



The Anthropology of Plastics: Ontologies, Socio-Materialities, Political Ecologies

6-7 November 2025
Symposium
Venue: 1467-316

The symposium will explore how plastics are engaged with, thought about, and interacted with in different contexts across the world. Centered on the themes of ontologies, socio-materialities, and political ecologies related to plastics, it aims to foster critical discussions about the complexities of dealing with pervasive plastic-related toxicity in a world that is completely dependent on plastics for health, food, and economic systems. From work to waste, from the infrastructural to the toxic, from the cosmological to the political-ecological, this symposium will further our understanding of “toxic worlding”—being affected by and affecting life in a toxic world—and the entanglements between bodies, environments, and anthropogenic toxicity in the Anthropocene

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