

# OSTROM WORKSHOP **ROUNDTABLE SESSION**

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ROUNDTABLE SESSION:

States, Statelessness, and Self-Organizing Governance Institutions

**Wednesday, March 9, 2016 \***

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Ostrom Workshop, 513 N. Park



Professor James Scott—on campus as a Patten Lecturer—will be a special guest at the Ostrom Workshop for an informal roundtable discussion about his work on human organization into states, stateless societies, and state avoidance, as well as the shortcomings of centrally managed social plans. These ideas are extremely innovative and iconoclastic and have direct relevance to the notion of self-organization and self-governance that is central to the research done at the Ostrom Workshop. The event will include an extended space for questions from the audience to establish a conversation with Professor Scott.



**James Scott** is the Sterling Professor of Political Science and Professor of Anthropology at Yale University. He is also the founding director of the Agrarian Studies Program at Yale. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; has held grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Guggenheim Foundation; and has been a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Science, Science, Technology and Society Program at MIT, and the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton.

Recent publications include *Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed* (Yale University Press, 1997); “Geographies of Trust: Geographies of Hierarchy,” in *Democracy and Trust* (1998); “State Simplifications and Practical Knowledge,” in *People’s Economy, People’s Ecology* (1998); and *The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia* (Yale University Press, 2009) ([website](#)).

*\* Professor Scott will give two Patten Lectures at IU, on March 8 and 10*

This session will be open to the public. For questions, please contact Allison Sturgeon (sturgeon@iu.edu; 812/855-3151).