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The Ostrom Workshop Bi-Weekly Newsletter

News and Events

Ostrom Panel at IASC General Conference
A panel from the Ostrom Workshop consisting of Insa Theesfeld, Mike McGinnis, Emily Castle, and Scott Shackelford introduced the history of the Ostrom Workshop and its current structure, working groups, research programs and opportunities for both junior and senior scholars as well as practitioners to the IASC General Conference on its opening day.

IASC General Conference webpage.

Ostrom Affiliate Prakash Kashwan Featured in King's College "Governance Podcast"
In the latest issue of the Governance Podcast, Mark Pennington interviews Prakash Kashwan of the University of Connecticut. The conversation considers the political economy foundations of the Bloomington School with in-depth discussion on the role of power, institutions, and incentives in the analysis of common pool resource problems.

Click here to listen
Teaching the Commons Video Contest
Submissions Deadline Approaches

Calling all commoners, practitioners, academics, and students! This year's World Commons Week will be held on December 6th-12th and follows a different format this year: A "Teaching the Commons" video contest!

Entries should be a video of 3-5 minutes long to communicate or teach commons terminology, concepts, or research progress to one of three different audience categories:

- children (primary school age),
- secondary (secondary/high school age),
- university undergraduate and graduate students

Deadline for submissions is November 15, 2021. For more information visit https://wcw2021.iasc-commons.org/

Ostrom Workshop Announces New Salon Series

Beyond the Web - Making a Platform-Free Online Marketplace for Goods, Ideas, and Everything Else

The Internet is still new and boundlessly supportive of everything on it. But, while the Web is the largest and most familiar thing on the internet, it also subordinates everyone to the sites and services they use, and fosters surveillance capitalism. So, what new things can we start building on the Net that are truly free, open and supportive of personal and social agency - and possibly bigger and better than what we have now with the Web?

The first Salon exploring this topic will be held on October 25th at 3 pm ET. Click here for more information on the Data Governance Program at the Ostrom Workshop and for the Zoom link for this series.

Ostrom Lecture Series Continues Virtually via Zoom

Colloquium Series Continues Every Monday at Noon

- October 25, with Gareth Haysom, African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town, presenting a paper titled "Socio-Material 'Griddedness' and its Role in Driving Food System Outcomes in African Cities"
November 1, with Michael Mattioli, Maurer School of Law, Indiana University, paper title TBD

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

Upcoming Wednesday Research Series Include Ostrom Book Club, Impact Stories, and a Working Group Presentation

- **October 27, 12 - 1:00 PM ET, Ostrom Book Club**, with Erik Nordman, Grand Valley State University, discussing his new book "The Uncommon Knowledge of Elinor Ostrom: Essential Lessons for Collective Action"
- **October 27, 2 - 3:00 PM ET, Impact Stories**, with Anne MacKinnon, Journalist & Bill Blomquist, Butler University and Ostrom Senior Research Fellow, discussing "Water Governance in the Rural American West" and Anne's new book "Public Waters: Lessons from Wyoming for the American West".
- **November 3, 12 - 1:00 PM ET**, with Angie Raymond presenting a "Data & Digital Working Groups Overview"

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

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**Seminar Series on Social-Ecological Coastal Marine Systems Across Latin America: Challenges, Opportunities and Solutions**

Join other students, researchers, and fisheries practitioners for virtual seminars on Thursdays, 9am PDT [link].

Advance registration is required. Register for each seminar and discussion separately, via the links below.

**October 21** Integrating social and ecological systems: Experiences from coastal fisheries and conservation in Chile. Presented by Stefan Gelcich (Pontificia Universidad Católica). [Register here.]

**November 4** From knowledge to action in co-management of artisanal fisheries in Peninsula Valdés, Argentina. Presented by Ana Parma & Ana Cinti (Centro Nacional Patagónico-CONICET). [Register here.]

**November 18** Studying self-governance to understand sustainability in Mexican fisheries social-ecological systems. Presented by Xavier Basurto (Duke University). [Register here.]
Ostrom Workshop to Co-Sponsor Public Lecture Series on Corporate Governance

Along with the Kelly School of Business and its Institute for Corporate Governance (ICG), the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI), the Ostrom Workshop is proud to announce we will be sponsoring a public lecture series on corporate governance. The first lecture in this new series will be given by Professor Alex Edmans of London Business School.

Professor Edmans will compare and contrast the traditional model in Finance (that of shareholder primacy as propounded by Nobel laureate Milton Friedman) with his "pieconomics" model in which he contends that organizational leaders should pursue a strategy of "growing the economic pie." He will suggest that since economic activities are a positive sum game such pie growing strategies will in the long run create both profits and serve society more reliably than will a narrow focus on profit maximization.

This lecture will be presented as a Zoom webinar at 11:00 AM Eastern Time on Wednesday, November 3. Click here for complete registration information.

Registration Open for IASC Food Commons Conference

IASC One-Day Virtual Conference on Food Commons in Europe and Beyond

This one-day virtual conference, scheduled for Thursday, December 9, is unique in bringing interested people together that deal with food commons issues directly or who study food governance in a manner that provides room for the idea that food can be reframed and governed as a commons. For more information and registration link, click here.

Publications


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