

What are the limits to economics as a guide to managing water? Find out in this LKYSPP lecture by Prof William Michael Hanemann || 4 Feb

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Is treating water as a conventional market good an effective response to scarcity, or does it impede it? 💧

Join Professor William Michael Hanemann of Arizona State University as he explores how rethinking the economics of water can lead to effective and hopeful solutions to today's water problems.

Chaired by LKYSPP's Dr Tan-Soo Jie-Sheng, Director of Institute for Environment and Sustainability (IES), the session dives into water economics and environmental policy amid growing global water scarcity.

📅 4 Feb (Wed)

🕒 5.15pm – 6.45pm

📍 LKYSPP, 469 Bukit Timah Road, S259756
Block B, Seminar Room 4-4

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The poster features a background image of a river flowing through a lush green forest. In the top left corner is the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy logo. Below it, a white oval contains the text 'Lim Tiam Seng Lecture Series'. The main title 'The Limits to (Conventional) Economics as a Guide to Managing Water' is centered in a large, white, serif font. Below the title, there are two circular headshots. The first is of William Michael Hanemann, with text to his right identifying him as Professor of Economics and Julie A. Wrigley Chair in Sustainability at Arizona State University, Chancellor's Professor, and Professor Emeritus at the University of California at Berkeley. The second is of Tan-Soo Jie-Sheng, with text to his right identifying him as Assistant Professor and Director of the Institute for Environment and Sustainability (IES) at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. A white oval labeled 'CHAIRPERSON' is placed between the two headshots. At the bottom, a white-bordered box contains three icons with corresponding text: a calendar icon for '4 February 2026, Wednesday', a clock icon for '05:15 PM - 06:45 PM', and a location pin icon for 'Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy'.

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