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Autumn Semester 2025 Thinking (further) through Materialities

The lecture series "Thinking (further) Through Materialities" builds on the 2023 edition "Thinking through Materialities: Insights from and for Gender Studies and Cultural Anthropology". It continues to explore how "matter comes to matter," and related questions: How can social scientific thinking (re)engage with materialities and repopulate the social with what has long been its "missing masses"? How can practices that are both enacting and embedded within materialities—such as sciences, crafts, or arts—inform new approaches within the social sciences? And more fundamentally, how can they contribute to reflect upon the often-unrecognized materialities in which social scientific thinking itself is embedded?

15. Oct	Dormant Things: The Vital Materiality of the Unnoticed Everyday	Sophie Woodward (University of Manchester, UK)
22.	Caring with Haunted	Astrid Schrader
Oct	Marine Microbes	(University of Exeter, UK)
29. Oct	Microbes, Embodied Knowing, and the Materiality of Fermentation	Maya Hey (University of Helsinki, FI)
05 .	Substance as Method,	Joseph Dumit
Nov	Material Bodies	(University of California, Davis, USA)
12.	String Figures: A Cultural,	Sarine Waltenspül (University of Lucerne, CH)
Nov	Material, Collaborative Practice	& Mario Schulze (University of Basel, CH)
26.	What Is Social about AI?	Noortje Marres
Nov	Lessons from the Street	(University of Warwick, UK)
03. Dec	Eco-Aesthetic Entanglements in Filmmaking: The Materiality of Sound and Image	Işıl Karataş (University of Vienna, AT)
10. Dec*	Avowing Loss	Fernando Domínguez Rubio (University of California, San Diego, USA)

^{*}starts at 16:55

The lectures are open to everyone interested.