



# Opening the bin 4 : *La vie en Bin* : quand les déchets traduisent la matérialité des sociétés

11-13th december 2025  
Le Mans Université – France

## CONFERENCE CONTENT

For PhD and Postgraduate		Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Decembre
10.00 –18.00	<b>PhD/Postgraduate workshop</b> (Room - Courthardy) Convenors: Hervé Corvellec, María José Zapata Campos, Patrik Zapata & Alison Stowell	
	<b>Writing session</b> (Room - Rabelais) Convenors: Alison Stowell & Sam Parsley	
	Informal dinner/drinks for early arrivals	

**OTB3 2023**  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Decembre – 09.45-21.00**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Decembre – 09.00-21.00**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – 09.00-14.00**

Key notes	
<b>Rosalind Fredericks</b> , Geography and development studies, New York University	Discard studies, critical infrastructure studies, feminist political ecology and waste
<b>Mary Lawhon</b> , Political ecology, University of Edinburgh	Waste justice, sustainability and conflicts
<b>Baptiste Monsaingeon</b> , Sociology, Reims University, CNRS bronze medal	The place of waste, particularly plastics, in our societies
<b>Maria Jose Zapata Campos</b> , Business administration, University of Gothenburg	Organizing of grassroots initiatives for sustainability in waste
<b>Sylvie Ayimpam</b> , Anthropologist, political science, Institut des Mondes Africains	What textile waste teaches us about the world

Topic 1: Livelihoods	
<i>Waste work and livelihoods contamination-toxicity / waste colonization / humans and non-humans / waste workers</i>	
Accumulation by inclusion: Informal waste workers and the âewin-winâ fallacy of the circular economy	Anantharaman Manisha (Science Po Paris)
Landfills as Terrains of Rupture: The Blind Spots of Circularity and Structural Harm in the Global South	Aung Soe Thiha (YSEALI Academic)
Waste Picking as Familial Inheritance and Pathway of Self-Determination: The case of Catadoras and Catadores in Porto Alegre	Carbone Ginevra (Università degli Studi di Trieste)

Youth engagement for waste governance in Brazil and Canada	Carvalho Carolina, Gutberlet Jutta (University of Victoria)
Historicising Sanitation Work: Value, Infrastructural Labour and Representation in South Asia	Cawood Sally (Lancaster Univesrity)
Uneven tirednesses. On some inequalities among the lyonnese streetcleaners in Lyon	Dillenseger Clément, ENS Lyon
Valuing the Discarded: Furniture, Feeling, and the Everyday Geographies of Waste	Furmston Katryn (Nottingham Trent University)
Multi-media restitutions of an ethnography of scrap metal collectors	Giannotta Anna Karin (University of Padova)
Work, subjectivity, materiality: a (degrowth) counter-hegemonic circularity	Griffith Emma, Kaika Maria, Savini Federico (University of Amsterdam)
Waste and Interdependence: Everyday Relations Between Informal Recyclers and Households in Barcelona	Julian Porras, Cattaneo Claudio, Demaria Federico, Vico Daniele, (Universitat de Barcelona, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya)
From Waste to Wardrobe: Exploring Consumer Acceptance of Biowaste-Dyed Sustainable Fashion	Lamy Arnaud, Costa Sandrine (INRAE)
Reclaiming "bodily waste": ecological sanitation on a domestic scale and its limits.	Legrand Marine (ENPC)
The Trash Community of Instagram	Lepisto Ella (Tampere Univerdsity)
The House that Plastic Built: Socio-Material Transformation and Working Rhythms in Bogotá's Waste Picker Plastics Plants	O Hare Patrick (St-andrews University)
Becoming-with plastics: Material-Cultural Negotiations of Human-Plastic Relations in Finnish Society	Onali Alma (Tampere Univerdsity)
Gendering Waste in a Casted Labour: Waste Infrastructures and Waste Workers' Shifting Gendered Subjectivities	Raj Rahul (Sheffield University)
Value of waste: Contestations and collaborations between waste pickers and producers	Raphael Riya (Lund Uniersity)
State, Labour and Sanitation: Making and Unmaking of Sanitation Worker	Rathore Gayatri Jai Singh (Science po Paris)
The Value of Green Waste: Exploitation and Commodification in a Composting Plant in Italy	Simone Di Cecco (Université Paris Cité)
Beyond the household bin: Contaminated realities of recycling practices.	Stowell Alison (Lancaster Univesrity)
The feminisation of waste jobs: dynamics at work in the WEEE sector and presentation of a case study	Thomas Van Nieuwenhuyse, Claire Neau, Le Lay Stéphane (Rudologia)

