



OSTROM WORKSHOP

Data Management and Information Governance Research Program

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Digital Governance Working Group

The Workshop series will specifically focus on answering key questions in the area of digital commons governance. The workshop will be held over three days:

April 1, 15 and 29th from 12:00 – 13:30 ET via Zoom.

Outside the walls of Big Tech, technologists, legal professionals and commoners are busy developing alternative governance structures that allow our digital infrastructure (e.g. servers, software, data) to be governed democratically and their value to benefit our communities, not investors.

To spur the development of these initiatives we need good ways to evaluate them: what does success look like in the context of a digital commons? What are the conditions for success? What can we learn from the experiences of existing digital commons and how could this learning be applied elsewhere?

Over the course of this working group, we aim to understand how we could use Ostrom's design principles for this purpose. And relatedly, how we might operationalise these principles as a simple set of questions that would allow practitioners and academics alike to continuously evaluate the various initiatives and propagate learnings through the broader ecosystem. At the end of this working group, we aim to publish a short paper with outputs, to be shared within our communities.

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