

Beyond the Protest: Anderson Lecture Stimulates Discussion

On February 22, 2107, the inaugural Ostrom Lecture on Environmental Policy, “Who Owns the Environment? Lessons from the Legacy of Elinor Ostrom,” was given by Terry Anderson of the Hoover Institution. This lecture is a component of the [Program on Natural Resource Governance](#)—created in 2016 to develop a network of scholars to examine the institutions that govern natural resources.

Those in attendance will recall a small but vocal group of protestors at the lecture—objecting not to the content of the Anderson lecture per se, but rather to the content of an article Anderson had written on [climate policy](#). After the lecture, Anderson and several of the students continued the discussion, challenging Anderson as a climate change denier. Anderson challenged the students to read his book *Free Market Environmentalism* to see his views on the topic. One IU student, Melissa Serrano, took up the challenge, but also challenged Anderson to read the UN’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s 2014 Summary Report for Policy Makers (IPCC 2014). They agreed, and agreed to share their written reviews with each other.

All involved view this as an unexpected side benefit of the ‘protest’ and a tribute to intellectual discussion.

- [Review of the IPCC 2014 Summary Report](#) by Terry Anderson
- [Review of Free Market Environmentalism](#) by Melissa Serrano