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A RESEARCH AGENDA**

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## OVERVIEW

It is of critical importance to consider the diversity of everyday actions taken by Chinese citizens, as they establish for themselves and their networks, improved resource quality, environmental safety and health – in the context of rapid urbanisation and environmental pollution. Chinese homes, domestic and everyday lives are key sites in which wider environmental and resources challenges permeate and become negotiated and contested. The role of the citizen in negotiating resource quality is either normalised (water) or problematized (food, air pollution). However, the everyday practices of Chinese citizens, and their significance, is consistently diminished within research and policy accounts of Chinese urbanisms and environmentalisms.

## BIOGRAPHY

Alison's research primarily focuses on the social, performative and material dynamics of everyday life related to water, the water-energy-food-nexus, waste and plastic. In a mixed methodological and transdisciplinary way she play with ideas of how such practices come to be disrupted, changed and governed. This includes a focus on everyday life, infrastructures and materiality, but also a consideration of the ways in which the practices of professionals shape the emergence, and governance, of everyday practices. She engages with a range of theories from social practice theory, feminist and everyday geographies, embodiment, material culture, intervention and (urban) experimentation. Her work spans discussion of the transitions in everyday practices and sustainability related to water, the water-energy-food-nexus, waste and plastic in the UK, China, Australia, and Europe.



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