



Guest: **Katie Berns - Food Sharing Practices - the case of Food Sharing Copenhagen**

Times: Tuesday Oct 29th 2019 @ 15.00-16.00

Venue: CSG-027

Katie will present her research into the practices and dynamics of the grassroots initiative—Food sharing Copenhagen (FS-CPH) that takes a sharing non-monetary approach to the issue of food surplus. FS-CPH is a community-led, volunteer-run organisation working towards reducing food waste by collecting surplus food from supermarkets, bakeries, and private individuals and redistributing it locally, for free. The talk centres around how FS-CPH works as a socio-technical organisation, how events are practically run and managed and how food framings, that co-exist within the situated practices of both volunteers and participants, change as food circulates from donors to collectors, distributors and, finally, participants at the sharing events. Grassroots movements such as FS-CPH are relevant to the discourse on collaborative economies as they illustrate alternatives and practices concerned with social change at the intersection of alternative economies and environmental sustainability concerns.



### **Bio**

Katie Berns is a PhD student at the Department of Computer and Systems Sciences at Stockholm University, her research is in Digital Civics and Sustainable Interaction Design with a focus on the design of ICT for civic participation and community-led initiatives within the domain of food system sustainability. Before joining Stockholm University she graduated with a BSc. in Digital Media Design at the University of Limerick in 2013. Katie became interested in food system sustainability while working in the restaurant industry in Vancouver, BC, after completing her degree and returned to Europe in 2015 to

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