



# Young Water Professionals: Making a Difference in Global Water Management Challenges

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#### Oliver Männicke

- Engineer for Water Management (Dipl.-Ing.), Dresden University of Technology, Germany
  - Okayama University, Okayama, Japan
  - Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia
- Water Stewardship Specialist
  - WWF (based in Switzerland and Australia)
  - Independent , Vienna, Austria
- Active IWA Member
  - Since 2018 IWA Member, YWP Austria Chapter Member
  - Secretary, IWA Specialist Group Sustainability in the Water Sector (50% Management Committee are YWP)
  - Committee YWP Austria
  - Member IWA Task Group Sustainable Use of Water by Industry
- I love water and related processes
  - I brew beer at home











# YWP life is complex







#### IWA-IDB INNOVATION CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF WATER: Cities, Industry and Agriculture





Baby boomers:

Gen X:

Millennials or Gen Y:

Gen Z:

born between 1946 and 1964 born between 1965 and 1980 born between 1981 and 1996 born mid-1990's to mid-2000's



https://www.economist.com/business/2013/09/26/winning-the-generation-game

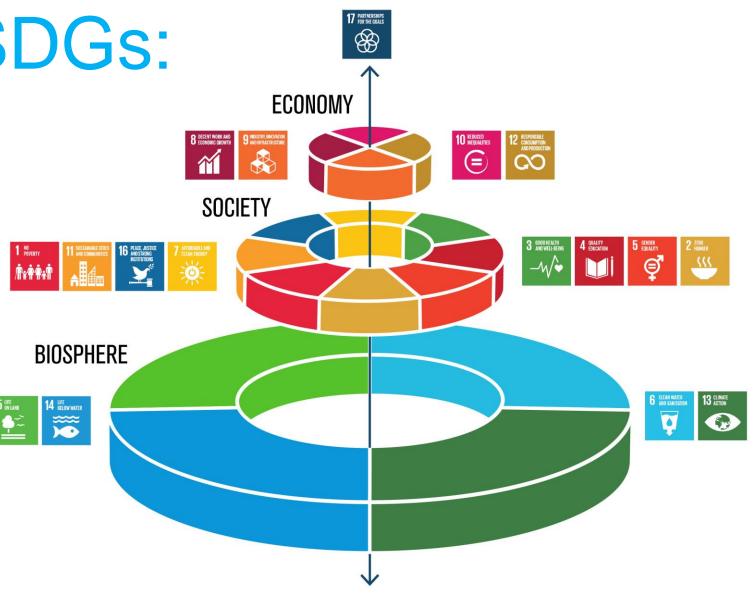








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#### The

The Anthropocene defines Earth's most recent geologic time period as being human-influenced, or anthropogenic, based on overwhelming global evidence that atmospheric, geologic, hydrologic, biospheric and other earth system processes are now altered by humans. The Anthropocene is distinguished as a new period either after or within the Holocene, the current epoch, which began approximately 10,000 years ago (about 8000 BC) with the end of the last glacial period.

3000BC 2000 1000

Ancient civilisations

The average lifespan of a civilisation is 336 years

http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20190218-the-lifespans-of-ancient-civilisations-compared

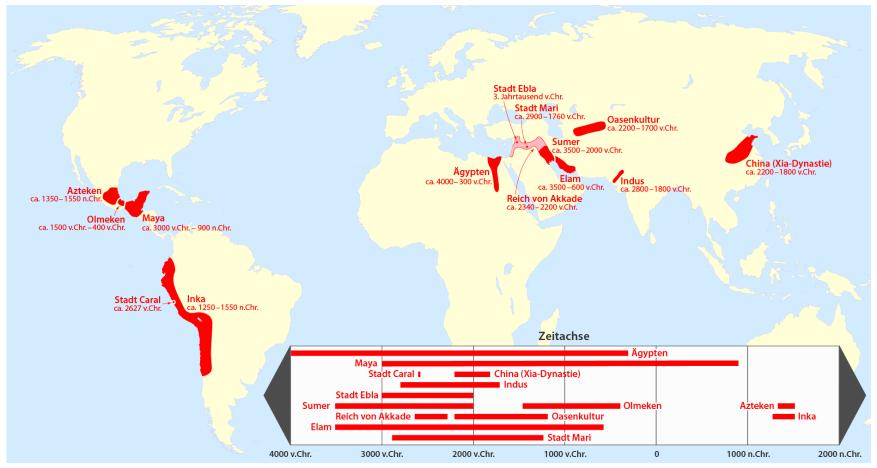
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#### The classic ancient civilizations



