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News and Events

Ostrom Fellow Spotlight
Ph.D. Student in Anthropology - Dafna Rachok

Dafna Rachok is a third-year PhD student in anthropology. Her interests lie at the intersections of medical and political anthropology. Her PhD project is about the transformation of the public health system (especially in relation to HIV provision) in Ukraine and its impact on the vulnerable groups, such as sex workers. In particular, her research explores cooperation of the state with NGOs (e.g., how responsibility is negotiated and shared) and the role of international donors in providing funds for combating the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine. She holds a BA in Cultural Studies from National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and an MA in Anthropology from University of Alberta. Her work appeared in the journals Anthropologica and Economic Anthropology.

Visit our website to see all of our 2020-21 Ostrom Fellows.
Farm Ownership Among Marginalized Groups

Sustainable Food Systems Science Group (SFSS) will be led by Ostrom Workshop Assistant Research Scientist Julia Valliant

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded researchers from Indiana University a $500,000 grant to study ways that the government can encourage new farm ownership among young and beginning farmers, farmers of color, and women.

View the full news release here.

IU Ethics, Values & Tech: Developing Character for a Digital World Series Continues March 30, 2021 at 12 pm ET

Building a Framework of Stability and Accountability in Cyberspace - Talk presented by Chris Painter, President of the Global Forum on Cyber Expertise Foundation

Chris Painter is a globally recognized leader and expert on cybersecurity and cyber policy, Cyber Diplomacy and combatting cybercrime. He has been on the vanguard of U.S. and international cyber issues for over twenty five years—first as a prosecutor of some of the most high-profile cybercrime cases in the country and then as a senior official at the Department of Justice, FBI, the National Security Council and finally the State Department. In this talk Painter will discuss the threats the US faces in cyberspace particularly from nationstate actors and the need to achieve long term cyber stability to enable the positive developments that information technologies bring to the world’s economies and societies. He will address a “cyber stability framework” comprised of international law, norms of state behavior (or rules of the road) and confidence building measures and the diplomatic efforts that have advanced this framework internationally.

Click here for further information and registration link.
IU Cybersecurity Book Club Presents a Discussion on *This is How They Tell Me the World Ends*

Join us **Friday, April 9, at 12 pm ET** for this very special presentation by **Nicole Perlroth**.

Zero day: a software bug that allows a hacker to break into your devices and move around undetected. One of the most coveted tools in a spy’s arsenal, a zero day has the power to silently spy on your iPhone, dismantle the safety controls at a chemical plant, alter an election, and shut down the electric grid (just ask Ukraine).

**Nicole Perlroth** covers cybersecurity and digital espionage for *The New York Times*. She has covered Russian hacks of nuclear plants, airports, and elections, North Korea’s cyberattacks against movie studios, banks and hospitals, Iranian attacks on oil companies, banks and the Trump campaign and hundreds of Chinese cyberattacks, including a months-long hack of *The Times*. Her first book, *This Is How They Tell Me The World Ends*, about the global cyber arms race, was published in February 2021. The book, and several of her *Times* articles, have been optioned for television.

Click here for more information and Zoom link.

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**Colloquium and Research Lecture Series**

**Upcoming Spring 2021 Schedule**

Upcoming Monday Noon Colloquium Series include:

- **March 29**, with **Frank Marshalek**, *Department of Geography, IU*, presenting a paper titled "The New Cuban Cooperatives: Towards Democratic Self-Regulation in a Command Economy"
- **April 5**, with **Seth Frey**, *Department of Communication, UC Davis*, presenting a paper titled "Emergence of Integrated Institutions in a Large Population of Self-Governing Communities:"

Click here for the entire Colloquium schedule and Zoom information.

The Research Series continues every Wednesday at noon.
March 31, Ostrom Research Awardee, Jorge Rios Allier, Anthropology, IU, presenting a paper titled "The Use of Institutional Analysis (IAD) for Defining Focal Action Situations in Mexican Cultural Heritage: PROCEDE-INAH and CONACULTA Outcomes after 1992 Reforms"

April 7, Ostrom Research Awardee, Salih Yasun, Political Science, IU, presenting a paper titled "Party Organizations and hierarchical Local Governance in Emerging Democracies: A Case Study of Tunisia"

Click here for the entire Research Series schedule and Zoom information.

Tocqueville Lectures Series Upcoming Spring 2021 Presentations

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

March 26, with Kenneth Kersch, Boston College presenting his paper titled "The Messianic Executive in American Conservative Political Thought"

April 9, with Aaron Tugendhaft, Bard College Berlin, will be a discussion on Aaron's recently published book "The Idols of ISIS: From Assyria to the Internet"

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.

In our latest episode, Ostrom Workshop Executive Director talks with Professor Marco Janssen, Senior Sustainability Scientist at the Global Institute of Sustainability and Innovation at Arizona State University, and outgoing President of IASC.
Our GROW podcasts are available on Spotify, Stitcher, iTunes, and Soundcloud, and can also be accessed from our website.

Opportunities

Nomination Deadline for the IASC Elinor Ostrom Award 2021 extended to March 31

Because of the global pandemic's impact on all our lives, IASC has extended the Call for Nominations for the 2021 Elinor Ostrom Award to March 31st, 2021.

The Award is an opportunity to bring some recognition to those involved in developing, operating, or studying "institutions that bring out the best in humans", and also an opportunity to demonstrate (hopefully to a wider audience) what can be achieved when people work together in innovative ways to manage 'their commons', or provide new insights through diligent scholarly research.

The award is given in three categories - Practitioners, Junior Scholars, and Senior Scholars. If you know a person, a group, or a community working with Commons, that you think deserves recognition, this is your chance to nominate them!

Visit the Ostrom Award Website at [https://www.elinorostromaward.org/](https://www.elinorostromaward.org/) to learn more.

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Civic Science

Tufts University’s Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life will award a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Civic Science for the 2021-22 academic year (June 1, 2021-May 31, 2022). This postdoctoral fellowship is offered in partnership with the Charles F. Kettering Foundation in Dayton, OH and involves some work at Kettering's offices in Dayton as well as full-time employment at Tufts in the Boston area.

The Tisch College Civic Science initiative ([https://tischcollege.tufts.edu/civic-studies/civic-science](https://tischcollege.tufts.edu/civic-studies/civic-science)), led by Dr. Peter Levine and Dr. Samantha Fried, aims to reframe the relationships among scientists and scientific institutions, institutions of higher education, the state, the media and the public. It also asks about the relationships and distinctions among those institutions, historically and today.

A PhD is required. Applicants must also demonstrate a strong interest in investigating the intersections of science and civic matters as the focus of their postdoctoral year.
More information and application instructions can be found at this link [https://apply.interfolio.com/59747](https://apply.interfolio.com/59747).

Opens March 17, 2021 and will continue until the position is filled, or May 20. Questions about the position should be addressed to Dr. Peter Levine, Associate Dean of Tisch College at [Peter.Levine@tufts.edu](mailto:Peter.Levine@tufts.edu)

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**Publications**

Boettke, Peter J. "The Struggle for a Better World" *Mercatus Center at George Mason University*, February 2021. 340 pages. [Link](#)