

# WATER, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THE AMERICAS

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Our conference addresses water infrastructure as what the scholar Bonnie Honig has called a “public thing,” as a matter of concern and of political struggle in multiple manners and modes across the various political landscapes of the Americas. Water infrastructure engages vital questions of management, access rights and entitlements, and the future of the commons generally.

Our panelists address these questions from many angles: dam construction and its consequences; riparian rights; drinking water contamination; sea-level rise and global warming; literary representations of water, and more.

#### Participants:

Betsy Damon **Artist**  
Mark Healy **University of Connecticut**  
Johnny Lorenz **Montclair State University**  
Nicholas Mirzoeff **New York University**  
Charlotte Rogers **University of Virginia**  
Michael Rubenstein **Stony Brook University**  
Sarah J. Townsend **Pennsylvania State University**  
Karina Yaeger **Stony Brook University**

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