The Ostrom Workshop was founded at Indiana University in 1973 by Nobel laureate Elinor Ostrom and her husband, Vincent. Today, we carry forward their legacy by seeking and sharing solutions to the world’s most pressing problems involving communal and contested resources — from clean water to secure cyberspace.

**WHAT + WHY + HOW**

- What does it take to ensure effective governance?
- Why do similar rules produce different results in different settings?
- How can decision makers be incentivized to choose long-term solutions over short-term gains?

These complex questions demand a comprehensive approach drawing on insight from many fields of study. We are the first and only organization to take this transdisciplinary approach to governance, bringing together experts across the academic spectrum. With affiliated faculty in nearly every school on campus, more than 30 U.S. universities, and institutions in 20 countries, the Ostrom Workshop is a truly global collaboration.
The need for policies that incentivize effective governance is at the root of society’s most significant struggles. From famine to higher education, business loans to vaccinations, and disaster preparedness to internet connectivity, motivating people to work together is essential to overcoming our most important global challenges.

WE WORK ACROSS DISCIPLINES TO FIND EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS FOR A COMPLEX, INTERCONNECTED WORLD.

RESEARCH PROGRAMS
Currently, the Ostrom Workshop houses four transdisciplinary programs, and aspires to encompass many more.

+ **Commons Governance** supports and pursues multidisciplinary questions related to long run economic and political development.
+ **Political Economy** focuses on fundamental questions related to long run economic and political development.
+ **Natural Resource Governance** focuses on ways we interact with our environment to access, protect, exploit, or conserve natural resources.
+ **Cybersecurity and Internet Governance** investigates such topics as how to mitigate the risks of cyber-attacks on critical infrastructure and promoting cyber peace.
+ **Data Management and Information Governance** explores policies from open access and transparency to privacy and intellectual property.

WHAT’S NEXT? Our aspiration is to be a global destination drawing the foremost governance scholars and thought leaders to Indiana University. Our pioneering approach and distinguished legacy attract strong interest, yet support is needed to bring these luminaries to campus.

True to our commitment to advancing cooperation, the Ostrom Workshop is enthusiastically seeking partners with a shared vision of advancing effective governance. We welcome new ideas and directions for our programs, and look forward to connecting with potential collaborators.

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