



Water Policy Entrepreneurs

A Research Companion to Water Transitions around the Globe

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'Unsurpassed in the scope of its coverage, this book explores like no other the roles of policy entrepreneurs and the causes of policy change across diverse political systems ranging from the developing world to the largest western democracies. The studies show how entrepreneurs work with outside donors, take advantage of windows of political opportunity, create those windows, and push the policy process in the direction they hope. They also show the limits to these strategies, and strategies that tend to fail. The book dramatically advances our understanding not only of change and stability in water policy, but of the policy process more generally.'

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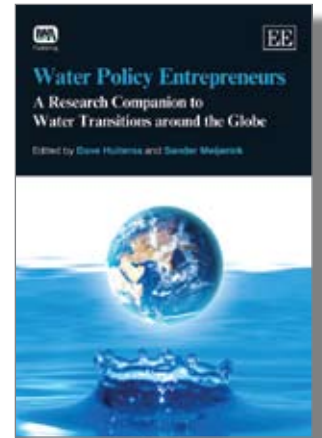
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This major volume focuses on the role of policy entrepreneurs in global water management. Adopting an international comparative perspective, the authors explore water policy change in fifteen countries and reveal the strategies employed by entrepreneurs to facilitate improvements in policy.

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