
Political and Social Dimensions of Plastics in the Environment

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On 9 April 2019, Doris Knoblauch, Senior Fellow at Ecologic Institute, moderated a panel discussion on the political and social dimensions of plastics in the environment. Participants presented the first social science results of their collaborative projects and discussed possible courses of action. The panel discussion was part of the status conference of the BMBF (Federal Ministry of Education and Research) research focus "Plastics in the Environment".

Participants of the panel were:

- Dr. Thomas Decker, City of Straubing
- Dr. Bastian Loges, Technical University of Braunschweig
- Prof. Dr. Ruth M  ller, Technical University of Munich
- Dr. Julia Steinhorst, IASS Potsdam
- Dr. Immanuel Stie  , Institute for Social-Ecological Research

Topics of the debate were the social problematisation of microplastics, sustainable consumption decisions by consumers as well as the interests and perceptions of different actors concerning international plastics regulation. The participants (around 100) in the audience were also able to take an active part in the lively exchange.

As a follow-up to the discussion, those projects that included a social science component presented their research objects, results and target groups in a [poster exhibition](#).

Doris Knoblauch leads the project Scientific Coordination of Research Projects on "[Plastics in the Environment â   Sources â   Sinks â   Solutions](#)" (PlastikNet).

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