<b>Topic 2: Grassroots</b> <i>Ordinary environmentalism and grassroots citizen innovations</i>	
Becoming waste: domestic practices and pathways of clothing possessions	Assima Chantal, Herbert Maud (Université de Lille)
Social Representations of Composting: Insights from Free Association Technique	Ayadi Nawel (Université de Tunis), Gonzalez Christine (Le Mans Université), Lapeyre Alexandre (Université de Toulouse)
Double duty: UK charity shops as fundraisers and waste prevention infrastructure.	Broadhead Violet (University of Bristol)
Seeing waste like a city: Towards a research agenda for waste as urban phenomenon	Cator Charlotte (Copenhagen Business School)
RE-TAKE, RE-PUT, RE-DO - The challenging implementation of a territorial circular economy by the Public Waste Management Service.	Chraibi Julien (Le Mans Université)
Solidarity-Based Reuse at Risk of Commercial Recuperation	Cordrie benjamin, Bayard Victor (Université La Salle)
Who takes care of household surpluses ?	Corteel Delphine (Université de Tours)
Recycling organic waste for urban agriculture in the Ouagadougou region	Derra Wendyida Bibata (Université Joseph Ki-Zerbo)
Biowaste management in France : exploring hybridities between local and large scale management	Gabriel Andrea Wiktor (Ecogeos); Lehec Elisabeth (Université de Tours)
Food waste through the lense of food-gifting. Ethnography in Gdansk, Poland	Gracjasz Aleksandra (Universiteit Leiden)
Household Waste Reduction: A Segmented Approach Through Social Practice Theory	Jebs Emna, Ackermann Claire-Lise, François-Lecompte Agnès (Université Bretagne Sud ; Rennes Business School)
Is Waste Easy? Infrastructure Legibility and Panic Rooms	Julian Porras (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya), Middha Bhavna, Horne Ralph (RMIT University Australia)
Integrating Organic Residual Biomass into Energy Policy: Community Energy, Popular Economy, and Waste Management in Colombia	Luisa Tovar (Universidad Nacional de Colombia)
The role of victims and citizens in disaster waste management	Marchesini Gaia (université Gustave Eiffel)
Too good to go: Kliekjes and buurtkastjes as shared forms of frugality in the Netherlands	Melles Maike (Czech Academy of Sciences)
Zero Waste influencers promoting waste instead of emptying the bin ?	Mungroo Kate (Le Mans Université)
From rubbish to recycled bags. Processes of plastic industrialization in the Metropolitan Area of Buenos Aires.	Santiago Sorroche (CONICET Argentina)
Affect as equaliser: other-castes and the changing dynamics of caste-based sanitary labour in India	Yadav Avinay (University of London)

The Implications of Taking Urban Composting Out of the Bin (working title)	Yankova Lilyana (ensci)
Feeding on Waste: Circular Grassroots Hope or Neoliberal Stopgap?	Zapata Campos Maria José, Zapata Patrik (University of Gothenburg)
Waste Prevention from Below: A critical analysis of Repair and Reuse Community Initiatives in Barcelona	Zisakou Anastasia, Callen Moreu Blanca (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

