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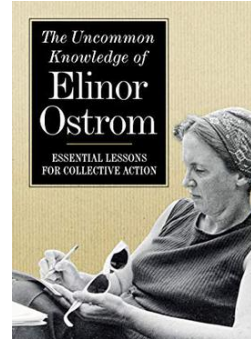
Ostrom Book Club

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Wednesday, October 27, 2021: 12:00 – 1:00 pm ET

Virtual via Zoom: [Click here for link to Zoom meeting](#)



The Uncommon Knowledge of Elinor Ostrom: Essential Lessons for Collective Action

From overfishing to deforestation and water rights, the natural resources we rely on are increasingly under threat from both overuse and the impacts of climate change. Conventional thinking on environmental governance holds that protecting them requires restrictions either from the government or the free market. But is there a third way forward, one that harnesses the ability of communities to successfully manage their common resources?

In *The Uncommon Knowledge of Elinor Ostrom: Essential Lessons for Collective Action*, Erik Nordman brings to life the ideas and research of Ostrom, whose work showing how communities can sustainably manage common resources won her a Nobel Prize in Economics. Ostrom's revolutionary proposition fundamentally changed how we think about environmental governance.

The book explores how Ostrom developed her research showing that people can and do act in collective interest. It highlights the inspiring work of community leaders and stakeholders who have spearheaded innovative resource-sharing systems, from Valencia, Spain's millennium-old water court to emerging topics like internet governance and cyber security.

Erik Nordman Ph.D., is a professor of natural resources management at Grand Valley State University in Michigan. He teaches courses in resource management social sciences, including environmental economics and natural resource policy. Nordman's research topics include the social dimensions of ecosystem services and renewable energy. During his 2019-2020 sabbatical, Nordman was a visiting scholar at the Ostrom Workshop. His research there resulted in the book, *The Uncommon Knowledge of Elinor Ostrom: Essential Lessons for Collective Action* (Island Press, 2021).

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