



## GREEN BAG LUNCH - Locals to Globals A tire-d'Elles: Women, Cycling & Freedom

📅 Wednesday 7 December 2016 ⌚ 12:15-14:00

📍 International Environment House I (11-13 chemin des anémones)

You are cordially invited to attend a Green Bag Lunch event, taking place on Wednesday 7 December 2016. The guest speaker will be the author and athlete Claude Marthaler, who will be introducing his last tour around the world as well as his latest book on women and cycling. The first part of the event will be dedicated to a slide show on the seven years Claude has been cycling around the world, while the second part will leave time for a discussion with the public.

### Background

Claude Marthaler was born in Geneva in 1960, and started his first bike trips as a teenager. From 1988 to 1991, he cycles to the Himalayas, crossing over India for a year and a half. In 1994, he leaves again for a 7-year trip around the world (122'000 km over 60 countries).

Claude is the co-producer of *Bike for Bread* (2003), a pilot documentary dedicated to bread delivery men in the Cairo.

In 2003, François Althabegoity produces *La fin du voyage*, a 52 minutes documentary on Claude's trip around the world. It won the Best Film at the Cycling Touring Film Festival 2010 in Begur, Spain.

In 2005, Claude leaves again in the company of Nathalie Pellegrinelli, and together they engage in a 3-years trip during which they cross North Africa, travel around the African Horn, and then shift to India, Nepal, Tibet and central and south-east Asia.

From June to December 2011, Claude zigzags from the Nord Cap to Istanbul, following the East-European border, collecting insights into the lives of local populations.

In spring 2013, he roams across Cuba and writes a travel tale.

In 2015, Claude travels for 3 months in Kirghizstan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan.

In 2013, 2014 and 2016, Claude was hired by the NGO Helvetas to cycle across the francophone part of Switzerland and project his films in open-air with solar panels.

In 2015, film producer Alexandre Lachavanne runs a 70 minutes documentary called *Claude Marthaler, embrasser la terre* in Switzerland, Kirghizstan and Tajikistan for the Swiss TV programme *Passe-moi les jumelles*.

More info on [www.yaksite.org](http://www.yaksite.org) and soon on [www.claudemarthaler.org](http://www.claudemarthaler.org).

### REGISTRATION

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