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Polycentric Circles

The Ostrom Workshop Bi-Weekly Newsletter

News and Events



Sustainable Food System Science (SFSS) Does Vital Research on a Global Scale Inside and Outside the Walls of the Ostrom Workshop

Under the direction of James Farmer, Associate Professor at the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Sustainable Food Systems Science (SFSS) at Indiana University studies the social dimensions of food sustainability including culture, equity and justice in food provisioning from local to global. In Indiana, and in research sites around the world, we examine the production, coordination, and consumption of food value chains and the supporting networks and decision-making from individual to organizational levels. Our engaged research and advocacy for innovative solutions center on the promotion of human thriving.

"We understand food systems, whether local, regional, national, or global in scope, to encompass three primary components: production/supply, aggregation/distribution, and access/consumption. These components are interlocked and interact with each other to create a complex system. We take a novel approach to meet the need for systems thinking across disciplines, building on Elinor Ostrom's (2009) Social-Ecological System (SES) framework to analytically underpin this research."

Visit their [website](#) to learn more about the important work they are doing.



Colloquium and Research Lecture Series Continue virtually on Zoom for Spring 2021

Colloquium Series scheduled through the Spring 2021 Semester.

The Colloquium Series will continue with the format changes implemented last Fall, providing the opportunity to converse with the speaker 30 minutes after the colloquium ends for a period of post-talk conversation to enable more informal communications and brainstorming. Also, there is the option to schedule one-on-one meetings with the Colloquium speakers, either privately or with small groups, on the day of their presentations. Upcoming Colloquiums include:

- **February 1**, with **Marco Janssen**, *School of Sustainability, Arizona State University*, presenting his paper titled "Collective Action at the Shoreline: A Comparison of Lake Management Organizations in Vilas County, Wisconsin, U.S.A."
- **February 8**, with **James Boyle** and **Jennifer Jenkins**, *Duke University Law School*, presenting their paper titled "Mark of the Devil: Universities and the Disappearing Trademark Commons"

[Click here for the entire Colloquium schedule and Zoom information.](#)

The Wednesday Research Series kicks off with the Ostrom Book Club

- **February 3**, with Bobbi Herzberg, *Mercatus Center*, and Vlad Tarko, *University of Arizona*, discussing two books, "Ostrom's Tensions" & "Elinor Ostrom: An Intellectual Biography"
- **February 10**, Ostrom Fellow, Jaime Carini, *Jacobs School of Music*, presents her paper titled "The Uses of Artisanry, Knowledge, and Fact in the Quest to Develop a Science of Culture"

[Click here for the entire Research Series schedule and Zoom information.](#)



Tocqueville Lectures Series Kicks-Off for Spring 2021

Organized by Professor **Aurelian Craiutu**, Department of Political Science, IUB, the Spring 2021 Tocqueville Lecture series continues with the following upcoming lectures:

- **January 29**, with **Steven Teles**, *Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University*, "The Future is Faction: Reconstructing America's Parties in an Unstable Era"

- **February 12**, with [George Thomas](#), *Claremont McKenna College*, "James Madison and Us Today" (Part of "The Idea of America" series.)

[Click here for the entire Tocqueville Lecture Series schedule and Zoom information.](#)



Listen to the Latest GROW Podcast Episode

Each month, **Governance Roundtable of the Ostrom Workshop (GROW)** speaks with scholars, visitors, faculty, and students who help make the Ostrom Workshop a vibrant research community.

Our latest episode features Ostrom Fellow, Jaime Carini interviewing Professor Esther Blanco, Associate Professor in the Department of Public Finance at the University of Innsbruck, Austria and Affiliated Faculty of The Ostrom Workshop. They discuss Professor Blanco's current work and how she started working with Elinor Ostrom.

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

Mark Your Calendars

Political Economy Program Lecture

The Political Economy Program Lecture will be given annually by a distinguished scholar. This lecture is a component of the [Political Economy Program](#).

On **February 26, 2021 at 12:00 EST**, the inaugural lecture features **David K. Levine**, an economic theorist who has worked primarily on economic dynamics both in game theory and general equilibrium theory. The title of his lecture is "Social Mechanism: An Elinor Ostrom Approach to Political Economy."

Opportunities

Ostrom Fellowship

Nomination Deadline: February 19, 2021:

The Ostrom Workshop has funding available for a limited number of **Ostrom Fellowships** for incoming or currently enrolled graduate students working in areas that relate to the intellectual mission of the Workshop. Students are nominated by their director of graduate studies and evaluated by an interdisciplinary committee of Workshop Affiliates. Evaluation criteria include academic merit and the fit of the student's interests with the Ostrom Workshop's research programs.

NOTE: Nominees need to be from a department in which there is at least one Workshop Affiliate.