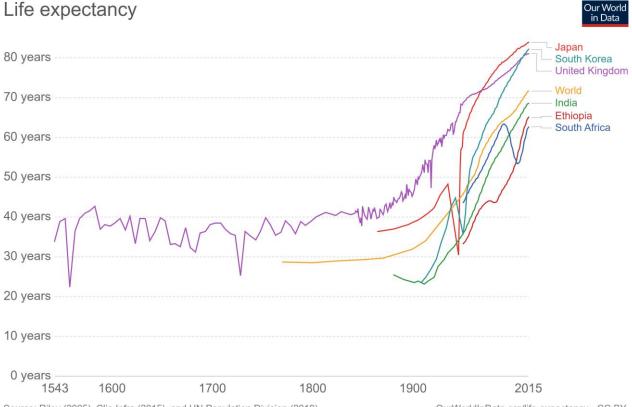
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# Life expectancy — we were all YWP!



Source: Riley (2005), Clio Infra (2015), and UN Population Division (2019)

OurWorldInData.org/life-expectancy • CC BY Note: Shown is period life expectancy at birth, the average number of years a newborn would live if the pattern of mortality in the given year were to stay the same throughout its life.

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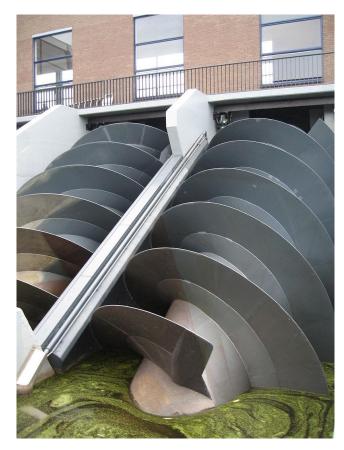






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- Archimedes 288-212 BC he reported the principles of the screw which is believed to be already in use in Egypt for some time before – This is still used today.
- Archimedes Principles on floating bodies, ca. 240 BC
- The Quadrature of the Parabola
  - Important for construction calculating areas of parabolic structures



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archimedes%27\_screw#/media/File:IMG\_1729 Gemaal met schroef van Archimedes bij Kinderdijk.JPG







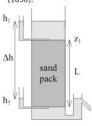


# Influencers past and today



#### Permeability (Darcy's Law)

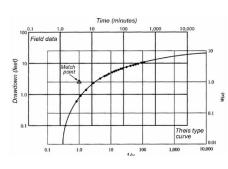
Darcy's experiment was performed to design a filter large enough to ensure the daily requirement of water for the city of Dijon





- q: volumetric rate [m³/s] K: hydraulic conductivity [m/s] A: Cross-sectional area of sand
- h: piezometric head [m] L: length of sand pack [m]







