

The Inconvenience of Water

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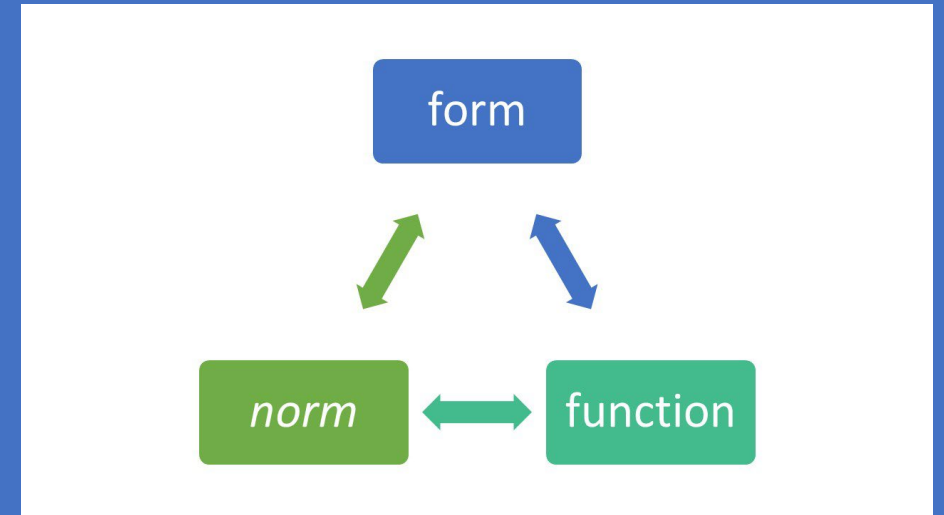
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Methods and Theory

Qualitative Research: Grounded Theory

**Spatial Form
Urban Function
resulting in
Cultural Norms**



While built due to unpredictability of water, how has our urban built environment formed norms about our relationship with water?

Sidewalks

- **Form** - concrete which is an impervious pavement
- **Function** - corridors for people goods and commerce and allows people an area to walk out of the dirt and grass

Norm

we can control where the water will flow and puddle





Rain Gutter

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- **Form** -narrow channel or trough made of aluminum
 - **Function** – rainwater is fed through downspout and diverted from base of build to protect foundation

Norm

control the flow of water and determine its path



Dolphin Structure

- **Form** –group of wood or concrete pilings driven into the seabed And connected above the water level
- **Function** - stabilize the vessel and to safely allow passengers on and off

Norm

manipulate the structures around water to still use it for the use of our good and well being

Are there trade-offs to our built environments that make our lives efficient?

Thank you
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"Multiple Ways of Knowing Water Resources: Enhancing the Status of Water Ethics"

By David Lewis Feldman and Helen Ingram

- 1) Wicked Problem**
- 2) Equality Issue**
- 3) Respect, Value and Protect Water**