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# Polycentric Circles

The Ostrom Workshop Newsletter - *Summer Edition*

## STATEMENT ON IU'S COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATE

The Executive Committee of the Ostrom Workshop strongly supports Provost Lauren Robel and the IU **vaccination requirement**. The workshop has long been an interdisciplinary meeting place for scholars and practitioners from around the world. Requiring vaccinations will allow us to return more rapidly to this reality, including in-person sessions, collaborations, and enabling us to once again welcome domestic and international visiting scholars while protecting the health and safety of our community and its visitors.

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## News and Events



### Listen to the Latest GROW Podcast

Enjoy one of our "lost" podcast episodes with host, 2019 Visiting Scholar, Jieling Liu. Jieling interviews IU Professor of Anthropology, Eduardo Brondizio. They talk about his early days at IU and the Workshop, and his current research. The interview took place in Spring of 2019.

Our GROW podcasts are available on Spotify, Stitcher, iTunes, and Soundcloud, and can also be accessed from our [website](#).



**Accepting Submissions!**  
**Forest Commons Virtual Conference**  
**September 13 - 17, 2021**

part of the  
**IASC 2021 "Our Commons Future" 18th Biennial Conference**  
of the International Association for the Study of the Commons

We are pleased to announce our call for individual presentations, special sessions, and webinar panel discussions on forest commons, broadly conceived. The conference will include live and pre-recorded talks as well as other types of contributions. This conference aims to bring together scholars and practitioners on forests as a commons. We will cover traditional dimensions of forest commons such as community managed forest systems as well as other forms of forest systems governance. Participants working on protected forests, forest ecosystem services, self-governance and polycentric forest governance are encouraged to contribute to the conference. The week will be shared with an additional virtual conference on land commons, given the interconnection of the two topics.

Deadline is July 1, 2021. [Learn more.](#)

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## Accepting Submissions! Land Commons Virtual Conference September 13 - 17, 2021

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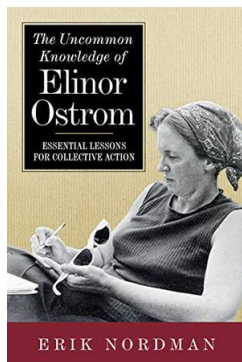
We are pleased to announce our call for individual presentations, special sessions, and webinar panel discussions on land commons, broadly conceived. The conference will include live and pre-recorded talks as well as other types of contributions. This conference aims to bring together scholars and practitioners on land as a commons. We will cover traditional land commons topics such as pastoralism, governance of land, land degradation, land rights and conflicts as well as how to conceptualize and analyze the multi-scalar nature of commons such as biodiversity, agrobiodiversity, ecosystem services/nature's contributions to people (NCP), among others. The week will be shared with a second virtual conference on forests, given the interconnection of the two topics.

Deadline is July 1, 2021. [Learn more.](#)

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## Publications

Reviews are in on *The Uncommon Knowledge of Elinor Ostrom*  
New book by Ostrom Affiliate, Erik Nordman, is being praised.



A professor of natural resources management and economics, Erik Nordman explores the work of Elinor Ostrom and her focus on the governance of commons. [Read the full Kirkus review here.](#)

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## Colonial Pipeline Forked Over 4.4M to End Cyberattack - But Is Paying a Ransom Ever the Ethical Thing To Do?

Article in *The Conversation* by Scott Shackelford and Megan Wade

It took little over two hours for hackers to gain control of more than 100 gigabytes of information from Colonial Pipeline on May 7, 2021 - causing the firm to shut down its fuel distribution network and sparking widespread fears of a gasoline shortage. The decision to pay off the attackers was also made with apparent speed, but the ethical arguments involved are age old and the implications could reverberate well into the future. [Full article](#)

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## New Book on Community-Based Resource Management from Fikret Berkes

Berkes, F. 2021. *Toward a New Social Contract: Community-based Resource Management and Small-scale Fisheries*. Too Big to Ignore TBTI Global Book Series. 321 pp. Open-access:

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