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“Liberty, Self-Governance, and Polycentrism: Key Contributions of Institutional Economics”
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SESSION I: *The Intellectual Crisis of Public Administration and the Political Economy Alternative.*

- Ostrom, Vincent. *The Intellectual Crisis in American Public Administration (Third Edition)*. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2008. Chapter 1, “[The Crisis of Confidence](#)” (pages 1–19), Chapter 2, “[The Intellectual Mainstream in American Public Administration](#)” (pages 20–41), Chapter 3, “[The Work of the Contemporary Political Economists](#)” (pages 42–64), and Chapter 4, “[A Theory of Democratic Administration: The Rejected Alternative](#)” (pages 65–86). (Book & Reader)

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- Sabetti, Filippo and Paul Dragos Aligica, eds. *Choice, Rules, and Collective Action: The Ostroms on the Study of Institutions and Governance*. Colchester, United Kingdom: ECPR Press, 2014. Part 1, Chapter 1, Vincent and Elinor Ostrom’s “[Public Choice: A Different Approach to the Study of Public Administration](#)” (pages 23-43). (Book & Reader)

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SESSION II: *Polycentricity and Governance.*

- Sabetti, Filippo and Paul Dragos Aligica, eds. *Choice, Rules, and Collective Action: The Ostroms on the Study of Institutions and Governance*. Colchester, United Kingdom: ECPR Press, 2014. Part 1, Chapter 2, Vincent Ostrom’s “[Polycentricity: The Structural Basis of Self-Governing Systems](#)” (pages 45-60) and Part 2, Chapter 6, Elinor Ostrom’s “[Beyond Markets and States: Polycentric Governance of Complex Economic Systems](#)” (pages 167-209). (Book & Reader)

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- McGinnis, Michael D., eds. *Polycentricity and Local Public Economies: Readings from the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1999. Chapter 2, Vincent Ostrom’s “[Polycentricity, Part I](#)” (pages 52–74) and Chapter 5, Vincent Ostrom’s “[Polycentricity, Part II](#)” (pages 119–138). (Book & Reader)

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SESSION III: *Developing a Framework for Institutional Analysis.*

- McGinnis, Michael D., eds. *Polycentric Games and Institutions: Readings from the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1999. Chapter 2, Elinor Ostrom’s “[The Three Worlds of Action](#)” (pages 56–88). (Book & Reader)

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“Liberty, Self-Governance, and Polycentrism: Key Contributions of Institutional Economics”

- Sabetti, Filippo and Paul Dragos Aligica, eds. *Choice, Rules, and Collective Action: The Ostroms on the Study of Institutions and Governance*. Colchester, United Kingdom: ECPR Press, 2014. Part 2, Chapter 4, Elinor Ostrom’s “[An Agenda for the Study of Institutions](#)” (pages 97-119). (Book & Reader)

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SESSION IV: *Governing the Commons: An Institutional Approach to the Study of Self-Organization and Self-Governance*.

- Ostrom, Elinor. *Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990. Chapter 1, “[Reflections on the Commons](#)” (pages 1–28), and Chapter 2, “[An Institutional Approach to the Study of Self-Organization and Self-Governance in CPR Situations](#)” (pages 29–57). (Book & Reader)

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SESSION V: *Public Choice, Institutional Theory, and the Science and Art of the Association*.

- Sabetti, Filippo and Paul Dragos Aligica, eds. *Choice, Rules, and Collective Action: The Ostroms on the Study of Institutions and Governance*. Colchester, United Kingdom: ECPR Press, 2014. Part 2, Chapter 3, Elinor and Vincent Ostrom’s “[The Quest for Meaning in Public Choice](#)” (pages 61-93). (Book & Reader)

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- McGinnis, Michael D., eds. *Polycentricity and Local Public Economies: Readings from the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1999. Chapter 3, Vincent and Elinor Ostrom’s “[Public Goods and Public Choices](#)” (pages 75–103). (Book & Reader)

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SESSION VI: *Modern Economics and the Flight from Reality: Ideas, Institutions, and Governance*.

- Sabetti, Filippo and Paul Dragos Aligica, eds. *Choice, Rules, and Collective Action: The Ostroms on the Study of Institutions and Governance*. Colchester, United Kingdom: ECPR Press, 2014. Part 3, Chapter 9, Vincent Ostrom’s “[Epistemic Choice and Public Choice](#)” (pages 243-269), Part 2, Chapter 5, Elinor Ostrom’s “[A Behavioral Approach to the Rational Choice Theory of Collective Action](#)” (pages 121-166) and Part 3, Chapter 7, Elinor Ostrom’s “[Beyond Positivism](#)” (pages 213-225). (Book & Reader)

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