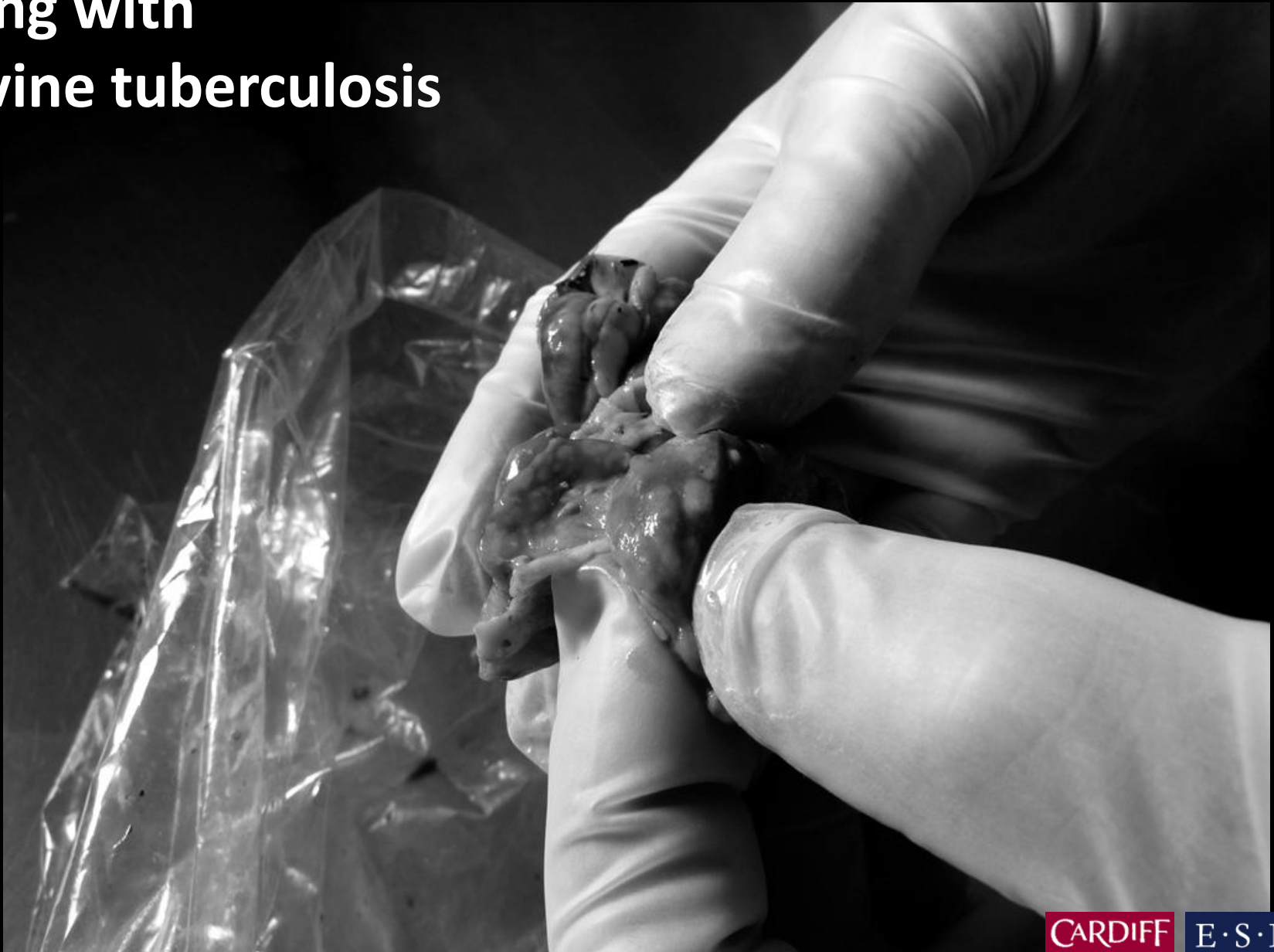


living with bovine tuberculosis



gareth enticott



**“this rotten bastard of a disease! Even those who don’t have it
carry it in their hearts”**



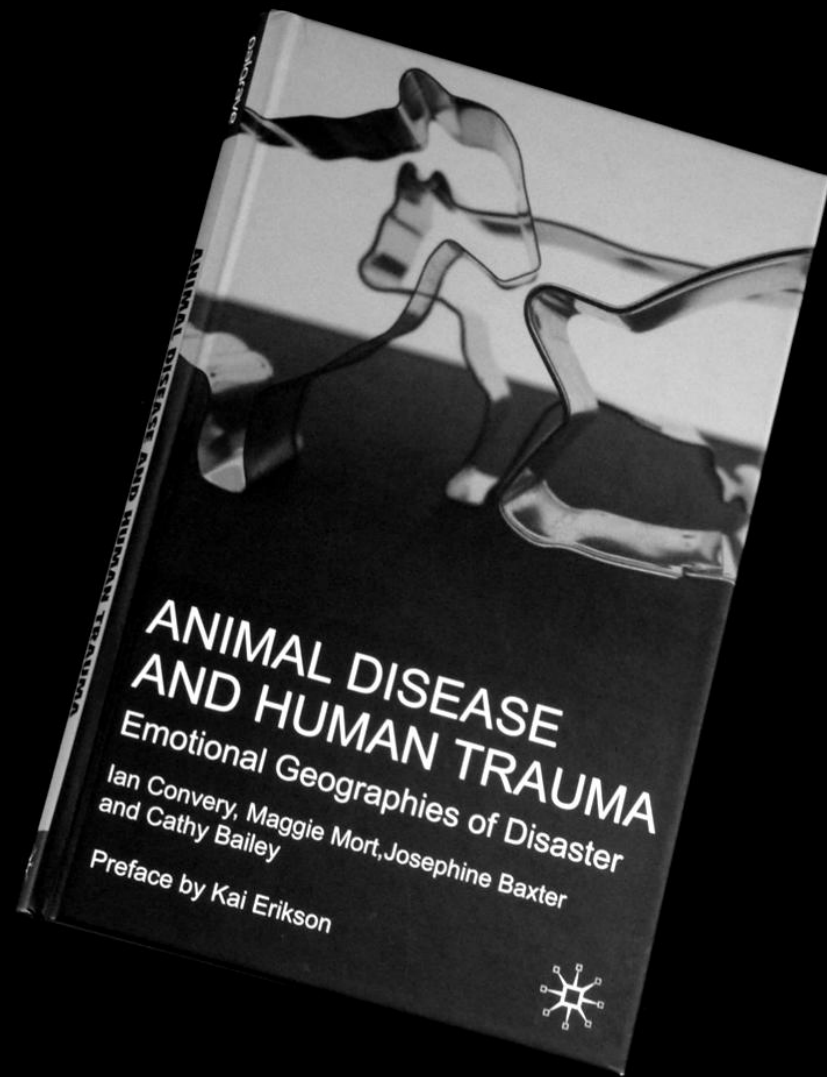
**“They were so far abandoned to the plague that they might sometimes even hope for nothing more than the sleep of plague and catch themselves thinking:
Let’s have the disease and be done with it!”**



‘They tended to avoid any gesture that was not absolutely necessary or which seemed to them to tax their strength too much’



Personal Crisis / Uncertain Expertise



disaster social capital



the candidate:

**“one neighbour down there he just buys in from an old dealer and I
wouldn’t want anything that came off there”**



unwarranted survivals:

**“This bloke is buying them all the time and he has never gone down
and he has bought from TB infected herds or herds that have passed
the test”**



**the prevention paradox:
“what you do to prevent it doesn’t seem to really have any effect
on what rate of TB you go down with”.**



fatalism:

“We think it's like Russian roulette, we don't have any control whatsoever ... Nothing we do will influence what will happen ”



