

# Patterns of Commoning

A collection of more than 50 original essays about lively, productive commons that are pioneering satisfying new forms of production, governance and ways of living.

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## General information

- Anthology of dozens of original essays about the commons, an ancient but rediscovered social system for creating and sharing wealth, beyond markets and the state.
- Available in English and German editions, and ebook formats.
- Edited by David Bollier and Silke Helfrich, two leading activist/scholars working with international networks of commons-oriented activists, scholars and projects.

## Target audience

- Anyone concerned with social justice, systemic change, and fair and practical alternatives to the neoliberal market/state.
- Activists, academics in the social sciences and economics, and public policy advocates.

## Key themes

- Commons transform how we think and act, giving us new aspirations and ways of being in the world.
- Commoning – the process of people coming together to create and manage their shared wealth.
- The practices and identities of commoning are creating new paths for developing a post-capitalist culture that aligns human needs with nature.

## Profiles of dozens of successful, innovative commons around the world:

- high-tech Fab Labs that use global peer design networks to support local manufacturing;
- Indian women who manage community forests in ecologically mindful ways;
- alternative currencies that are reviving poor neighborhoods in Kenya;
- Swiss irrigation systems that have lasted for hundreds of years;
- collaborative online mapping projects that help humanitarian rescue efforts.

## Contributors

- An illustrious group of 52 activists, academics, journalists, technologists and project leaders from 20 countries. Contributors include celebrated public intellectuals like Dame Anne Salmond of New Zealand, evolutionary biologist David Sloan Wilson, anthropologist Arturo Escobar, and eco-philosopher Andreas Weber.

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