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Health and law-making: collectively re-creating narratives

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Abstract

Since childhood, we learn that knowledge does not come from ourselves (schoolchildren), but from a 'master'. When a crisis happens – a disease, a change in our environment – we similarly rely on external authorities, who are usually prompt to provide us with directives. But is this really the most effective way to take care of our very needs, to overcome complex challenges? Can a few really be more knowledgeable than the multitude? Is the centralization of power during an emergency still legitimate when Internet enables thousands of people to put in commons their resources (online hackathons), and to reach decisions within hours (digital democracy)?

During this participatory discussion, we will explore the narratives behind 'health' and 'law' policy-making centralization. We will explore how people can reclaim ownership of themselves, control over their medical journey and medical information (e.g. Health commons, critical public health). We will also discuss how individuals and communities can reclaim the right to elaborate rules that affect them (legal commons, democratic constitutionalism). Finally, we will reflect on Elinor Ostrom's say that "a core goal of public policy should be to facilitate the development of institutions that bring out the best in humans," and will introduce the work done by legal scholars working on indigenous law (Canada, Switzerland), and on changing the law regarding propriety (Italy).

Reading material

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[Fabio Balli](#) mobilises teams around creation-as-research initiatives based on solidarity, subjectivity and creativity in order to counteract an economy of impoverishment. His experience in the private sector, in institutions, and building commons (Breathing Games) allowed him to model how to foster large scale cooperation. Today, Fabio prepares the citizens festival Taking care together. He is affiliated to IUC Turin, Italy.



[Pascal Carpentier](#) is passionate about knowledge vehicles for innovations such as communities and Commons. Convinced about the relevance of open models and technologies to address the SDGs and improve patients' condition and safety, he does research on Knowledge Commons governance. Pascal is the Head of Information Systems for the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative. He is affiliated to the Erasmus Research Institute of Management, Netherlands.

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