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Conference

WHOSE  
**WASTE?**

WHOSE  
**PROBLEM?**

**Time** 23–25 October 2014

**Venue** Center for Advanced Studies (CAS), Seestraße 13, Munich, Germany

**Convener** CAS “Waste in Environment and Society” Working Group

**Abstract** Over the span of three days, scholars from around the world—from Manchester and Edmonton, From Beijing and Buenos Aires—will discuss the questions: How does waste travel? How does waste change landscapes? and Is there a future without waste?

## Thursday, 23 October 2014 “Wastescapes”

12:00–14:00 **RCC Lunchtime Colloquium** Location: Katholische Hochschulgemeinde (Leopoldstraße 11)

*Cradle to Cradle: A World Without Waste*

Michael Braungart

14:30 **Welcome and Introduction** Location: Center for Advanced Studies (Seestraße 13)

Christof Mauch (Rachel Carson Center)

15:00 **Session I: Wastescapes—Sites of Waste in the Americas**

Chair: Eveline Dürr (LMU Munich)

*Activities of the University of San Martin Facing Environmental Degradation and Poverty in Landfills of Buenos Aires*

Jorge Fernández Niello (Universidad Nacional de San Martín)

*Fresh Kills: The Making and Unmaking of a Waste-Scape*

Martin Melosi (University of Houston)

*Waste, an acid test for political and environmental sustainability: Bogotá*

Stefania Gallini (Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá)

16:30 **Coffee Break**

17:00

**Session II: Unconventional Sites**

Chair: Wolfram Mauser (LMU Munich)

*Tracing Waste, Tracing Humans, Understanding Humans*

Vera Susanne Rotter (Waste Management)

*The Last Sink: The Human Body as the Ultimate Radioactive Storage Site*

Kate Brown (University of Maryland, Baltimore)

*The Urban Mine in Accra, Ghana*

Richard Grant (University of Miami)

18:30–20:00

20:00

**Green Visions Film Screening: “Trashed” (OPTIONAL)**

Location: Münchner Volkshochschule (Gasteig, Rosenheimer Straße 5)

Followed by a discussion **in German** with Eveline Dürr

## Friday, 24 October 2014 “How Waste Travels”

### 10:00 **Session III: Waste on the Move**

Chair: Soraya Heuss-Aßbichler (LMU Munich)

*Do We Really Like Biowaste for Compost or Shall We Simply Change the Definition?*

Gerhard Rettenberger (Hochschule Trier)

*The Global Flow of German E-Waste: Toxic Dumping or Loss of Strategic Minerals?*

Djahane Salehabadi (University of Freiburg)

### 11:00 **Coffee Break**

### 11:30 **Session IV: Out of Sight, Out of Mind**

Chair: Simone Müller-Pohl (University of Freiburg)

*When Waste “Disappears”*

Catherine Alexander (University of Durham)

*Forget About It*

Sarah Hill (Western Michigan University)

### 12:30 **Lunch**

### 13:30 **Film Screening “Catadoras and Catadores”**

Followed by a discussion with Director Jutta Gutberlet

14:30 **Coffee Break**

15:00 **Session V: Moving Waste**

Chair: Roman Köster (Universität der Bundeswehr München)

*Plastic and the Prohibition to Waste*

Amanda Boetzkes (University of Guelph)

*Working the Wastescapes: What a Difference?*

Christian Felske (City of Edmonton, Waste Management Services)

16:00–18:00 **Break**

18:00 **Public Panel Discussion**

**München auf dem Weg zu Zero-Waste/Munich on the Zero-Waste Path**

Herbert Köpnick (former Director of the Bavarian State Ministry for Environment and Health), Helmut Schmidt (Factory Director of Abfallwirtschaft München - Waste Management Munich), and Wolfgang Heckl (Director of the Deutsches Museum)

20:00 **Reception**

## Saturday, 25 October 2014 “Is There a Future Without Waste?”

10:00

### **Session VI: Lessons from the Past**

Chair: Helmuth Trischler (Deutsches Museum)

*Making Waste History? Lessons from the History of Waste Utopias Or Zero-Waste: Whose Utopia?*

Zsuzsa Gille (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

*Upcycling in History: Is Past Prologue to a Zero Waste Future?*

Carl Zimring (Pratt Institute)

11:00

### **Coffee Break**

11:15

### **Session VII: Moving Forward**

Chair: Markus Vogt (LMU Munich)

*Towards Zero-Waste with Co-op Recycling*

Jutta Gutberlet (University of Victoria)

*Zero Waste, an Impossible Ideal and an Operable Approach to the Ecological Civilization*

Tian Song (Beijing Normal University)

*Why Wait for the Future: There Could Be a Present Without Waste*

Herbert Köpnick

12:45

### **Final Discussion**

Chair: Christof Mauch

13:30

### **Lunch**