



# OUR COMMONS FUTURE IASC2021

XVIII BIENNIAL CONFERENCE • TEMPE, ARIZONA, USA • OCTOBER 11-15

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## Our main theme

To the increase the diversity of domains where concepts of commons are applied. To recognize an increasing application of concepts of self-governance and commoning to diverse domains beyond the traditional natural resource governance. We now see applications such as urban commons, digital commons, cultural commons, innovation commons, commons in outerspace, microbial commons, and education commons.

## Our focus

The diversity of application areas. Leveraging the transdisciplinary nature of Arizona State University, the hosting institution. Beyond reaching out to diverse scholarly communities, we aim to bring together scholars, practitioners, and decision-makers on commons issues globally, and in Arizona in particular. The conference will offer many opportunities to connect academic research with practitioners' experience and vice versa.

## Conference tracks

- Multi-level and Polycentric Governance
- Urban Commons
- Rural Commons
- Natural Resource Commons
- Knowledge Commons
- Co-ops and the Commons
- The Sharing Economy
- The Commons, Evolution and Transitions
- Methods to Study the Commons

## Including

- Academic sessions
- Policy sessions
- Multistakeholder dialogues
- Excursions to Arizonian commons
- Social program



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## Meet the IASC2021 Team



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## Save the Date

- March 1, 2021: Deadline for abstract and session submissions
- April 15, 2021: Conference registration opens
- October 11 – 15, 2021: IASC2021 Our Commons Future



*Founding President  
Elinor Ostrom*

## About the IASC

The International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) is the professional association dedicated to the commons since 1989. The Founding President, Elinor Ostrom, received the 2009 Nobel Memorial Prize for Economic Sciences for "for her analysis of economic governance, especially the commons." The IASC brings together multi-disciplinary researchers, practitioners, and policy makers. By doing this, the IASC strives to improve governance and management, to advance understanding, and to create sustainable solutions for commons, common-pool resources, or any other form of shared resources.



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