“Aligning Property Rights Regimes with Newly Emerging Demands from Natural Resources Management: A Case of Indus Delta Mangroves”

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Forests, rangelands, waters, wetlands, the atmosphere, and similar features of the earth are important ecological resources serving as the very basis of human survival. Enhanced understanding of various environmental and ecosystem services of these systems has, however, produced new sets of claimants demanding very different uses and management of these systems. My research at the Ostrom Workshop will test the hypothesis of mismatch between the existing property rights arrangement and contemporary demands and aspirations from these resources. The paper elaborates on preliminary ideas with the support of a case study on Indus Delta mangroves to generate discussion and to assist me in determining the future course of this research.

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