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## Open Access, Cooperation, and Commons: The (Uncertain) Retreat of Possessive Individualism in Networked Society

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#### Lecture:

4 to 6 p.m.

Alpha Gamma Rho Room

UC Davis Alumni Center

#### Reception to Follow:

6 to 7 p.m.

Tower Lobby

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