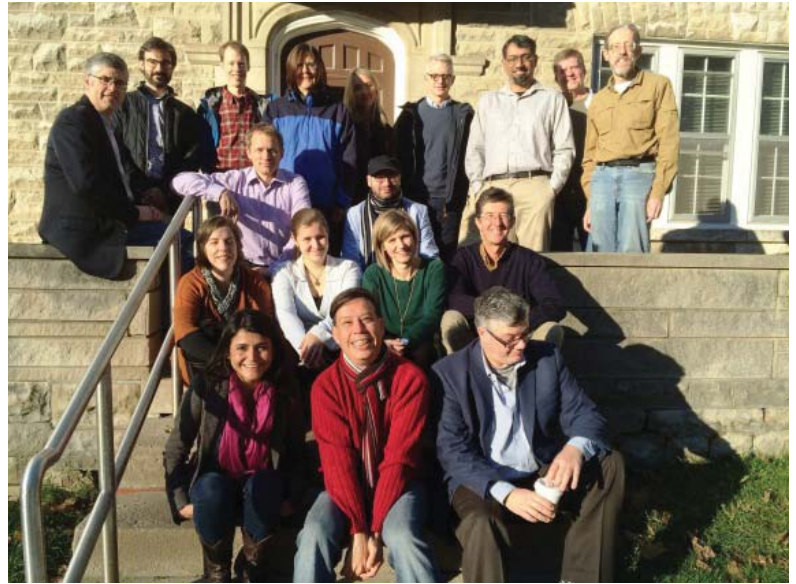


# Authors' workshop on polycentricity held at the Ostrom Workshop in December

Just before everyone withdrew for the much-deserved break at the end of 2015, a diverse group of twenty scholars gathered at the Ostrom Workshop to collaborate on the topic of polycentricity. Their goals were: to take stock of recent developments surrounding the concept of polycentricity; look ahead at how it could be discussed and disseminated more coherently and in light of recent contributions; and to plan a set of publications including at least one book and a journal special issue.

This authors' workshop developed under the initiative of [Andreas Thiel](#) of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and University of Kassel in Germany, [Bill Blomquist](#) of IUPUI in the United States, and [Dustin Garrick](#) of McMaster University in Canada, and with funding from the German Science Foundation, the Einstein Foundation Berlin, and the Ostrom Workshop itself. It continued an effort that began at WOW5 in 2014 and included panels and roundtables at other professional meetings earlier in 2015. Overall, a group of approximately 30 scholars have participated in these efforts, 19 of whom were able to participate in the four-day workshop in December. The participants came from five countries, included senior and junior scholars, and in true Ostrom Workshop fashion, spanned a variety of disciplines. They convened in the Ostrom Room at 513 N. Park, but over the course of the four days smaller groups working on particular topics could be found in various corners throughout the building. Blog posts and more photos are available at <http://www.raulpacheco.org/2016/01/thinking-polycentrically-authors-workshop-at-the-ostrom-workshop-on-political-theory-and-policy-analysis/>. (Thanks to Raul Pacheco-Vega!)



At the close of the four days, the participants and organizers parted, fully content with days of reflection and inspiration after an exciting year and with the certainty of being part of an important publication process. New ideas were processed and networks were spun. All this would not have happened without the outstanding atmosphere of Bloomington and the Ostrom Workshop, and the warm and professional hospitality of its outstanding staff, to whom all the participants are greatly indebted. Many more such meetings should take place—Workshoppers and all interested should watch for the outcomes that the meeting described here promises to generate in the coming months and years.

—Andreas Thiel & Bill Blomquist