<b>Topic 3: Justice</b> <i>Waste as power issue and expression of unequal and conflictual relationships</i>	
Circular Economy and vulnerability : tensions and trade-offs in circular organisations	Arfaoui Nabila, Cartier Virginie, Cortembert Lucie, Blanche Pascale, Vernier Marie-France (UCLyon)
Domestic space, a detrital and rudological space, a vector of environmental and sociological inequalities	Buchot Nathalie (Le Mans Université)
The issues of justice arising from waste management practices: from dumping grounds to sustainable equity	Claire Larroque (Université Paris 1)
Gendering circular economy policy in Scotland	Colley Kathryn, Craig Tony, Hague Alice, Chen Jianyu, Martinez Sanchez Graciela, Bender Fiona, Polhill Gary, Roxburgh Nick, Williams Anna, Lorenzo-Arribas Altea (Hutton Institute), Somervail Phoebe (Glasgow University), Wooldridge Tami (Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh)
Making up Ecological Citizenship: Green Governmentality, Social Inequality, and the Politics of Waste in Singapore	De Bercegol Remi (CNRS)
Contested Waste, socio-environmental conflicts and waste pickers in the Global South	Demaria Federico, Vico Daniele (Universitat de Barcelona)
Unveiling menstrual waste: the 'hidden waste' in policy, products and practice	Gabrielsson Sara (Lund University), Dickin Sarah (Uppsala University), Evangelopoulos Panagiotis (RISE Sweden)
Guiding local governments through the ecological transition: critical issues and strategies for assessing and improving local circular policies	Giulia Di Martino (Università di Palermo)
Cleaning to Reclaim : Militant Cleanups of Public Spaces during the #EndSARS Movement in Lagos (Nigeria)	Guitard Emilie (CNRS), Anthony Obayomi (National Geographic Explorer Nigeria)
Informal Waste-centred Communities and Economies: Navigating Capitalocene Waste Management Logic in Lebanon's Exceptional Context	Hanna Hawa (University of Cambridge)
The City, the Anaerobic Digester, and the Organic Waste Controversy	Hird Myra J., Dee Gabriella Queen's University)
The legal concept of waste: reflections on the case of organic waste	Lasselin Clement (Lund University)
Re-enchanting a wasted land: a polluted river through the imagination and action of an urban collective, Marseille	Le Meur Mikaela (Université Libre de Bruxelles)
Encounter, Disposal and Transcendence: Geographies of Second-hand Clothes in the UK and Gikomba Market, Nairobi	Mwaura Mwangi (University of Oxford)
Framing Disaster Waste: From Conflict to Climate to COVID	O'Neill Kate (Berkeley University)
Environmental justice in the waste management sector : a transdisciplinary study in Brussels	Pease Elena, Gautier Stephanie, Onan Lucas, Dedeurwaerdere Tom (UC Louvain)
Control, Security and Stigmatization: How Housing Companies Understand the Problem of Waste in Stigmatized Areas	Roelofs Kim (University of Gothenburg)
Waste, Power, and Urban Inequality: The Politics of Exclusion in Mangaung South Africa's Backyard Dwellings	Schenck Catherina, Nyakabawu Shingi (University of the Western Cape)
Waste management policy in the Province of Buenos Aires during the 2020-2025	Suarez Francisco (Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento)
Trash Capitalism: The Political Ecology of Disaster Waste	Surak Sarah (Salisbury University)
Organisations Created By Waste: Exploring the Possibilities of Approved Bodies in Narratives for Circular Futures	Wishart Lucy (University of St Andrews)

## Topic 4: Metabolism

### *Waste and productive systems: (re)structuring territories and urban metabolism*

Embracing Indeterminacy: On land-base plastics emission models into the marine environment	Becker Christoph (VITO)
Building material reuse: a case study from Toulouse	Besset Claire (Université Toulouse 2)
Reuse for the people, reuse for the clothes? Performing the product/waste status through devices and practices.	Bossuyt Eva (Sciences Po Paris), Jourdain Vincent (Université du Mans)
Institutional Work in the Rudological Public Order: A Comparative Perspective from Three European Coastal Cities	Camino Alexandre (Université de La Rochelle)
Valuing biowaste with Mechanical Biological Treatment Technologies. The rise and fall of a sociotechnical imaginary	Daniel François-Joseph (Université de Strasbourg)
The Value of Green Waste: Exploitation and Commodification in a Composting Plant in Italy	Di Cecco Simone (Université Paris Cité)
Outside the Bin: The Planetary Metabolism of Mismanaged Plastic Waste	Dimitrijevic Katarina (Loughborough University)
What's essential is invisible to the eye: plasticulture and microplastic waste in French agricultural soils	Dufour Etienne, Monsaingeon Baptiste (Université de Reims)
Infrastructuring a circular economy in Scottish healthcare settings.	Farrow Danielle (University of Exeter)
Organising Plastic Waste: Social-material dynamics and Circular Economy ambitions in the Pupler Waste Project	Ferri Marta, Stowell Alison, Vurdubakis Theo (Lancaster University)
Political ecologies of electronic waste circularity: capturing value, jettisoning harm	Garb Yaakov (BGU), Leblond Nelly (CNRS)
The difficult complementarity of local management and centralized management of urban household food waste in France. An analysis through the proximity framework	Gouchon Maeliss (Université de Reims)
Mexico City's food/waste landscapes: food waste journeys from shops and restaurants to compost infrastructures	Guibrunet Louise (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico) Bortolotti Andrea (Politecnico di Milano)
Searching for gold in peelings? Territorial ecology and "circular bioeconomy" politics/cies in Pays de la Loire (France).	Joxe Simon (Le Mans Université)
In the Shadow of Circuits: Reserves, Rearrangements, and Semiconductor Aspirations	Laser Stefan (Ruhr Universität Bochum)
Bins for eternity: the fabulous history of synthetic textiles	Person Sarah (CEA), Piernas Gersende (CNAM), Renault Jean Philippe (CEA), Touchelay Beatrice (Université de Lille), Devineau Stephanie (CEA)
Invisible waste, virtuous waste. Promoting industrial agriculture by managing its toxic by-products.	Prete Giovanni (Université Sorbonne Paris Nord)
From the ideal of circularity to the political and imperceptible materiality of urban metabolism : organic matter circulations and urban agriculture in Congo (Brazzaville & Nkayi)	Regeard Noémie (Le Mans Université)
Urban waste in the global carbon metabolism	Rocher Laurence (Université de Lyon 3)
Imaginary Circles: Scrap economies as acts of remaking in Lebanon and Iraq	Saleh Elizabeth (American University of Beirut), Gotts Isadora (King's College London)
Crafting biomaterials from organic waste: artistic, conceptual and metabolic experiments in European metropolises	Tixadou Solene (Le Mans Université)
Rethinking diapers: Exploring the distribution of waste, labour, and resources in the making of a public cloth-diaper service	Trousselle Anaïs (Narrau), Leblond Nelly (CNRS)
Quantifying the material and economic contributions and the exploitation of informal waste pickers in Barcelona	Vico Daniele, Van Eynde Rob, Julian Porras, Cattaneo Claudio, Demaria Federico (Universitat de Barcelona, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya)

