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Polycentric Circles

The Ostrom Workshop Bi-Weekly Newsletter

News and Events

This Will Be the Final Issue of Polycentric Circles for 2020. Look for More News from the Workshop When We Return in January 2021!



Ostrom Workshop Executive Director Reflects on 2020

Year-end message from Scott Shackelford

Dear Workshoppers – I hope this finds you and your families safe, and well. It’s certainly been an incredibly trying and unprecedented year on many levels, but I just wanted to take a moment and thank you all for your patience, grace, and good humor throughout. Every week, I look forward to our wonderful colloquia, research series, Tocqueville lecture series, and working group meetings, along with the many other events that took place this year from the *Governing the Commons: 30 Years Later* conference that drew in more than 1,000 participants worldwide, to our Smart Cities gathering, Cyber Peace Colloquia, Ostrom Book Club, and of course honoring Lin with a new statue (somehow the first celebrating a woman on the Bloomington Campus) situated in the newly renamed Ostrom Commons. I – and I hope you – have found these gatherings to be engaging, hopeful, and fun at a time when all three have been in short supply, so thanks to all of our wonderful staff – Allison, Cate, David, Emily, and Gayle – for making them possible. I’m also heartened that 2021 is shaping up to be a positive new chapter for both the Workshop, with an array of exciting new initiatives in the works as we approach our 50-year anniversary, and let’s hope the world. But for now, to our nearly 300 affiliates spread across every corner of the planet, please know that we consider you family, and that we wish you a peaceful and restorative holiday season and a very Happy New Year. See you in 2021!



Ostrom Fellow Spotlight

Public Policy Ph.D. candidate **Renzo de la Riva Aguero**

Renzo is a Public Policy Ph.D. candidate at the O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs and the Department of Political Science and received the O’Neill School fellowship. His work engages with research on administrative capacity, non-state service provision, coproduction and collaborative governance in the fields of public administration and comparative politics. Particularly, he studies how local governance conditions in the Global South may explain performance differences between services ranging in complexity. Using the case of waste management services in Peru, he examines how municipal administrative capacity and the involvement of organized civil society may affect these performance differences. His dissertation uses mixed methods to try to answer this overarching puzzle: Why are some local governments successful at providing simple services (e.g., collecting waste) while at the same time blatantly failing at providing complex services (e.g., disposing

of waste), while other, similarly resourced municipalities can do both? Previously he was a public servant in the Peruvian public sector, a consultant at the World Bank in Washington, DC, and public sector manager at Deloitte Peru. He has a B.A. in Political Science from St. Olaf College in Minnesota and a Master of Public Policy from the McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University.



Listen to Our Latest Podcast Episode

Join Scott Shackelford as he goes in-depth with the Workshop's 2020 Ostrom Memorial Lecture speaker Frank van Laerhoven (Universiteit Utrecht). Frank discusses his time at Indiana University and the commons community.

This and other Ostrom Workshop podcasts can be found on our [website](#) as well as Spotify, Stitcher, iTunes, and Soundcloud.



IASC 2021 - Commons in Space Virtual Conference

IASC is pleased to announce their call for individual presentations, special sessions, and webinar panel discussions. This conference aims to bring together scholars and practitioners on the commons in space. We will cover topics from the satellites and space debris increasingly congesting orbital space, mining of celestial bodies, diverse perspectives on space as a global commons, protection of dark night sky, going beyond Antarctica and High Sea regulations as models for space law, and much more. Check out the [conference website](#) for further information.



IASC 2021 - Commoning the Anthropocene Virtual Conference

IASC is pleased to announce their call for individual

presentations, special sessions, webinar panel discussions, and methods workshops. This conference aims to bring together scholars and practitioners interested in the role that the exercise of common property systems to land use and other shared resources (commoning) will play in the Anthropocene. Check out the [conference website](#) for further information.

Opportunities

Announcement for Post-Doc and Ph.D. Positions at the University of Innsbruck

The SFB (Special Research Unit) “Credence Goods, Incentives and Behavior” at the University of Innsbruck, Austria, invites applications for 5 (Five) Post Doc Positions (40 hours per week for 4 years starting at March 1st, 2021) and, 6 (Six) PhD Positions (30 hours per week for 4 years starting at March 1st, 2021) at the Faculty of Economics or at the Faculty of Business and Management. The positions are available as of March 1, 2021 or later and will last until February 28, 2025.

The SFB is funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF). It started in 2017 and runs for 8 years in total. It is a joint research project including the project part leaders Loukas Balafoutas, Esther Blanco, Jürgen Huber, Rudolf Kerschbamer, Michael Kirchler, and Markus Walzl. The project’s aim is to analyze key determinants of individual behavior and market performance in credence goods markets with a variety of methods, combining theoretical work, laboratory experiments and field experiments (see <https://www.uibk.ac.at/credence-goods> for further details). The research group consists of more than 30 scholars from economics and finance, thus bridging research across both fields. The researchers of the SFB are affiliated to the Faculty of Economics and Statistics or the Faculty of Business and Management at the University of Innsbruck.

For further details see the openings for PhD positions:

<https://inomics.com/job/phd-position-at-the-sfb-credence-goods-incentives-and-behavior-1503205>

and for post-doc positions:

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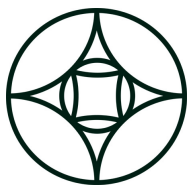
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