# POLI 443: Governance of Social-Ecological Systems

# Case Study Instructions

For your case study you will select a social-ecological system and apply one (or both) of the Ostrom frameworks to your case. Your case should involve a common-pool resource or other environmental problem and be limited to a specific geographic area.

Various drafts of sections of the case study will be due throughout the semester.

**Part 1**: *Topic selection*: In about one or two paragraphs, describe your environmental or common-pool resource problem. Be sure and include its geographic boundaries.

* **DUE**: Sept 15

**Part 2**: Expand on your topic selection and provide further information and background about your case. Include (as application) information about the nature of the common-pool resource such as its current condition or concerns about over-use; include geographic information such as the country or countries in which your case is located; include information about the environmental problem or issue you are interested in addressing; and include information about the important participants and action-situations (venues where decisions are made) such as who is involved in accessing or using the resource, who is involved in making decisions about the resources, and where are these decisions made. *Should be about 3 to 4 pages double-spaced*

* **DUE**: Oct 20