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Fall Ecology Symposium:

- 3:00 PM Welcome
- 3:15 PM Hilldale Lecture: Polycentric Institutions to Cope with Ecological and Social Diversity
- 4:15 PM Panel Discussion
- 5:15 PM Refreshments

Polycentric Institutions to Cope with Ecological and Social Diversity

All too many policies proposed for dealing effectively with ecological problems including over-extraction leading to collapse have stressed one of three favorite "solutions": government ownership, private property or community organization. These proposed policies are characterized in a very general manner and do not effectively capture the differences among institutional arrangements that help (or fail) to sustain the long-term sustainability of ecological systems and the societies that depend on them. One factor leading to the failure of many policies is that both the relevant ecological systems and social systems are quite diverse. Thus, the challenge of developing institutions that fit the diversity of ecological and social conditions is substantial.

The Hilldale Lecture is free and open to the public.