

# OSTROM WORKSHOP COLLOQUIUM SERIES

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Recent work has problematized state-centric assumptions to explore governance by a variety of actors. Scholars have challenged the concept of “ungoverned space” referring to areas outside state control, instead acknowledging that areas of “alternative governance” or “limited statehood” are often governed to some extent. When the states’ power fails to expand to its sovereign borders, powerful local actors frequently fill the governance void. This article centers on core concepts related to rebel governance, synthesizing existing work, raising new questions and critiques, and shows how investigating governance by rebel groups advances our understanding of governance more broadly. The nature of rebel organizations in particular provides a unique opportunity to researchers to both problematize and expand the state-centric focus on governance because rebel actors vary widely in form, operate in a plethora of contexts, and have no universal legitimizing principle that allows consistent membership as a class of political actors.



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