

e-waste

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The computer that you have in front of you right now will die sooner or later. And when it does you will get rid of it, perhaps, if you are well-behaved citizen, in one of the designated recycling drop-offs points your city council has created for technological equipment. That, however, won't mark the end of your computer's life. It will only mark the end of the first phase of its life as a valuable cultural and technological object.

After you dump it, your computer will start a second, and more complex, life as e-waste, [most likely](#) somewhere in India, China or Africa. You can see some pictures of what will likely be your computer limbo [here](#) and [here](#), or [here](#). And, if you are interested, you should also check [this timeline](#) to map out the evolving set of relationships, conflicts and strategies developing between the market, consumers, institutions configuring the particular political ecology of e-waste.