

THE SIXTH ANNUAL VINCENT AND ELINOR OSTROM MEMORIAL LECTURE

“Saving the Internet: And All the Commons It Makes Possible”

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**CENTER FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & SOCIETY
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA**

The Internet is a worldwide commons without model or precedent in human history and experience. And now it is being enclosed by corporate and government giants—and by our own mental models. In the sixth annual Ostrom Memorial Lecture (on the tenth anniversary of Elinor Ostrom’s Nobel Prize), Doc Searls will explore how and why this enclosure is happening, the risks to all the commons the Internet supports, and what we can do to keep it free and open.



[Doc Searls](#) is a veteran journalist, widely-read author, pioneering blogger and oft-quoted opponent of uninvited tracking of people online. He is a leader in the movement to increase personal agency and privacy online, both through ProjectVRM at Harvard’s Berkman Klein Center and Customer Commons, the nonprofit he co-founded with Joyce Searls, his wife and collaborator. He is also a fellow of the Center for Information Technology & Society (CITS) at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

DATE: Wednesday, OCTOBER 9, 2019

TIME: 6:00–7:00 PM

VENUE: MAURER SCHOOL OF LAW, MOOT COURT ROOM 123

Reception to follow from 7:00–8:00 in the faculty lounge, Room 310 (3rd floor)

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