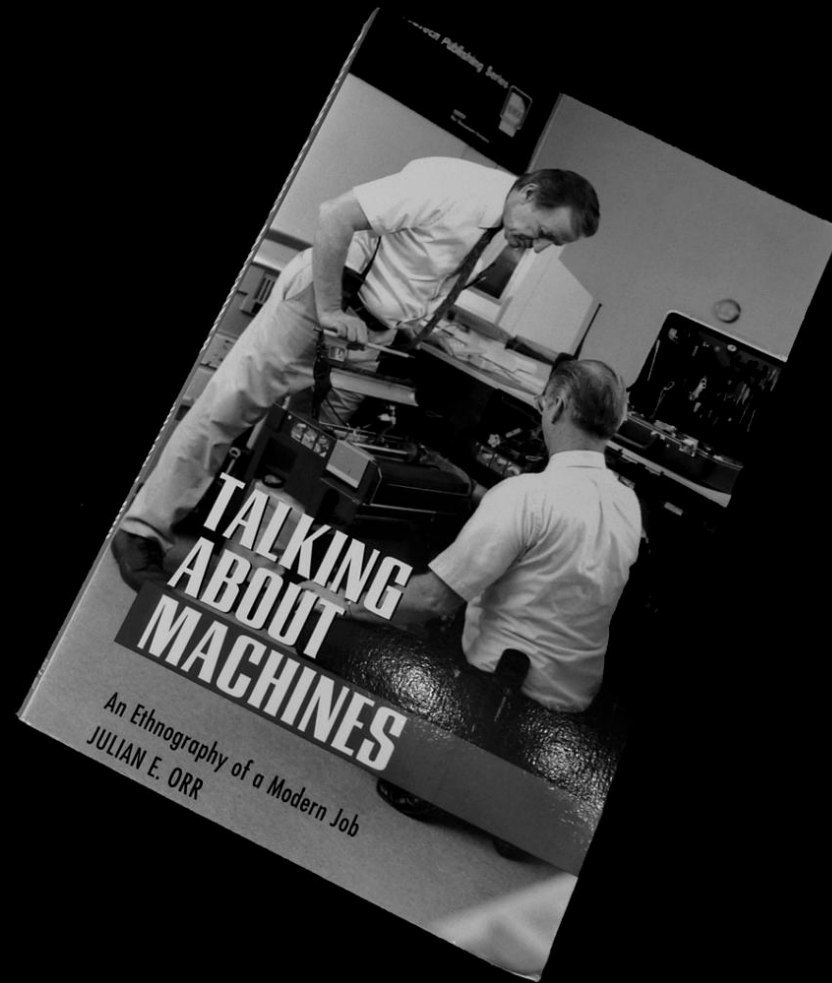
lay epidemiology

“I don’t want to break the law - that's the last thing I want to do that because everything that is precious to me - the community, the people I live with, the people that live here, the sons and daughters that won't be going farming”