Sea water intrusion

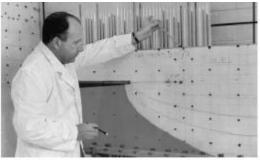


Figure 1. Investigations of seawater intrusion using a Hele-Shaw







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# Greta Thunberg



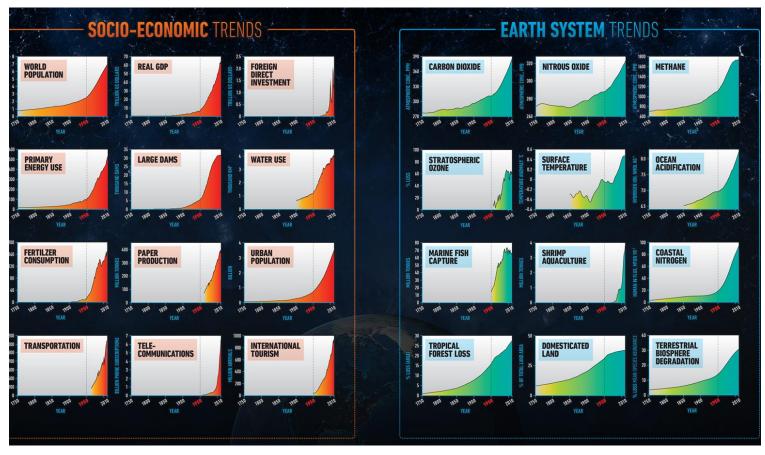
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# The great acceleration



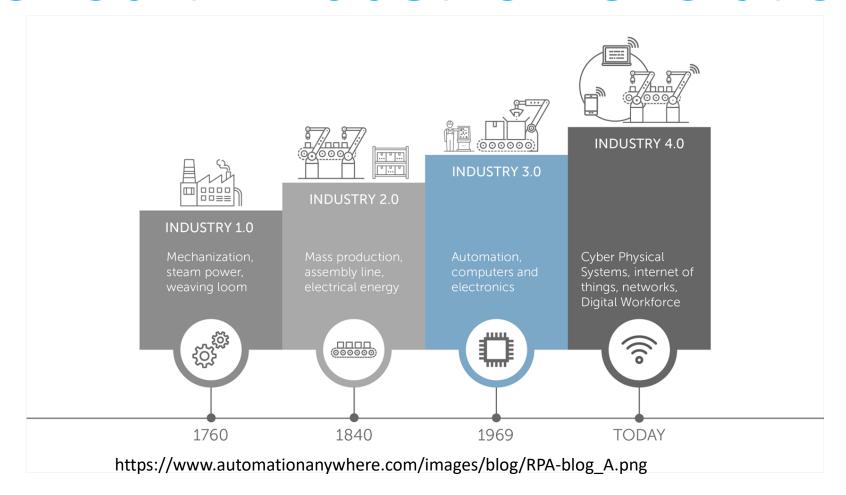
Source: Anthropocene Review, 2015.







#### The fourth industrial revolution

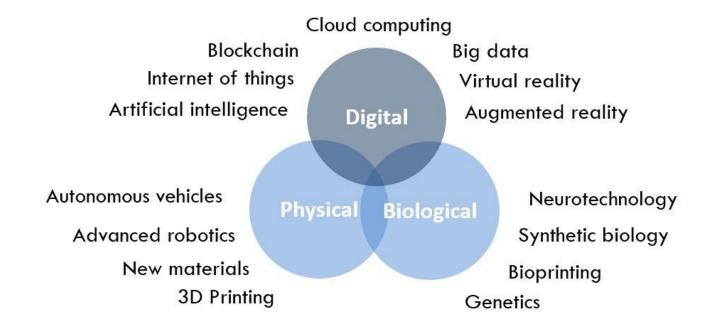








# The cyber-physical world



Source: John Grill Centre for Project Leadership and Silicon Valley Innovation Center

https://sydney.edu.au/john-grill-centre/ourresearch/technology-transformations/kick-startyour-transformational-project/ch1-the-fourthindustrial-revolution.html







#### Wicket problems

Rittel and Webber's 1973 formulation of wicked problems in social policy planning specified ten characteristics.

