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## TALKING SENSE LECTURE SERIES



### Repurposed Methods

Anna Harris

22 November 2023  
12:30 – 14:00  
Room EV 10.625  
EV Building

The Ethnography Lab and Centre for Sensory Studies are hosting a lunchtime talk on “Repurposed Methods” by Anna Harris of Maastricht University. Repurposing is a term and practice growing in popularity, whether in reference to the repurposing involved in upcycling, the repurposing of pharmaceuticals, or data repurposing, to name a few.

In the context of a new project on upcycling in hospitals, Anna would like to consider with the attendees, what it means to think about repurposing in regard to the project's mythologies both for her work and that of those who attend. During the lunch we'll discuss her work and new methodological approaches being developed relating to re-use, recycling and upcycling of data and materials.

**Anna Harris** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Society Studies at Maastricht University, the Netherlands. Anna pursues an approach to the social study of medicine that is grounded in ethnographic studies of contemporary medical practices, her clinical experience working in hospitals, and collaborations with historians, doctors, artists, museum specialists and craftspeople. Her research spans the fields of anthropology, science and technology studies, medical education, medical humanities and health sociology. Her empirical cases focus on the anthropology and history of technological medical practices, especially concerning questions of sensorality, embodiment and learning. She also writes about hospital infrastructures. Anna has established a reputation for her work on the senses and sensory methodologies. Her book *A Sensory Education* is available free online and now in paperback.

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