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The Ostrom Workshop Newsletter - *Summer Edition 2*

News and Events

Ostrom Workshop Developing, Expanding Programs to Advance Governance Research Mission



Insa Theesfeld

As we move toward the 50th anniversary of our founding, the Ostrom Workshop is expanding and developing its programming related to commons and environmental governance research.

Despite the global COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts, over the last year, the Workshop launched a new research program, Commons Governance, in celebration of Elinor Ostrom's pioneering work in the field. For the last year, that program has been led by Ostrom Senior Research Fellow and former doctoral student of Elinor Ostrom, William Blomquist. With Blomquist retiring in summer 2021, Insa Theesfeld, currently a professor of agricultural, environmental and food policy at the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg in Germany, and current IASC President, has taken over as the new interim director of the Commons Governance program.



Jessica Steinberg

Another key priority for the Workshop is launching the expanded Environment and Natural Resource Governance

Program. Jessica Steinberg will spearhead development of the expanded program. She is currently co-director of the program, with IU Bloomington Professor of Economics Dean Lueck, and an associate professor in IU Bloomington's Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Affairs. [Full news release](#).



Listen to the Latest GROW Podcast

Enjoy another one of our "lost" podcast episodes with host, 2019 Visiting Scholar, Jieling Liu. In this episode, Jieling interviews fellow visiting scholar Stefan Kolev. For those Vincent Ostrom scholars, this episode is for you!

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

IASC CONFERENCE NEWS



Nine Thematic 2021 Virtual Events Culminate in IASC 2021 General Conference

We live in unprecedented times. Due to consequences of the COVID-19 crisis it is not possible to organize an international conference in person in October 2021. This challenging situation, however, has created an opportunity for a new kind of global biennial IASC conference titled "**Our Commons Future**".

At this point in time there have been 7 thematic virtual conferences already held: *Commons in Space*, *Fisheries and Aquaculture Commons*, *Commoning the Anthropocene*, *Urban Commons*, *Polycentric Governance*, *Water Commons*, and *Knowledge Commons*. All of these conference materials are available free of charge to IASC members (\$25.00 to non-members).

The final 2 thematic conferences on ***Land Commons***, and ***Forest Commons***, will run concurrently on September 13 - 17. (Click on the titles for registration information.)

The aim of the **IASC General Conference** on October 11-15, 2021, is to focus on cross-cutting themes via panels, multi-stakeholder workshops and training workshops, as well as membership meetings and networking events. It will also provide an opportunity to meet the editors-in-chief of the International Journal of the Commons and announce the Ostrom Awards.

Find full IASC 2021 conference series information and registration links **here**. To go directly to the upcoming thematic conferences or the IASC General Conference, click on the titles highlighted above.

Join the IASC Early Career Network

Are you an early career researcher and/or practitioner interested in the commons? The Early Career Network is a vibrant, global network with over 90 members organized within the international Association for the Study of the commons. We have a monthly seminar with opportunities for socializing, getting feedback on research in progress, and organizing smaller working and discussion groups like polycentricity, informal rules, interdisciplinarity, transitions, and more. We are a supportive network for people who are going through similar challenges and we provide a space for you to find others with like interests. In the spirit of the Workshop, all people and ideas are welcome, and self-organization is encouraged. If you or someone you know would be interested, we encourage you to register here: <https://iasc-commons.org/early-career-network-member/>

Thank you for reading. Regular editions of Polycentric Circles will be back in the Fall. We hope you enjoy keeping up with the Ostrom Workshop, but if you feel the need to unsubscribe from Polycentric Circles, please use the "unsubscribe" feature below.

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