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In the News



Commons Governance Program Launched

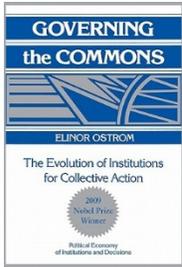
Our new research program on *Governing the Commons* supports and pursues multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research on the commons. This is an area of study for which the Ostrom Workshop is well known around the world. Elinor Ostrom along with several Workshop colleagues over a long period of years can fairly be said to have led the re-emergence of scholarly interest in the commons. [Read more.](#)



Seminar on Institutional Theory

The Fall Semester seminar on Institutional Theory – known to many Workshoppers simply as “the seminar” – is up and running again this year. We thought you might like to know that there are 20 seminar participants, in addition to Bill Blomquist who is the instructor this year. There are 13 students and 7 visiting scholars. Of special note is the disciplinary diversity and breadth of the students: in addition to Political Science and the O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, this semester’s students are enrolled in the Luddy School of Informatics, the School of Public Health, the Jacobs School of Music,

and the Maurer School of Law. It should make for some great discussions and a fascinating mix of papers!



Governing the Commons: 30 Years Later

On October 2, we will be hosting a conference to commemorate the 30 year anniversary of Lin's book, *Governing the Commons*. The conference will be virtual via Zoom. Stay up to date on all the exciting virtual events happening at the [Ostrom Workshop](#).

STORY

\$2.25 million NSF award will fund CyberCorps student scholarship program at IU Bloomington

The National Science Foundation has awarded Indiana University a \$2.25 million grant to establish a scholarship program in the growing and critical field of cybersecurity on the Bloomington campus. A \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Defense's [Office of Naval Research](#) will also establish a Cyber Reserve Officers Training Corps program at IU to pair ROTC cadets with cybersecurity faculty to conduct research.

"IU's model of combining interdisciplinary cybersecurity education with real-world practical experience will produce cybersecurity leaders uniquely situated to address pressing government workforce needs," said [Scott Shackelford](#), executive director of the [Ostrom Workshop](#), chair of the [Cybersecurity Program](#) at IU, and the principal investigator on both grants. [Press release](#).

Story

Ostrom Workshop Students Find New Opportunities

After successfully achieving their Ph.D's, several of our previous Ostrom Fellows and Research Awardees have taken steps forward in their careers. **Anothony DeMattee** has taken a two year fully funded NSF Postdoc position. The Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SPE) sponsors the award, and the Law & Science program took a strong liking to his proposal. **Zhi Wang** has moved to Boston to start a new position as a Senior Researcher at Anthem (HealthCore). **Johabed Olvera** and **Julio Ramos**

Pastrana have both taken positions at Penn State School of Public Policy. Johabed will be an Assistant Professor and Julio will be an Assistant Research Professor. **Ricardo Bello Gomez** has taken a position as Assistant Professor of Public Administration in the Department of Political Science at Texas Tech University. Congratulations to all.

We apologize to those we might have missed. If you have something to share career wise, drop us a note and we'll gladly feature you in a future issue of *Polycentric Circles*.

Story

Ostrom Workshop Funds New Students

The following students have received either Ostrom Fellowships or Research awards for the 2020-2021 academic year. Of particular note this year, we are more interdisciplinary than ever with support coming from the **O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs**, the **Department of Political Science**, and the **Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering**. Here's a complete list:

Fellowships

- **Jaimi Carini** - Jacobs School of Music
- **Renzo de la Riva Aguero** - O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs (*O'Neill Ostrom Fellowship*)
- **Hilda Hadan** - Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering (*Luddy Ostrom Fellowship*)
- **Daniel Muck** - Department of Political Science (*DeVault Ostrom Fellowship*)
- **Dafna Rachok** - Department of Anthropology
- **Sacha Siani** - Department of Geography

Research Awards

- **Tonya Dodez** - Department of Political Science
 - **Zhengyan (Ian) Li** - O' Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs
 - **Jorge Rios Allier** - Department of Anthropology
 - **Salih Yasun** - Department of Political Science
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Ostrom Workshop Senior Research Fellow

Affiliates who have attained the rank of associate or full professor and made extraordinary contributions over an extended period of time to the Ostrom Workshop via scholarship, service, and/or teaching will be selected by the Workshop Advisory Council to become a Senior Research Fellow. [Learn more.](#)

Publications

Call for Papers Announcement:

The analysis of Networks of Action Situations (NAS) is becoming an increasingly popular and powerful tool for social-ecological systems research. Social-ecological systems are frequently shaped by decisions, behaviours and practices resulting from multiple interdependent action situations.

We invite contributions that advance theory, methods and empirical insights of NAS research, covering a variety of approaches, including ecologies of games, connectivity science, polycentricity, archetypes approaches, telecoupling and nexus studies, as well as political economy and political ecology studies, ecologies of practices and actor-network approaches.

More details are available here: <https://rdcu.be/b4niv>

The Call for Papers is available

here: <https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007/s11625-020-00814-w.pdf>

Governing the commons beyond harvesting: An empirical illustration from fishing

Basurto X, Bennett A, Lindkvist E, Schlüter M (2020) Governing the commons beyond harvesting: An empirical illustration from fishing. PLOS ONE 15(4): e0231575. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0231575>

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