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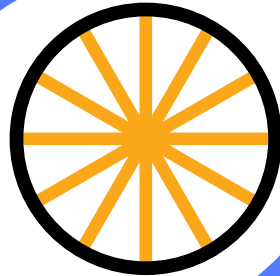
Festival

"Why the participation society is a conservative project"

Lecture:

Merijn Oudenampsen

Sunday



11 sept  
2016

12:00 - 17:00

Gat in de Marktplaats

Weggeefwinkel, VOKO, Taste Before You Waste, de Koppelting, Casco & de Rooie Rat

Casco - Office for Art,  
Design and Theory,  
Lange Nieuwstraat 7,  
Utrecht

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**Gat in the Markt - Hole in the Markt!** for and by commoners from across the country. For people who have taken matters into their own hands and found ways to organize their daily needs collectively; and for people who would love to start commoning, but do not know where to begin.

Get in touch with existing self-organized community economies and dare to think about a larger local community economy.

### About (Un)usual Business

(Un)usual Business (UB) is a research collective that focuses on the potential of Utrecht's commoning practices. The project was initiated in 2012 by the art organization Casco in collaboration with the activist collective Critical Students Utrecht (KSU). In recent years, UB has developed into a semi-autonomous research collective, and now they work with a participatory budget that they receive from Casco.

Since May 2015 it runs its own program, supported by a mixed team of researchers who do case studies about local alternative forms of economic organization.

### About Gat in de Markt!

On **Sunday, 11 september** (Un)usual Business presents the festival Gat in de Markt! focusing on various forms of alternative economic self-organization. Along with some of the groups (Un)usual Business met in recent years, she provides an unusual marketplace where the groups will make their activities public for visitors. So we can show the rest of Utrecht what alternative economies already exist and how much fun they can be!

Besides the market there will be a substantial program which will go deeper into the theory of the commons in relation to practice. Philosopher Merijn Oudenampsen will be giving a lecture and discuss the tension between the holding company and the commons, this discussion will be moderated by researcher and member Casco Steyn Berghs.

In collaboration with artist Annette Krauss we will look at feminist perspective on the commons, with

a particular focus on the relationship between theoretical and practical approaches.

Artist Merel Zwarts will be giving a workshop for kids (age 6-11) Stad Vol Vlaggen - City Full Flags. Together they will think about what they would like to see changed in their streets, neighborhood or city. These ideas are then translated into an image that will be taped on a flag. The workshop will festively end with a cheerful flag parade.

During the day there is also the possibility to bind your own book with a DIY bookbinding workshop.

Gat in de Markt! is a moment of reflection for (Un)usual Business to engage with various initiatives and visitors, to reflect on their own practices and positions. In this context, the new website and the second edition of the (Un)usual Business journal will be launched.

### PROGRAMMA:

**12:00 – 17:00**

**Hole in the Markt! - Unusual Marketplace**

With: Weggeefwinkel, VOKO Utrecht, de Koppeling, Casco, de Rooie Rat, Taste Before You Waste & (Un)usual Business

**12:30 – 12:45**

**Kick-off**

by (Un) usual business and launch of the website and latest journal edition

**13:00 – 14:30**

**Lecture: 'Why the participation society is a conservative project. (And what does that mean for selforganisation?.)'** by Merijn Oudenampsen, moderator: Steyn Berghs

**15:30 – 17:00**

**Feminist Perspectives on the Commons**  
with Annette Krauss

**Workshops during the day:**

Children's workshop "City full of Flags"  
(by Merel Zwarts) and DIY boekbinden

**Admission: free!**

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