



## Dear MP Cluster Members,

Welcome to the new semester!

We are pleased to present the summer issue of our newsletter. In it, you'll find a summary of events from the past few months, as well as a preview of events coming up in the fall.

Best regards,

Joud, Josh and Teresa

## Cluster retrospective spring/summer



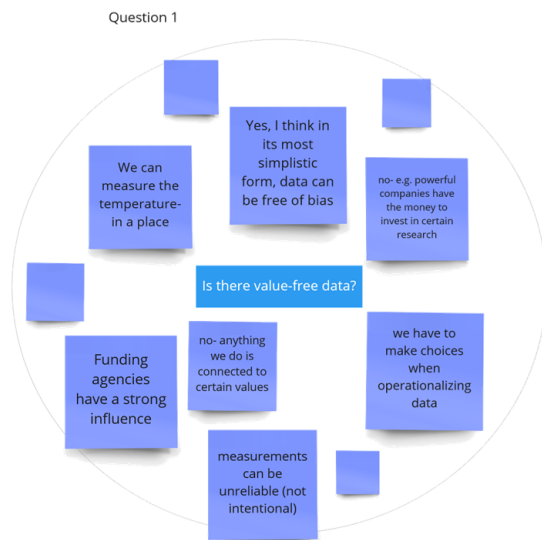
### New cluster co-coordinators

Joud Jelassi, Josh Travers and Teresa M. Seifried have joined the Cluster this spring to support Gunilla Öberg and Maite Maldonado organizing various events and workshops.

### Data Justice Workshop Part 1

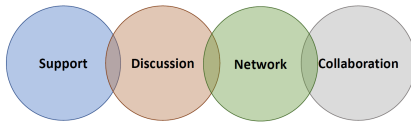
13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 on Zoom

Cluster members were invited to participate in a workshop about data justice and listen to a [podcast](#) and skim this [article](#) in preparation. After an introductory presentation by Gunilla Öberg, participants were divided into breakout groups and asked to reflect on the following questions using a miro-board: (1) Is there value-free data?, (2) Why are you measuring the things you are measuring?, (3) What would your data collection look like if you were guided by other values? Please find the outcome of the miro-board notes [here](#).



PROBLEM-SOLVING WORKSHOP part I  
UBC Microplastics Cluster

Challenges in Micro-/Nanoplastic  
Sample Collection and Processing



## Problem-solving workshop Part 1

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 on Zoom

Teresa Seifried introduced the topic "Challenges in MP sample collection and processing" and presented a guideline for quality assurance/quality control. This was followed by a discussion of individual questions on this topic, which participants could submit in advance by e-mail. A summary of the workshop can be found [here](#).



## MP Podcast Series

A microplastic [podcast series](#) that Loretta Li has commissioned to be developed for the cluster was published on our website. The podcast series consists of three episodes of interviews from five cluster members: Maite Maldonado, Sepideh Pakpour, Brian Hunt, Amanda Giang and Rashid Sumaila. Feel free to share it online on twitter: #UBCMicroplastics



## Student network on Slack

We've created a UBC Microplastics **Student and Postdoc** workspace on Slack to strengthen our network by getting to know each other better, share research, articles, funny memes, interesting events, and more! If you have not already joined yet, click this [link](#).

## Upcoming events

### **Toolbox Dialogue Seminar – MP data gap**

4<sup>th</sup> October 2022; 9 am, online (Zoom)

This workshop will be hosted by Chet McLeskey and Michael O'Rourke, members of a [consulting and research group](#) based at Michigan State University that developed the Toolbox Dialogue Method. **The goal of this seminar is to address the data gap in microplastic research!**

### **UBC Microplastics Seminar Series**

Thursdays, 10 am, monthly; online

This fall, like last year, we are hosting a seminar series on microplastics.

### **Journal Club for Grad students/ Postdocs:**

day TBD, biweekly; hybrid

We will organize a journal club for PhD students and postdocs in hybrid format. The day and time will be determined in the Slack group.