

# Water Development Paths, Climate Change, and Economic Growth



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Almost all water utilities in developing countries charge prices far below the real costs of service and have no cash reserves to expand services, support growth, or adapt to climate change. In this talk, Whittington reviews 100,000 years of investment and innovation along water-development paths to explain why we find ourselves in this predicament, and what needs to be done so that poor water services are not an obstacle to sustainable economic growth.

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