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Nurturing a Collective Ethos of Sustainability: Some Experiments with Throwing Spaghetti at the Wall

We live in an unprecedented uncertain era, marked by the human re-engineering of the planet. Collective action at multiple levels will have to be an essential part of transitions towards sustainability. While there is much hope that springs from collective movements across the globe, yet collective action is still confined to a relatively small subset of people.

In Bangalore, where we have worked for over 15 years with a range of groups, including municipal bodies, lake collectives, schools and colleges, activists and corporate groups, we have experimented with different strategies for collective engagement. Some have worked, others have failed – in ways difficult to predict. It's been somewhat like throwing spaghetti at the wall to see what sticks.

In this talk I'd like to share some learnings from our engagement with linking academia to collective action in Bangalore – and to discuss some plans to link research and practice at a larger scale at the Ostrom Workshop.

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