

## ***NVC study afternoon 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023***

### ***Green criminology: Dutch food crimes from a Global perspective.***

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*The division 'Green Criminology' (Groene criminologie) is organizing a study afternoon on 26th May 2023 with the goal of sharing knowledge in the field of green criminology and to connect researchers working in this area.*

#### **Food crimes and harm**

Food has a long association with delinquency and the industrialization of food production in the nineteenth century was accompanied by many forms of adulteration, fraud and harm. For example, widespread fraud through food substitution and misleading marketing practices can have serious harmful consequences and food poisoning causes many deaths, with in the Netherlands tens of people per year dying from food poisoning (RIVM, 2015). Within the still relatively young, but fast-growing field of green criminology, 'food crime' is emerging as a relevant topic of study. Green criminology provides a lens on this matter through which legally or illegally produced food-related harms can be explored and explained.

**Floor Haalboom** will present on 'How to circumvent a ban: Feeding antibiotics to agricultural animals in the post-war Netherlands'. Floor Haalboom is a historian of science and medicine specialised in the modern environmental history of animals, livestock farming, veterinary medicine, zoonoses and One Health. She is assistant professor at the Erasmus University Medical Centre and the Veterinary Faculty/Descartes Centre for the History and Philosophy of the Sciences and the Humanities at Utrecht University. She is also affiliated to the UU Environmental Humanities Centre. Her 2021-2025 NWO Veni project is called 'What does your meat eat? A global environmental history of Dutch livestock feed (1954-2020)'.

**Shanna Melhbaum** will present on food crimes and waste and explores the crime opportunities in relation to co-fermentation. Mehlbaum has a background in criminology and governance. She worked for the Amsterdam Police Department and conducted several studies on environmental crime for the Environmental Investigation Team, mainly focussing on crimes with asbestos, polluted soil and environmental crimes in the harbour of Amsterdam. Since then, she conducted studies on synthetic drug waste in the Netherlands and, case studies on waste smuggling and international cooperation in waste smuggling cases in the EU. She is currently working on a PhD about the nature and causes of serious waste crime.

#### **Practical information**

**Date:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 during the Green Crimes and Ecojustice Conference

**Time:** 15.45 – 17.15

**Location:** Janskerkhof 2-3, Room 111, Utrecht University, Utrecht, the Netherlands.

Following the study session there will be informal drinks and the opportunity to speak with other conference participants.

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