The Tragedy of the Commons at 50: Context, Precedents, and Afterlife

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Wednesday, June 28, 2017
9:45 – 10:00 Gathering, Coffee and Greetings
David Schorr & Carol Rose

SESSION 1: EARLY MODERN COMMONS THOUGHT
10:00 – 11:30
The Early Modern Prelude to the Tragedy of the Commons
Nathaniel Woloch (Tel Aviv University, Minerva Humanities Center)
The Banality of the Commons: Efficiency Arguments Against Common Ownership Before Hardin
Stuart Banner (UCLA School of Law)
11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break

SESSION 2: THE TRAGEDY IN CONTEXT
11:45 – 13:15
Civilization and the Commons: Stadial Theory, the Pastoral Mode, and Commons Theory
David Schorr (Tel Aviv University, Buchmann Faculty of Law)
The Absence of Indigenous Peoples and Political Economists from the “Tragedy of the Commons”
Michel Morin (Université de Montréal, Faculté de Droit)
13:15 – 14:00 Lunch

SESSION 3: INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND THE COMMONS
14:00 – 15:00
Cold-War Commons: Tragedy, Critique, and the Future of the Illiberal Problem Space
Monica Eppinger (Saint Louis University School of Law)
15:00 End of Day 1

Thursday, June 29, 2017
10:30 - 11:00 Gathering and Coffee

SESSION 4: THE TRAGEDY AND THE MIND
11:00 – 12:30
The Commons and Cognition
Carol Rose (Yale Law School and the University of Arizona Law College)
Give Us Back Our Tragedy: Nonrivalry in Intellectual Property Law and Policy
Oren Bracha (University of Texas School of Law)
12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

SESSION 5: LOOKING BACK AT THE COMMONS
14:00 – 15:30
Confronting Hardin: Trends and Approaches to the Commons in Historiography
Giacomo Bonan (Università di Bologna, Dipartimento di Storia Culture Civiltà)
Re-romanticizing the Commons in Israeli Discourse: Social, Economic, and Political Motives
Amnon Lehavi (Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, Radzyner Law School)
15:30 Closing Remarks

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