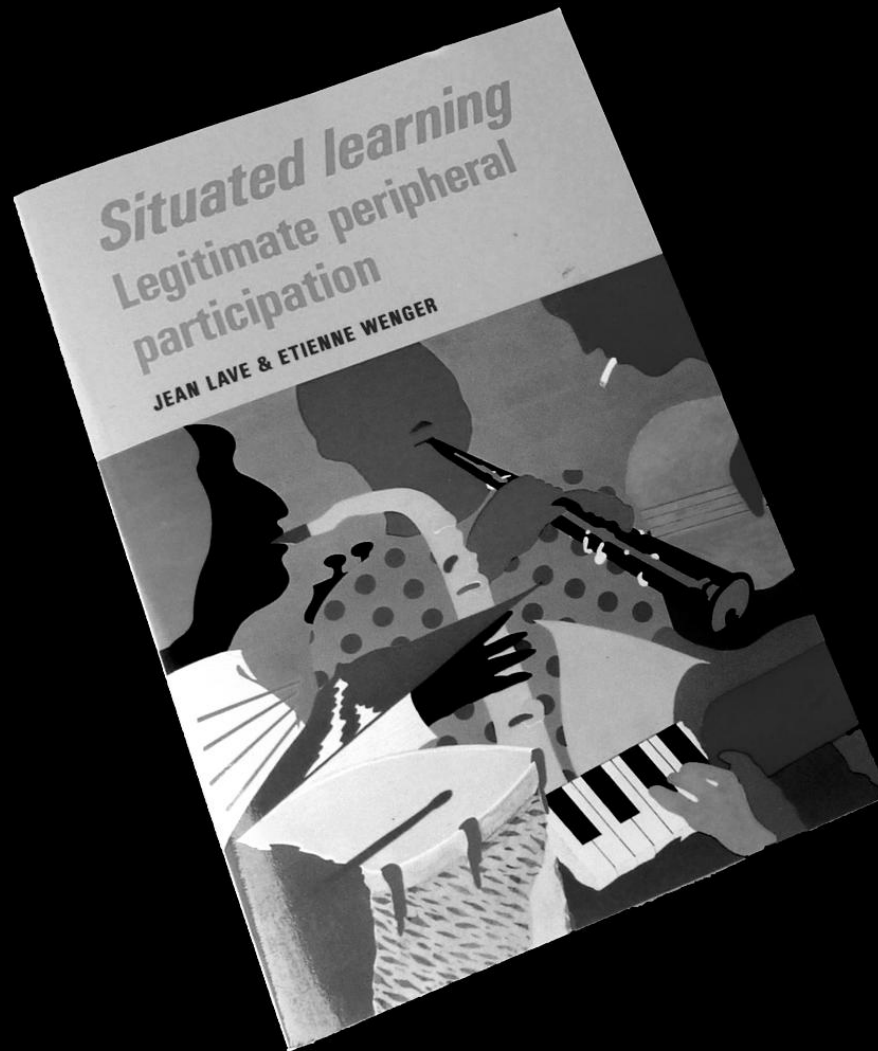


testing

‘practices do not follow rules; rather, rules follow evolving practices’

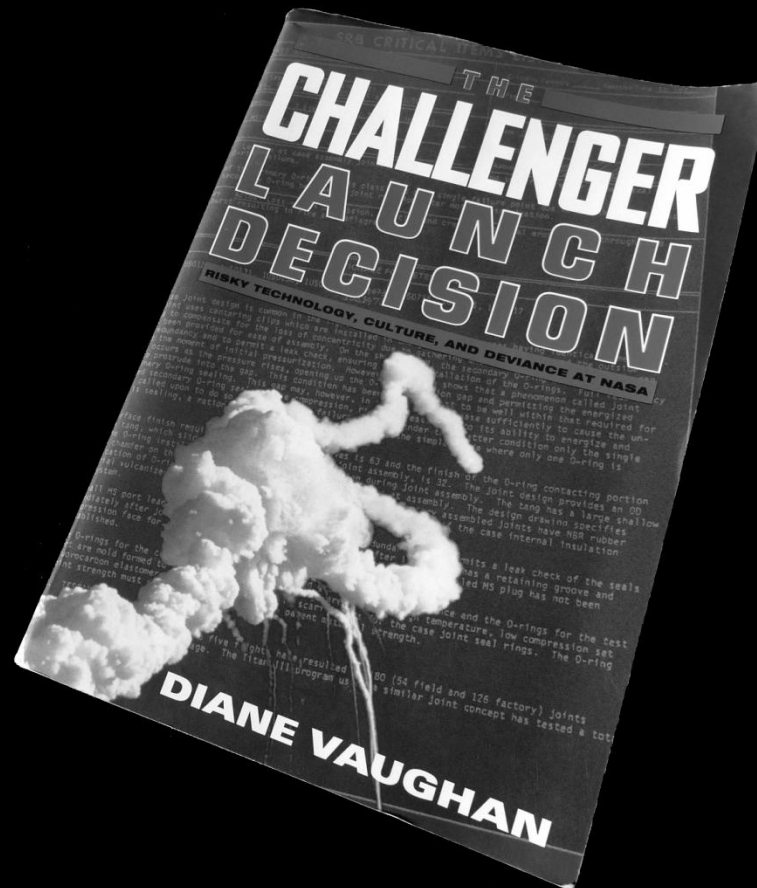


‘In their search for inspiration, they tell stories’

