we are at the society's service!

→ Yet, society has different scales: sometimes it's about a city, sometimes about a nation, sometimes about entire globe

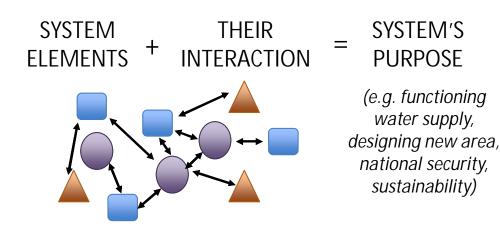


Cambridge Dictionary



A system is a set of things – people, cells, molecules, or whatever – interconnected in such a way that they produce their own pattern of behavior over time. Meadows, D.: Thinking in Systems, a Primer. 2008.

→ System includes but also excludes: system boundaries therefore very critical to understand and describe Confusion and disagreement often because we talk about different systems (or their scales)



SYSTEMS

Man at the top, Complex, connected Regenerative world as a resource web of life - mutualism worldview ethical principles: 1. take care of the planet 2. take care of people 3. fair division of surplus The dominant Many indogenous Regenerative design, culture of our time cultures e.g. Permaculture Food production: industrial Food production: Food production: while producing interconnected web food for humans, we should heel scale, with aim to maximum economical profit energy and nutrition cycles damaged natural systems



Available in MyCourses

Also differing views on how systems work and interact, and what is their purpose

http://glancesideways.com/2012/10/ progression-and-conceptual-adjustment/



Feew, lot of information - you need a BREAK!



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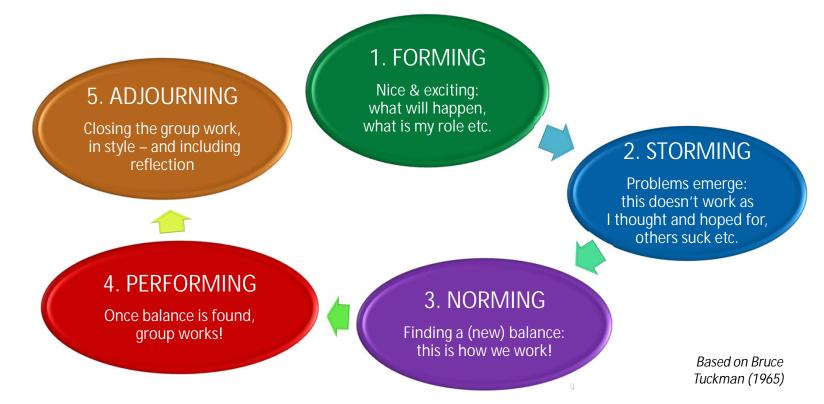


Group work introduction

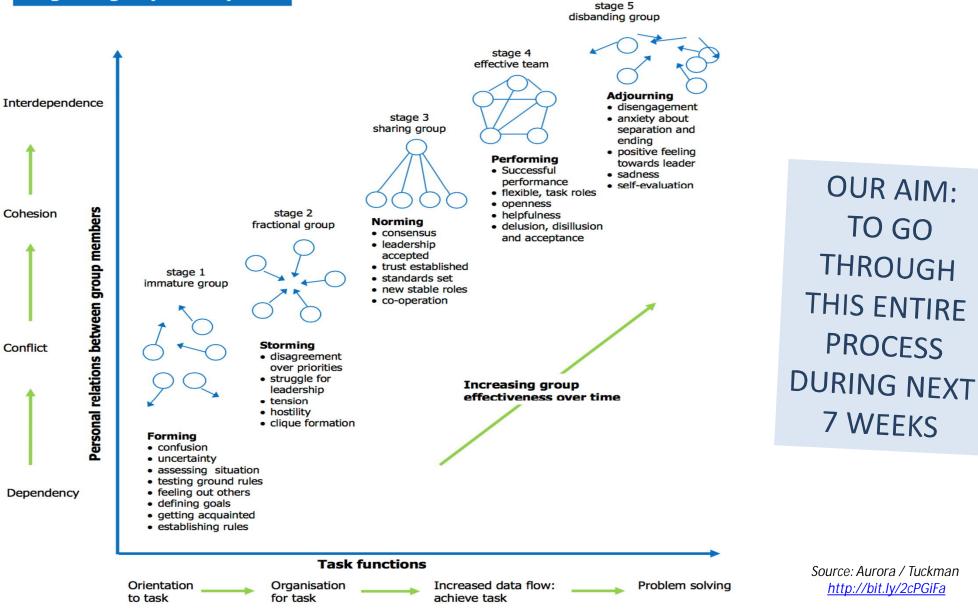


GROUP WORK

- Group working is fun! ...and hard.
- Who knows the five common stages of group work?
 → Be ready for storms, too: part of the learning process



Stages of group development



Source: Aurora / Tuckman

GROUP WORK: CHAIR

- Group will have a rotating Weekly Chair
 → Everyone should be a chair at least once; you decide the order
- Chair is responsible that group's weekly assignments are done well and on time
 - → Makes sure that everyone contributes to the assignments in an equal manner: decides on division of responsibilities
 - \rightarrow Solves possible disagreements
 - \rightarrow Acts as group's contact person towards teachers
- \rightarrow In sum, a great possibility to learn a lot!

