

Docu-seminar:

Conflicts and alternatives in the agrochemicals life cycle

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The purpose of this activity is to reflect on conflicts and tensions arising around agrochemicals, in particular pesticides and herbicides, throughout their life cycle, from their production to their use, as well as to examine the proposals and alternatives that emerge from these conflicts. Several documentaries will be shown to reflect on this topic. The screening will be followed by a discussion between the audience, the documentary filmmakers and ICTA-UAB researchers. Related activities will be held during the docu-seminars. All videos have English subtitles.

Tuesday, 09/02/2016, 13:30-15:00 h, ICTA-UAB, Room Z-023

Two short documentaries by filmmaker Arturo Hortas will be screened. The first one, that lasts 31 minutes, addresses the problem of pollution caused by lindane insecticide in the Gállego river basin. Another short film lasting 13 minutes by Hortas will be presented. The film is about the current situation of the Plan Colombia, glyphosate spraying along the Colombian border with Ecuador.



“DISCOVERING LINDANE - the legacy of the HCH”

Filmmaker: Arturo Hortas

The documentary is about the lindane issue in the Aragonese Pyrenees, and the actions of the European Project DISCOVERED LIFE to decontaminate affected areas. From 1974 to 1992 Inquinosa produced 140,000 tonnes of toxic wastes that were buried without control in different landfills in Sabiñánigo. Inquinosa produced LINDANE, a pesticide that was banned by the European Union in 2000 and by the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention all around the world, in 2009.

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/149657234>



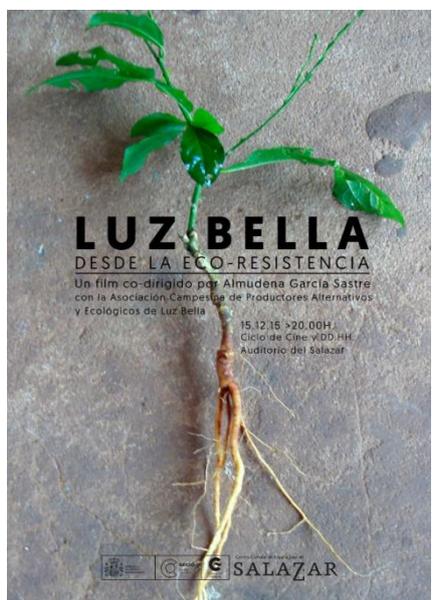
“The borders of glyphosate”

Filmmaker: Arturo Hortas

Much has been said about the Plan Colombia and glyphosate spraying to eliminate illegal coca crops, but very little is known about the effects in the border area of Ecuador.

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3pbChmr1NDk>

Tuesday, 23/02/2016, 13:30-15:00 h, ICTA-UAB, Room Z-023



“Luz Bella, desde la eco-resistencia”

Filmmaker: Almudena García Sastre

The documentary, which applies a participatory action-research methodology is the culmination of a long community living and co-training process involving the members of the Asociación Campesina de Productores Agroecológicos de Luz Bella (ACPAE-LB) and a PhD researcher from ICTA-UAB. Beyond meeting aesthetic and technical standards of the cinematographic language, the documentary seeks to connect the audience with rural reality, as told by its protagonists.

Through their eyes, we can see the land disputes in Paraguay related to the advance of soybean farming.

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/147701048>

More information about the docu-seminar

The seminar aims to inform and foster interest in the effects of agrochemicals on communities, as well as to show the responses to this problem. It is organized within the framework of the research and dissemination activities of the projects [LEGATO](#) y [STACCATO](#), and is part of the initiatives of the [Laboratorio Multimedia de Conflictos Ambientales \(LAMCA\)](#). To find out more about international discussions on the production and use of pesticides, please consult the websites *International HCH and pesticides association (IHPA)* (www.ihpa.info) and *Life discovered* (www.lifediscovered.es). For more information about the Seminar, please contact Beatriz Rodríguez Labajos (beatriz.rodriguez@uab.cat) and Daniela del Bene (d.delbene@gmail.com).