Visiting Scholars

Nominations will be accepted March 1:

*****Due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health situation, the Workshop will only be accepting new applications for scholars wishing to visit January–May 2022.*****

The Ostrom Workshop accepts nominations from all Workshop Affiliates to invite exceptional non-IU colleagues as Visiting Scholars to undertake research, and participate in and enrich the research life of the Workshop. The purpose of the Visiting Scholars program is to facilitate collaborations among IU-based and non-IU based faculty, researchers, and graduate students leading to high-profile publications and grant submissions. Invitees can be senior or junior faculty, as well as advanced graduate students (at the dissertation stage); they can be US or international visitors; and the duration of their visit may range from a week to a full academic year, but not during the summer months (May–August). We will review nominations through an interdisciplinary Visiting Scholars Selection Committee (more information about the selection process is available on our [website](#)).

Ostrom Workshop Graduate Student Research Award Program

For Graduate Students Only:

The Ostrom Workshop is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for the 2021 Ostrom Graduate Student Research Award Program. Applications are restricted to graduate students affiliated with the Workshop (current or past recipients of Ostrom Fellowships or Research Awards), or students working closely with active Ostrom Affiliates at IU Bloomington. Graduate students can receive up to \$3,500. See [Research Awards](#) for guidelines and instructions. Applications are due **March 19, 2021**.

Florida Gulf Coast University Launches Job Search

Required Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in Environmental Studies, Geography, Planning, or closely related discipline from a regionally accredited institution or equivalent accreditation.
- Expertise in issues of Land Use, Reclamation or Ecological Restoration.
- Must meet the University and College criteria for the appointment to the level of Assistant or Associate Professor.
- ABD will be considered if degree is conferred by August 7, 2021. If successful candidate is ABD, appointment will be made at a Lecturer level on a fixed contract.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Engagement in scholarship that relates to issues of Environmental Justice.
- Interdisciplinary teaching and research perspective with well-defined research goals. Willingness to engage in service opportunities commensurate with career maturity

Priority will be given to applications received by Feb. 21st.

Link to the full advertisement:

https://fgcu.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/eaglejobs/job/Main-Campus/Assistant-Associate-Professor-of-Environmental-Studies_R0001163

Call for Papers

An invitation has been announced to submit papers to the panel "**Disentangling Bounded Rationality in the IAD Framework**" at the ECPR General Conference in Innsbruck, Austria, 31 August - 3 September 2021.

The panel is part of the section "**Addressing Rationality and Irrationality in Policy Process Theories**" of the ECPR General Conference 2021 which addresses emotions and other irrational aspects of the policy process. The panel invites contributions that aim at capturing emotions and further behavioral aspects influencing actors' choices and how these dimensions are structured by institutions in different realms of public policy and collective action.

For further information on the Section and ECPR dates and deadlines, please visit:

- Section Details - <https://ecpr.eu/Events/Event/SectionDetails/1145>
- Dates and deadlines - <https://ecpr.eu/Events/Event/Content?ID=916&EventID=151>

Please send your paper proposals to Renata Buriti (re.buriti@gmail.com).

Registrations Open for Webinar Series on Polycentric Governance

This Polycentricity Webinar Series aims to introduce and discuss key concepts in the field of polycentric governance, as well as to address current applications and future research directions. In this series, we aim to facilitate the dialogue between early career researchers, senior researchers, and practitioners who are interested in learning, better understanding, and debating foundational and new ideas in polycentric governance. Click [here](#) for details.

Publications News

Ostrom affiliate, Prakash Kashwan, has been appointed as one of the new Editors at the journal *Environmental Politics* (Taylor & Francis; 2019 IF: 4.320). The EP Editorial Board has been deliberating ways to encourage newer and multi-disciplinary voices in the journal pages. For a recently revised statement of journal's aims, can be found [here](#).

Prakash Kashwan's essay on the "American environmentalism's racist legacies..." for the Conversation (<https://theconversation.com/american-environmentalisms-racist-roots-have-shaped-global-thinking-about-conservation-143783>) was mentioned in the Earth Island Journal's "The Most Important Environmental Stories of 2020" [Link](#)

Publications

Kashwan, Prakash, Biermann, Frank, Gupta, Aarti & Okereke, Chuks 2020. Planetary justice: Prioritizing the poor in earth system governance. *Earth System Governance*.

Fleischman, F., S. Basant, A. Chhatre, E.A. Coleman, H.W. Fischer, D. Gupta, B. Güneralp, P. Kashwan, D. Khatri, R. Muscarella, J.S. Powers, V. Ramprasad, P. Rana, C.R. Solorzano, and J.W. Veldman. 2020. Pitfalls of Tree Planting Show Why We Need People-Centered Natural Climate Solutions. *Bioscience*.

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