ROLES IN GROUP

- Group = a set of different people in different roles
 → Everyone takes and/or is given a certain role in a group
 → The roles can also change over time
- Roles that people take depend on many things
 - Your personal preferences: how you like to work, where you are good at
 - Your past experiences in a group
 - Group dynamics
 - Your ambition level for the group work: do I want to it very well, or just get it done?

ROLES IN GROUP

- Roles can be beneficial or harmful for the group work

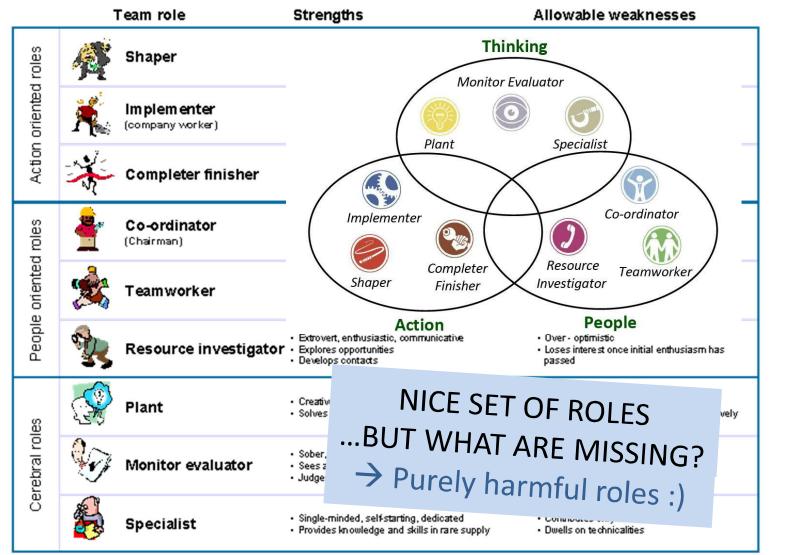
 → In ideal situation different roles support each other
 → In practice, however, many groups have a set of roles that can together be less beneficial or even harmful for the work
- Very important to be aware of the roles that you and other group members have (particularly as a Chair)
 - \rightarrow Try only to take roles that:
 - 1) are beneficial for the group
 - 2) allow you to learn most from the group work
 - → Also encourage your group members to do the same (you are hereby given the permission to note them if not)

	Team role		Strengths	Allowable weaknesses
Action oriented roles	脅	Shaper	 Challenging, dynamic, thrives on pressure The drive and courage to overcome obstacles 	 Prone to provocation Offends people's feelings
	×.	Implementer (company worker)	 Disciplined, reliable, conservative and efficient Turns ideas into practical actions 	 Somewhat inflexible Slow to respond to new possibilities
		Completer finisher	 Painstaking, conscientious, anxious Searches out errors and omissions Delivers on time 	 Inclined to worry unduly Reluctant to delegate
People oriented roles	4	Co-ordinator (Chairman)	 Mature, confident, a good chairperson Clarifies goals, promotes decision-making, delegates well 	 Can often be seen as manipulative Off loads personal work
	2	Teamworker	 Co-operative, mild, perceptive and diplomatic Listens, builds, averts friction 	 Indecisive in crunch situations
	*	Resource investigator	 Extrovert, enthusiastic, communicative Explores opportunities Develops contacts 	 Over - optimistic Loses interest once initial enthusiasm has passed
Cerebral roles	Ş	Plant	 Creative, imaginative, unorthodox Solves difficult problems 	 Ignores incidentals Too pre-occupied to communicate effectively
	ŶŦ	Monitor evaluator	 Sober, strategic and discerning Sees all options Judges accurately 	Lacks drive and ability to inspire others
		Specialist	 Single-minded, self-starting, dedicated Provides knowledge and skills in rare supply 	 Contributes only on a narrow front Dwells on technicalities

