

SEMINAR: Material depot - Plastics

18.06.19 kl 17.00 – 19.00

A seminar which focuses on the material plastic from a sustainability perspective. At Material Depot, we have a packed schedule with researchers, designers and international inspirational lecturer James Shaw.

We all know that the way we produce, design and use plastic today must be changed if we are to have a sustainable future. Therefore, SPOK and the research project STEPS, Sustainable Plastics and Transition Pathways, want to invite you to a material seminar that takes a deep dive into the research being done on the plastic issue and highlights other questions about this controversial material. In addition, we will get examples from designers who have worked with the plastic problem in a concrete way.

Inspirational lecturer

London-based designer James Shaw does not only create his work, he also creates the matter from which he creates his work. Via this meta-process of production, Shaw creates furniture pieces that are organic, alien, and fun. James is a graduate of the Royal College of Art's Design Products programme and now runs a studio in South London specialising in the design and manufacture of bespoke and production furniture and products, sculptural objects and material research.

Program

17.00

Welcome

17.05

Introduction to plastics and polymers (what are the differences between biobased and biodegradable plastics, what is sustainable plastics?), Baozhong Zhang, researcher at the Department of Chemistry, STEPS research programme

17.25

Pathways to a sustainable plastics society – we highlight five pathways to achieve a society where plastics are sustainably produced, used and recycled, Stine Madsen, researcher at the Department of Human Geography, STEPS research programme

17.45

Break

18.00

Potato plastics - environmentally-friendly alternative to the use of disposable plastic in the fast-food industry, Pontus Thörnqvist, designer & founder of Potato Plastics, start-up at Chalmers University,

18.20

International key-note James Shaw will talk about his practice and experiences on working with plastic.

Ca. 19.00

End

During the evening, food and drink is offered.
All lectures are given in English.

LOCATION: Form / Design Center

ARRANGER: SPOK & STEPS

COST: Free

RESERVATION: None