

CRIS WICKED FRINGE 2024

Complex societal and
environmental problems
examined from the edge



FRIDAY JUNE 21 2024

Herringham Suite, Royal Holloway
9.30am – 3.30pm

CENTRE FOR RESEARCH INTO SUSTAINABILITY, ROYAL HOLLOWAY

Fringe Schedule



Friday 21 June

Coffee 9.00AM

Opening Session 9:30PM

A welcome and introduction to CRIS' Wicked Fringe from co-directors Martina Hutton and Susan O'Leary

Jennifer Cole 10:00AM

Mapping antimicrobial resistance through the food chain: Challenges of animal sourced food and climate change

Coffee 10.45AM

Andres Mora 11:15AM

Refugee Crisis in Focus

Lunch 12.00PM

James Cronin 1:00PM

On the Political Economy of Single-Use Plastics: Insights from the PPIPL Project

Raeeka Yassaie 1:45PM

Strengthening the connective tissue between our movements: How can we truly work together in our efforts to make the world a safer place for us all?

Coffee 2.30PM

Roundtable 2:45PM

Closing roundtable discussion with all speakers providing reflections and insights from the day

Closing Drinks Reception 3.30PM



CHALLENGES OF ANIMAL SOURCED FOOD AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Mapping antimicrobial resistance through the food chain:

Climate change is having a profound effect on food systems. Impacted crop yields have severe economic consequences and also drive farmers from plant-based agriculture to more resilient livestock rearing but, as animal-sourced food has a much higher environmental footprint, this creates a vicious circle of environmental damage. A key issue within this is the use of antibiotics to control animal disease in poor hygiene and welfare conditions, which in turn drives antibiotic resistance, with huge impacts on human health.

PRESENTATION: 10:00AM



**SPEAKER:
JENNIFER COLE
ROYAL HOLLOWAY**

Jennifer is a Senior Lecturer in Global and Planetary Health in the Department of Health Studies at RHUL, and a member of the Geopolitics, Justice, Development and Security (GDJS) within the Geography Department, where she was based until 2021 and with whom she still collaborates. She is a biological anthropologist whose main research interests are in disease risk and environmental change, approached through the lens of Planetary Health, an academic field and movement that stresses the importance of a health environment for sustaining human health and wellbeing. She has previously worked for the security think tank The Royal United Services Institute, where she still holds a position as an Associate Fellow, and Oxford University, with whom she has two current ongoing collaborative projects.



REFUGEE CRISIS IN FOCUS

The past decade has seen unprecedented levels of forced migration throughout the world. Unfortunately, these trends will only intensify in the coming decades which is what makes developing effective and humane models of integration for refugees so critical. This discussion will explore the current models of refugee integration presently practised in the U.K, shedding light on some of the challenges and potential areas of promise in these approaches in dealing with the growing scaled of forced migration globally.

PRESENTATION: 11:15AM



SPEAKER:

ANDRES MORA BREAKING BARRIERS

Having completed his Masters in Human Rights Law, Andres Mora went on to do his clinical legal placement providing pro bono legal aid to asylum seekers looking to secure their refugee status. Since then, Andres has worked in the refugee sector for close to 10 years working on a range of refugee integration projects in the U.K and abroad, including most recently the Homes for Ukraine initiative that has supported more than 100,000 Ukrainians to resettle in the U.K. He is passionate about the development of humane and effective models of integration for the coming decades of forced migration.



ON THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

Plastic waste now presents one of the main challenges of the global environmental crisis and a growing concern for health and well-being. Drawing on aspects of Slavoj Žižek's and Mark Fisher's philosophy of subjectivity – transcendental materialism – I discuss two interrelated thought-streams from the consumer insights work-package of the *NERC-funded Plastic Packaging in People's Lives (PPiPL) project: 1. single-use plastics' characterization as the prima materia of Anthropocentric 'capitalist realism' and, 2. single-use plastics' associated 'passengerial' status within consumer culture. Capitalism's liberal-permissive consumption-focused mode of life is so ingrained in our collective consciousness that it is difficult – if not impossible – to imagine any popularly acceptable alternatives to it. Given the escalating and poorly reversible impacts of biodiversity loss, pollution across marine, freshwater, and terrestrial environments, and the spread of ecotoxicity and 'diseases of civilisation' (including cancers and infertility) our crisis of imagination presents a significant threat to our planetary future

PRESENTATION: 1:00PM



SPEAKER:

**JAMES CRONIN
LANCASTER MANAGEMENT SCHOOL**

James Cronin is a Professor of Marketing and Consumer Culture Studies at Lancaster University Management School where he also serves as the Director of the Centre for Consumption Insights. Much of his writing is located in the areas of interpretive, critically oriented, and theoretically informed analyses of consumption. He is currently writing about Gothic themes in critical marketing scholarship and on adapting Nietzschean thought for critical studies of consumer culture and capitalist realism.



STRENGTHENING THE CONNECTIVE TISSUE BETWEEN OUR MOVEMENTS

How can we truly work together in our efforts to make the world a safer place for us all?

How do global conflicts and geo-politics relate to the climate crisis, or disability rights? How can we make truly collective care and liberation irresistible? These are questions Raeeka will ask and offer answers to, with an invitation to seek out the connective tissue between our movements and strengthen them like our lives depend on it. Because they do.

PRESENTATION: 1:45PM



SPEAKER:

**RAEKA YASSAIE
PARENTS FOR FUTURE**

Raeeka (they/she) is a British-Iranian social and climate justice activist. They work for Parents For Future UK, a group focused on empowering parents and carers into the climate movement. Raeeka is also on the Stop Rosebank campaigns team, working to stop new oil and gas fields in the UK. Raeeka amplifies the feminist revolution of their Iranian siblings in the fight for a free Iran. They have a special interest in making our movements truly intersectional.