TEAM ROLES by Belbin

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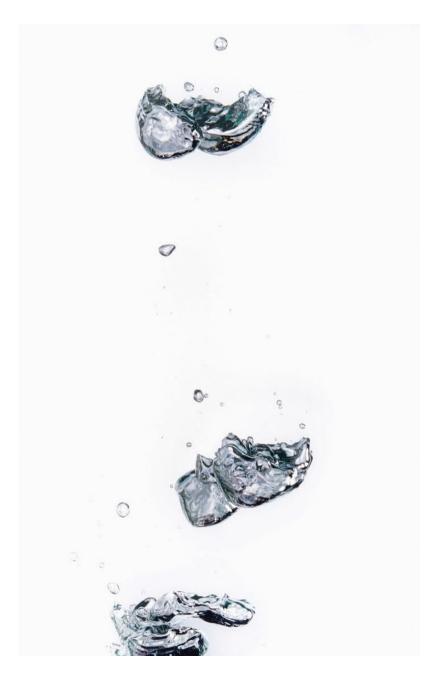


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What is closest to yourself? Have you seen other roles, too? \rightarrow _Talk with a pair

SOME GROUP ROLE CARICATURES

- SHAPER comes up with new ideas and provides structure
- 'VASTARANNAN KIISKI' (MOANER) opposes everything
- COORDINATOR focuses on the job + keeps up good spirit
- WITHDREWER stands back, does only what is asked to
- IMPLEMENTER focuses on implementation
- FREE-RIDER let's others do the work, but takes credit
- SPECIALIST brings in-depth (but selective) knowledge
- OVERACHIEVER aims high, even at the cost of team spirit



Questions, comments?

Group discussion

What do you think about the different team roles?

How do you go around the negative roles, and ensure you have mainly positive ones?

YOUR RULES OF WORK

Based on this presentation and your discussion, agree on Rules of Work for your group (your first context task)

 \rightarrow A clear set of rules that defines the principles for your group, including communication

Also agree how you deal with two kinds of challenges:
1) 'storms' including entire group, and
2) negative team role that an individual takes

 \rightarrow Write down your rules and submit through MyCourses by the end of the week (this week's chair submits)

https://mycourses.aalto.fi/mod/assign/view.php?id=786520

YOUR GROUP! YOUR PROJECT!

- The group also forms your project team
 - \rightarrow Your project: your tasks & assignments
 - → Take this as an opportunity to practice your project planning and management skills: these are important part in our programme as well as your career

The stages of project work:
1. Start: setting a goal
2. Breaking down the project into main goals and sub-goals
3. Scheduling the project
4. Implementing the project and backlog
5. Leading the project
6. Dealing with conflicts
7. Ending the project and evaluation of results

* Check Aalto's guidelines on time management and projects: https://into.aalto.fi/display/enopisk/Self-management+and+time+management

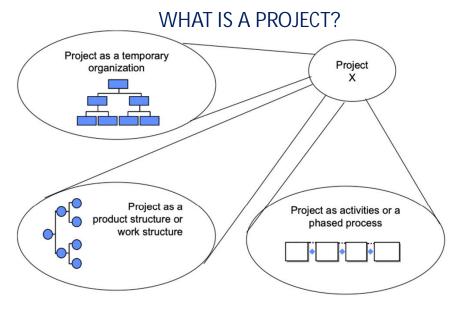


Figure 5. Three perspectives on projects

PROJECT LIFECYCLE

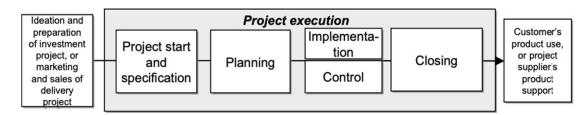


Figure 10. Project lifecycle and project execution

PROJECT PLANNING + MANAGEMENT

HOW TO MANAGE A PROJECT?

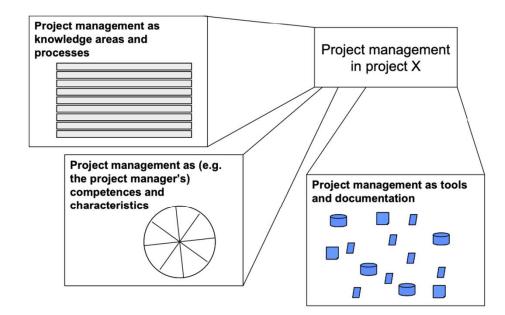


Figure 8. Three perspectives on project management

Artto et al. (2011): Project Business → Available in WAT-E1100 MyCourses

PROJECT + TIME MANAGEMENT

- Your tasks and exercises form your group's project
 → We give you the main aim and timeline i.e. deadline
- Based on the aim & timeline:
 - 1) divide the aim into objectives and related activities
 - 2) agree on the division of responsibilities (who does what)
 - 3) plan and manage your time
 - → Use SMART objectives
 - → Decide on the 'level of enough' i.e. when something is ready

Specific: what are we going to do?
Measurable: how to measure it is done?
Achievable: can we do it in the given time & resources?
Relevant: will this objective contribute to our main aim?
Time-bound: when will the objective be accomplished?



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