



Professor James Wescoat

Historian, Geographer and Landscape Architect

James Wescoat is the Aga Khan Professor in the Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at the Department of Architecture at MIT. Professor Wescoat earned his Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree from Louisiana State University and practiced landscape architecture in the U.S. and Middle East before returning to graduate study in geography at the University of Chicago with an emphasis on water resources.

Professor Wescoat is 'a rare combination of a scholar and a practitioner'. He is an historian of Mughal garden designs in Islamic South Asia, an environmental researcher focusing on water management and policy and a preservationist who worked on the restoration of the Taj Mahal.

Professor Wescoat led a USEPA-funded study of potential climate impacts in the Indus River Basin in Pakistan with the Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA). More recently, he led a National Science Foundation funded project on "Water and Poverty in Colorado." He is currently conducting comparative research on international water problems.

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