

Rethinking Boundaries to Confront 21st-Century Challenges: *Interdisciplinarity and Collaborations in the Anthropocene*

Royce 314, Royce Hall, UCLA

Tuesday, March 17th, 2026

| TIME (PST) | SESSION |
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| 8:30 - 9:00 | Registration, coffee, informal networking |
| 9:00 - 9:10 | Opening Remarks Welcome from Aaron Panofsky (ISG, UCLA) and Emmanuel Henry (CNRS) Outlining goals of the event Introduction to Padlet for virtual/continuous feedback |
| | Moderators: Emmanuel Henry (CNRS) and Chris Kelty (ISG, UCLA) |
| 9:10 - 9:40 | Bharat Venkat (ISG, UCLA) / Valerie Tornini (ISG, IBP, UCLA) <i>From Life Saving to Lethal: Investigating the effects of “hot drugs” on brains</i> |
| 9:40 - 10:10 | David Demortain (Inrae/CNRS) <i>Thinking ecologically about expertise: Industry, academia and social movements in the competing production of agrochemical regulatory knowledge</i> |
| 10:10 - 10:40 | Yoshira Ornelas Van Horne (Public Health, UCLA) <i>Right To Breathe: Supporting Community Health Advocacy in 'Cancer Alley' through Exposure Science</i> |
| 10:40 - 11:10 | Emmanuel Henry (CNRS) <i>From asbestos to Forever Chemicals: Blind spots and biases in the regulation of chemicals in Europe</i> |
| 11:10 - 11:20 | Break |
| 11:20 - 12:00 | Group discussion - Led by Chris Kelty (ISG, UCLA) <i>Collaborative research to tackle emerging challenges: personal experience, pitfalls, and opportunities.</i> |
| 12:00 - 13:30 | Lunch |
| | Moderator: Patrick Allard (ISG, UCLA) |
| 13:30 - 14:00 | Brigitte Gomperts / Mehdi Bouhaddou (Medicine, MIMG, UCLA) <i>Addressing the burning questions on wildfire smoke exposure through partnership with the firefighter community</i> |
| 14:00 - 14:30 | Tim Malloy / Patrick Allard (Law, ISG, UCLA) <i>Chemical governance in California and beyond</i> |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | Kevin He (Pew Charitable Trusts) <i>Pew’s safer chemicals project: a holistic approach to complex challenges</i> |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | Michelle Rensel (ISG, UCLA) <i>Teaching interdisciplinarity collaboratively</i> |
| 15:30 - 15:35 | Virtual feedback |
| 15:35 - 17:00 | Reception / ISG students and trainees’ posters Co-organized with SGUO |

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| 8:50 - 9:00 | Welcome - Intro to day 2 - Moderated by Paavo Monkkonen (Urban Planning/Public Policy, UCLA) |
| 9:00 - 9:30 | Baptiste Monsaingeon (CNRS) <i>Plastic matters: material politics, expertise and ignorance</i> |
| 9:30 - 10:00 | Lara Cushing (Public Health, UCLA) <i>Health implications of climate change for communities on the fenceline of industry</i> |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | Renaud le Goix (University Paris 1, CNRS) <i>La la run! A tale of three stories for a quantitative social geography approach of running and segregation in Los Angeles</i> |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Alesia Montgomery (IOES, UCLA) <i>"Waging Love" for the Earth in a Fascist Climate: Placekeeping in Detroit, Oakland, and Los Angeles</i> |
| 11:00- 11:30 | Symposium wrap-up and feedback: ISG/UCLA and CNRS opportunities for a productive collaborative engagement |