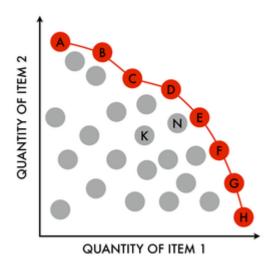
Conklin later generalized the concept of problem wickedness to areas other than planning and policy:

- The problem is not understood until after the formulation of a solution.
- 2. Wicked problems have no stopping rule
- 3. Solutions to wicked problems are not right or wrong
- 4. Every wicked problem is essentially novel and unique.
- 5. Every solution to a wicked problem is a 'one shot operation.'
- 6. Wicked problems have no given alternative solutions.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wicked problem

 Pareto efficiency or Pareto optimality is a state of allocation of resources from which it is impossible to reallocate so as to make any one individual or preference criterion better off without making at least one individual or preference criterion worse off. Vilfredo Pareto (1848–1923), Italian engineer and economist, who used the concept in his studies of economic efficiency and income distribution.

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Decision support systems
Optimization



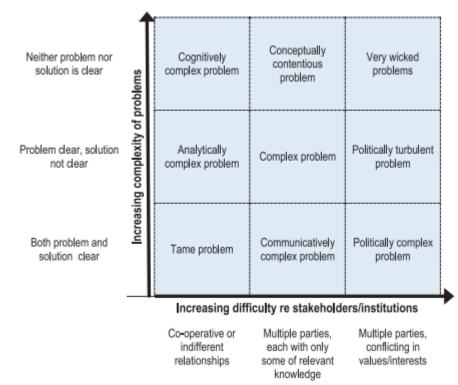




#### Wicket problems and less wicked problems: typology and contingency framework

Traditional approach Define – Analyse- Solve in sequential steps

Nancy Roberts (2000) **Authorative** Competitive Collaborative



John Alford & Brian W Head 2017

https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/14494035.2017.1361634?needAccess=true











# Young Water Professionals: We are making a Difference in Global Water Management Challenges







### WHO ARE IWA YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONALS (IWA YWP)



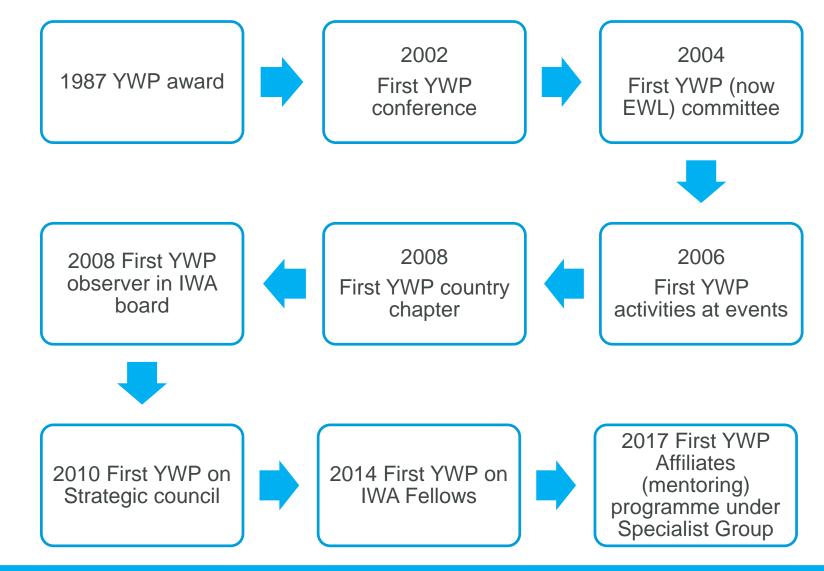
Mission: Empowerment of Young Water Professionals to contribute to sustainable water management (IWA's vision), by connecting them, providing them with professional development opportunities, and engagement and recognition.

**Vision:** To develop a strong brand and network, that is highly valued and rated by the wider water sector. One that is actively engaged and empowered to contribute to the water sector's solutions.

