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The Ostrom Workshop Bi-Weekly Newsletter

News and Events

Governing the Commons Virtual Symposium a Huge Success

With over 1,000 people in attendance, the virtual symposium celebrating the 30th anniversary of Lin Ostrom’s Governing the Commons delivered as promised. Hosted by Eduardo Brondizio and Scott Shackelford, the symposium kicked off with three short keynote addresses from Bonnie McCay, Carl Folke, and Barabara Allen. These were followed by four dynamic panel sessions chaired by Dan Cole, Bill Blomquist, Barbara Allen, and Abigail York.

Watch the entire symposium on our YouTube channel
The full agenda can be found here.

This event was also part of World Commons Week as the North American Keynote Webinar.

Colloquium and Research Lecture Series Continue for Fall 2020

Our Fall 2020 Colloquium Series continues on Zoom every Monday at noon, with special “Commons” themed presentations throughout
October.

- **October 12**, with Bryan Leonard, Assistant Professor, School of Sustainability, College of Global Futures, Arizona State University, presenting his paper titled "Property Rights without Transfer Rights; A Study of Indian Land Allotment"
- **October 19**, with Insa Theesfeld, Agricultural, Environmental, and Food Policy, Martin Luther University, presenting her paper titled "Explaining the Existence of Pseudo-Commons in Post-Communist Countries"
- **October 26**, with Esther Blanco, Department of Public Finance, University of Innsbruck, presenting her paper titled "Incentivizing Public Good Provision through Outsider Transfers: Experimental Evidence on Sharing Rules and Additionality Requirements"

Click here for the entire Colloquium schedule and Zoom information.

The Wednesday Research Series includes a special presentation from the Space Governance working group and the launch of the Ostrom Book Club:

- **October 14**, Space Governance Working Group presentation. A review and update of space governance research at the Ostrom workshop and elsewhere. See related article on Space Debris Project below.
- **October 21**, Godfreyb Ssekajja presents his paper titled "Immigration, Ethnic Diversity and Public Goods Provisioning in Local Communities"
- **October 28**, SPECIAL EVENT: Ostrom Book Club will discuss a new book by Lisa Blomgren Amsler, Janet K. Martinez, and Stephanie E. Smith titled "Dispute System Design: Preventing, Managing, and Resolving Conflict"

Click here the Research Series schedule and Zoom information.

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**Tocqueville Lectures Schedule for October**

Organized by Professor Aurelian Craiutu, Department of Political Science, IUB, the Fall 2020 Tocqueville Lecture series continues with the following lectures scheduled for October:

- **October 9**, with Michael Weinman, Comparative Literature, IU. Presentation and discussion on his newly published book *The Emergence of Illiberalism*
October 23, with Constantin Vassiliou, Post-doctoral fellow, Kinder Institute, University of Missouri. "Montesquieu's Moderation: A Liberal Art for the Commercial World". Co-sponsored by West Institute & the Modern Greek Program, IU

October 30, with Bradford Wilson, Executive Director, Madison Center, Princeton University. Dr Wilson will speak about the legacy of Alexander Hamilton based on his recently published two-volume edition of The Political Writings of Alexander Hamilton

"Part of "The Idea of America" series

Click here for the entire Colloquium schedule and Zoom information.

Ostrom Workshop Tackles Space Debris Using Namesake's Nobel-Winning Work

A new project is tackling how to manage the problem of space's mess, employing Elinor Ostrom's Nobel Prize-winning work on the governance of common resources. The project is co-led by Scott Shackelford, associate professor of business law and ethics in IU's Kelley School of Business and executive director of IU's Ostrom Workshop, and Jean-Frédéric Morin, professor at Université Laval in Québec. Funding is from Canada's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. Read full article.

Inna Kouper Awarded Grant to Study Curation of Data

Inna Kouper—assistant scientist at the Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering and affiliate to the Workshop's Data Management & Information Governance Program—has been awarded a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to study the curation of data produced during interdisciplinary and highly collaborative research that integrates resources and expertise across disciplines and institutional settings. Press release.

Publications

https://books.google.co.in/books/about/Why_Resource_Governance_Fails.html?id=_ZjpDwAAQBAJ&redir_esc=y

What would Tocqueville say if he visited America Today: Sheldon Gellar and Aurelian Craiutu offer a few tentative thoughts in *The Bulwark*. [https://thebulwark.com/will-we-heed-tocquevilles-warnings/](https://thebulwark.com/will-we-heed-tocquevilles-warnings/)


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