

Living in the Plastic Age

Perspectives from the Humanities,
Social Sciences and Natural Sciences



The lecture series *Living in the Plastic Age. Perspectives from the Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences* focuses on the multidimensional facets of (micro-)plastics from the point of view of humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. The objective is to discuss current issues of consumerism, circular economy, environmental responsibility, the shaping of society-nature relations as well as health and environmental risks taking plastics as an example.

The lecture is organized by the research group PlastX, which is examining the societal role of plastic and its impact on the environment from an interdisciplinary perspective including the disciplines sociology, geography, biology and chemistry. PlastX is a joint project of ISOE – Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Goethe University Frankfurt and Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research. PlastX is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

24 April
Cultural Perspectives on Plastic Packaging
Prof. Karin Wagner
Department of Cultural Sciences
University of Gothenburg

08 May
Chemikalien in food packaging und Co: Risikobewertung, Regulation und politische Diskussion
Dr. Jane Muncke
Food Packaging Forum

22 May
Der schwere Weg zur Kreislaufwirtschaft
Dr. Henning Wilts
Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy

05 June
Plastic Expertise and the Paradox of the Circular Economy
Prof. Alice Mah
Department of Sociology
University of Warwick

19 June
Plastic as a Political Material
Prof. Gay Hawkins
Institute for Culture and Society
Western Sydney University

03 July (HZ 1)
Do Microplastics pose a Toxicological Risk in the Environment?
Prof. Alistair Boxall
Department of Environment and Geography
University of York

4 pm c.t., HZ 3

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