Politics of waste and place in Cartagena, Colombia

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Introduction

- Cities in the Colombian context
Introduction

- Solid waste management in Colombia

Source: Laura Neville, 2017

Research rationales

- Everyday waste-based practices
- Place-making

Source: Evelyn Wilches, Fundación Social Cartagena, 2017
Overall Research aim

Politics of place

Politics of waste

How and why are politics of waste and everyday waste-based practices related to politics of place in the city?

Research questions

a. How do everyday politics of waste shed light on processes contributing to shape the city?

b. How do everyday waste-based practices contribute to shape urban space?

c. How and why is waste mobilised by the city’s vulnerable population to renegotiate their relation to place and to create a sense of place?

Source: Laura Neville, 2017
Cartagena

- Context
- Sites

Source: Google Earth, 2017

Case studies

- Recyclers
- Housing
- Community based organisations

Source: Laura Neville, 2017
... and the SDGs

- Relevance
- Project contribution

“Reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management”.

Thank you for your attention!