

MIKE STINAVAGE



EDUCATION

- 2022. MA in Political Science (Comparative Politics) from the City University of New York Graduate Center.
- 2017. Compost Operator Certification from Earth Matter New York in partnership with the Department of Sanitation New York Compost Project.
- 2016. BA in International Studies (Political Economy and Development) and Art History from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- February 2023 – Present. Environmental Researcher. ENT Foundation. Project coordinators of the EU-funded LIFE BIOBEST Project on bio-waste policy and implementation. Consortium of five European organizations. Main task includes provision of policy reports and guidelines for public authorities.
- January 2021 – May 2022. Waste Researcher. Fulbright Association Spain. Awarded Fulbright Research and IIE Martin Kriesberg fellowships to conduct a political ethnography of waste. Interviews with politicians, technicians, and civil servants in Navarra, Gipuzkoa, and Bizkaia. Research hosted by the Public University of Navarra.
- January 2018 – April 2020. Assistant Coordinator of Enrollment at Big Reuse and the Department of Sanitation New York. Field consultations and expansion of the organics recycling program to large apartment buildings, non-profits, community centers, and civic associations. Public outreach in the form of public speaking, tabling, canvassing, and scheduled events.
- March 2017 – Current. Freelance Writer. Pitch, write, and publish cultural and arts essays in publications such as the *Gagosian Quarterly*, *The Brooklyn Rail*, *Slate*, and *The Riverdale Press*.



MOST RELEVANT AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Public Policy
- Bio-waste Management
- Governance and Democracy
- Circular Economy



MAIN PROJECTS

- LIFE BIOBEST - Guiding the mainstreaming of best biowaste recycling practices in Europe. European Commission | 2022 - 2025.



PUBLICATIONS

Thesis

- Stinavage, Mike. (2022). Democratic Processing of Waste: European Federalism and Decentralized Waste Management in Navarra and Basque Country. CUNY Graduate Center.

Articles

- Stinavage, Mike. (2021). Co-author. “Composting on Campus (Campustaje): Seeds Towards The Sustainable Development Goals’ Path Through Service Learning.” Journal: *El Aprendizaje-Servicio universitario ante los retos de la Agenda 2030*. (UNED Editorial).
- Stinavage, Mike. (2020). “Don’t Throw Food Scraps Away.” *The Riverdale Press*.

Reports

- Stinavage, M., & Nohales, G. (2024). *LIFE BIOBEST D5.2: Policy brief including the regulatory barriers*.
- Nohales, G. & Stinavage, M. (2024). *LIFE BIOBEST D3.2 Guideline on governance and economic incentives*.



RECENT COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

- US-EU Young Leaders Seminar on the Future of Cities. Fulbright Commission. Member of the working group on “Cities and the Environment.” 2021.
- Soil Contamination and Recuperation. University of Basque Country. 2021.
- Organic Waste Management. Public University of Navarra. 2021.



PRESENTATIONS

- A Futureproof EU Waste Framework Directive Workshop. “Bio-waste collection: Learning from experiences.” Belgian presidency, Council of the European Union.
- LIFE BIOBEST Workshop Presentation. “Bio-waste Regulatory Barrers in the EU.” Bio-waste Breakthrough – Learning from European pioneers. Lyon, France. 2024.
- Workshop on Decentralized Organics Recycling in New York. IHOBE course on Decentralized Organic Waste Management. 2022.
- Technical Training Course in the Handling and Management of Community Compost Sites. Fertile Aura and SIRCLES. 2021.
- Fulbright Spain Presentation. “Democratic Processing of Waste: European Federalism and Waste Management in Navarre and Basque Country.” 2021.
- Workshop on Decentralized Organics Recycling in New York. Seminar on Municipal Waste Management. Month of Compost. 2021.