



# Summer School - Runoff Predictions in Ungauged Basins (PUB)

Purpose: To learn methods of  
estimating runoff  
characteristics in the absence  
of local runoff observations

Vienna,  
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## Course lecturers

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**Prof. Juraj Parajka**  
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**Dr. José Luis Salinas**  
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**Prof. Gregor Laaha**  
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**Prof. Attilio Castellarin**  
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**Prof. Alberto Viglione**  
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**Dr. Peter Valent**  
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## Overview

This Summer School is devoted to runoff prediction in ungauged basins (PUB), i.e., predicting water runoff at locations where no runoff data are available. This lack of data presents considerable challenges to catchment managers who require information on water flows for decision making. This course, based on the book, "Runoff Prediction in Ungauged Basins: Synthesis across Processes, Places and Scales", will provide hydrologists with the theory and methods to address this critical challenge. The collection of speakers will bring together results from individual location-based studies and show how a comparative approach can be applied to learn from the differences and similarities between catchments around the world along gradients of climate and landscape features.

## Who should attend

Masters and PhD students researching catchment hydrology and practising hydrologists who are challenged by making predictions in the absence of runoff data.

## What to bring

The course includes a substantial hands on component. Participants can bring their own runoff data (from around 10 catchments, over 10 years) or alternatively, runoff data will be provided.

## Venue

The course will be held at the Vienna University of Technology, Karlsplatz 13, in the heart of the Austrian capital.



## Registration

The course fee is Euro 600-. Included are all course material and lunch. Participants are responsible for their own transport, accommodation, health insurance, all other meals and personal expenses.

A small number of competitively selected, fee waiver places are available. To apply, send a CV and motivation letter to Dr. Borbála Széles (details below) by 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2026.

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## Programme

Day	Topic	Speaker
Monday	Introduction	Blöschl
Monday	Remote sensing	Parajka
Monday	R for PUB	Viglione
Monday	Annual runoff	Viglione
Tuesday	Seasonal runoff	Sivapalan, Viglione
Tuesday	Hands-on (Budyko and Parde)	
Tuesday	Flow duration curves (FDCs)	Castellarin
Tuesday	Hands-on (Construction and prediction of FDCs)	
Wednesday	Low flows	Laaha
Wednesday	Hands-on (Regression)	
Wednesday	Hands-on (Group work)	
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Thursday	Floods	Salinas
Thursday	Hands-on (Index-flood)	
Thursday	Runoff hydrographs	Valent
Thursday	Hands-on (HBV, signatures)	
Friday	Hands-on (Comparative analysis)	
Friday	Hands-on (Group work)	
Friday	Hands-on (Group presentations)	
Friday	Synthesis and feedback	Blöschl, Sivapalan