



POLYCENTRIC GOVERNANCE & THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY

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The governance of almost all social or natural systems is polycentric: it involves distributed, nested, and partially overlapping patterns of competitive and cooperative relationships among relatively autonomous private and public decision-makers, operating at different levels.

Yet our understanding of the variety and evolution of such polycentric governance arrangements, and our capacity to evaluate their operation and performance, remain in its infancy. As Elinor Ostrom observed, the tendency to frame societal problems and solutions in terms of the standard dichotomy between "private" and "public," or "market" and "state," remains pervasive.

Interdisciplinary institutional research into polycentric governance is vital. Rising to the challenges facing us in the 21st century – ranging from natural resource depletion, decarbonization, food insecurity to international migration to civic disaffection, personal data management, scientific knowledge sharing and space exploration – will require viewing these pressing problems through the lens of polycentricity.

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