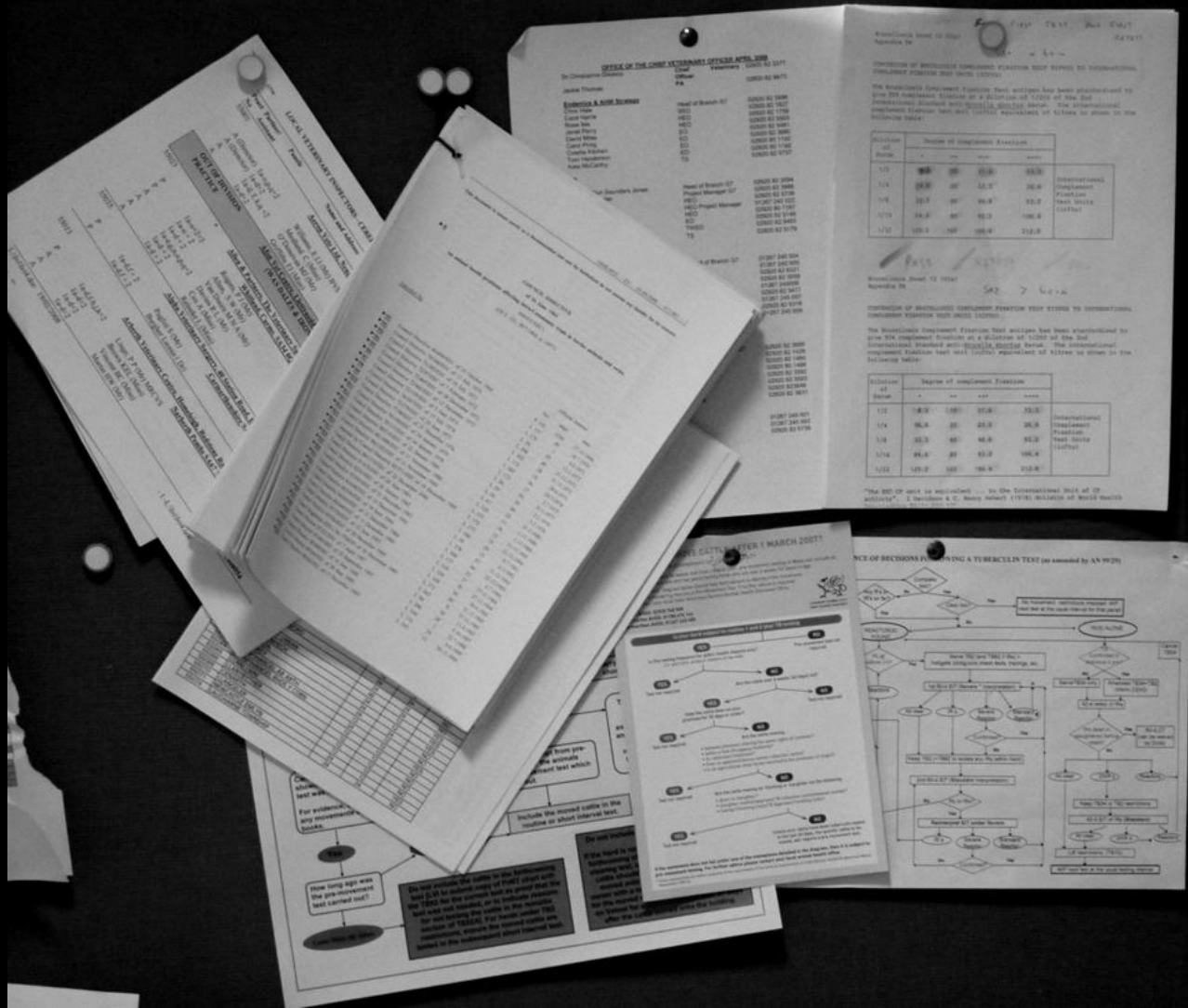


‘learning is becoming a practitioner not learning about practice’

normalizing deviance



organizing the social



some protocols...
or 'local universality'



learning to test



testing stories



situating the test



**tying things together:
the art of veterinary bricolage**



**living with disease:
organising relationships / local universality**



‘Officialdom can never cope with something really catastrophic’

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