## Topic 5: Epistemological

### *Life around the bin: waste, as both an epistemological and material phenomenon*

Anthropocene Ouroboros: Shimming Plastics and the Contamination of Time	Abrahms-Kavunenko Saskia (Kyoto University)
Discarded and recycled corpses in contemporary western funeral practices	Anstett Elisabeth (CNRS)
Belongings bypassing the Bin: Keeping Junk in Abeyance through Inter-household Outsourcing	Appelgren Staffan, Bohlin Anna (University of Gothenburg)
Waste as a Dys-/Functional Object	Arnold Nadine (University of Lucerne), Schuerkmann Christiane (Universität Mainz)

Walking with Waste: Epistemologies of Absence in the Affective Urbanscape of Turku	Aular Neylan (University of Turku)
Global Spillover Governance: The Case of Waste	Barsalou Olivier (Université du Québec), Hennessy Picard Michael (Unigersitu of Edinburgh)
Critical waste-based epistemology	Corvellec Herve (Lund University), Bevan David (Saint Martin's Institute)
What-a-Waste : a serious game to raise awareness of municipal waste reduction	Daniel François-Joseph (Université de Strasbourg)
Circularity in the Wasteocene: Art's Uncomfortable Answer	Donelli Chiara Carolina (Università Venezia)
Hogga and hajagdalgaј: Competing Visions of Zero-Waste in Ulaanbaatar	Dupuy Anna (EHESS)
The (ontogenetic) limits of circularity. A case study from mobile communication infrastructure waste	Fernandez De Las Heras Ion, Callen Moreu Blanca, Cano BastidasÀ cristina (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya ; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
Green Contradictions	Fevrier Kesha (Queen's University)
Take the discourse of disaster victims seriously to turn flood discard into a social problem	Genouel Maelys (ENS Lyon)
Household food waste, frugality and Eastern Europe: Countering the wasteful consumer hegemony from the epistemic periphery	Jehlicka Petr, Sosna Daniel (Csech Academy of Sciences), Sovova Lucie (Wageningen University & Research), Veen Esther (University of Applied Sciences)
Are the “dogsbodу” of Homo detritus the despised drudges of the Capitalocene? The place and role of pathic rationality in the metabolic rift	Le Lay Stephane (CNRS)
Against an ecology of purity: an intertwined history of negative commons and communities	Lecerf Maulpoix Cy (EHESS)
Closing the bin	Mercier Olivia (CNAM), Cave jeremie (IRD)
Being alongside, living with waste	Olofsson Jennie (Mid Sweden University)
From the textual to the textural: Depicting residual matter beyond representation	Pyhtinen Olli (Tampere University)
Social reproduction of waste	Raphael Riya (Lund University), Porrás Bulla Julian (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya)
How Much Has Been Wasted? Food Waste Ecologies of Quantification	Sosna Daniel, Jehlicka Petr, Melles Maike (Csech Academy of Sciences), Brunclikova Lenka
What Waste Reveals About Capitalism's Legal Infrastructure	Thomas Garance (Science Po Paris)

Special panels	
<b>Food waste</b> (Organized by Daniel Sosna, Petr Jehlicka & Maike Melles - Czech Academy of Sciences)	<b>Gendering Waste</b> (Organized by Hervé Corvellec - Lund University; Jennie Olofsson -Mid Sweden University)
<b>Waste in Africa</b> (Organized by Adeline Pierrat - Le Mans Université)	<b>50 Years of the EU Waste Framework Directive</b> (Organized by Alexandre Camino - La Rochelle Université)