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#### THE BACKGROUND: FIRST ACHIEVEMENTS





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#### Experiences



**EWL Steering Committee** 



The Future - Emerging Water Leaders

Rango Santalas
Perinta Rangolal
Rango Santalas
Rango Santal

Keynote Speaker



**Great Friendships** 



Regulators Forum, Argentina



Programme Committee Member



Rapporteurs









#### Message from Rianna

**Message:** To make the most out of being an IWA member is to take initiative and be active. Ask questions, apply for opportunities, take part in the webinars and online platfoms. The door is open - it is just for you to walk through it.











# Back to the LAC region and Ecuador

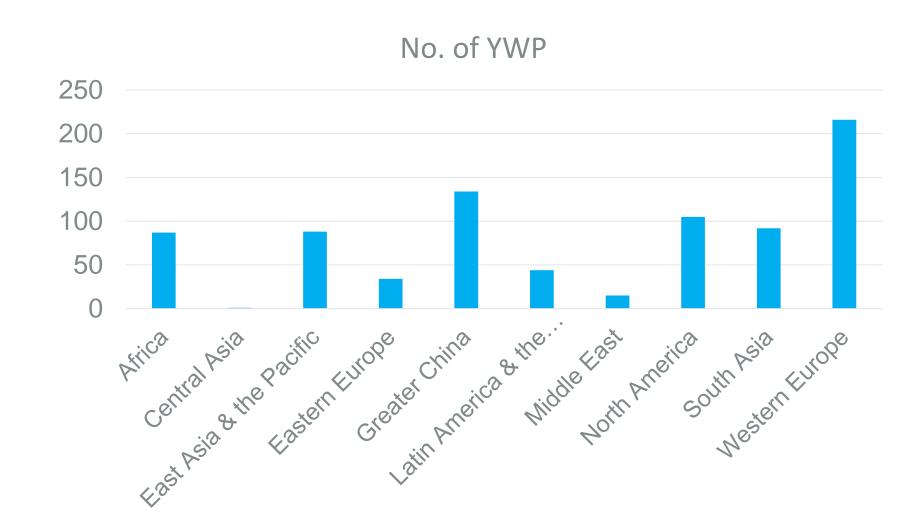






#### YWP MEMBERS ACROSS REGIONS

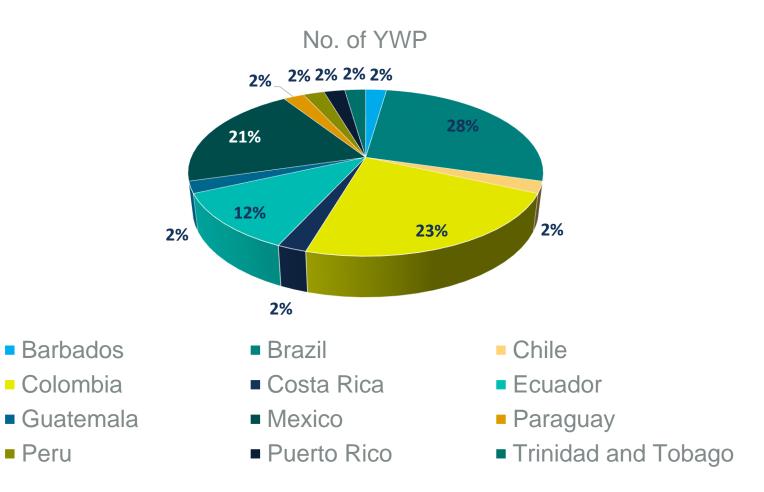




#### YWP MEMBERS IN LAC

Peru





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#### IWA STRATEGY FOR LAC REGION



Increase the number of IWA members from under-represented regions, including from Asia, Africa and Latin America, by offering bespoke membership services and opportunities relevant to their regions and interests.



#### Through:

- IWA supported events
- IWA presence at regional events
- Spanish translations of Knowledge Products

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# Thank you.

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