

The Tragedy of the Commons: Reflections on Human Ecology in Academic Settings

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ABSTRACT The balance between individual and community is sometimes out of balance, especially in such location as academic universities. This imbalance leads to a pervasion of education and a dysfunctional working environment. Students in particular, are likely to fail to succeed, and may well reproduce the problems in their own careers. Greater understanding can be gained from concepts taken from human ecology, and steps can be taken by individuals and by groups to achieve better balance.