

Lecture II: Political Life of Pesticides

Wednesday 23 October 2024 11:15 (15 minutes)

10 min + 5 min discussion

Four years of householdfunded political science research were conducted at UPOL using qualita-tive social science methods. Main findings are published in 2022 in Environmental Science and Policy (abstract below). Your workshop could be an opportunity to recap other results we have on the desk. Here is the abstract of the journal article (also presented at DVPW in September): Why is hazardous pesticide pollution of water bodies in the EU not effectively limited by state regulation? Using the conceptual framework of unsustainable lock-ins by Karen Seto et al., we show that there are various “pesticide lock-ins”in Europe. We draw on semi-standardized interviews with decision-makers in the field of pesticide politics to formulate six lock-ins that describe how state actors fail to tackle this global environmental challenge. We outline infrastructural, institutional and behavioural lock-ins that are self-stabilizing and can be moved only through tremendous resources, time, or extraordinary windows of opportunity

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