

CONTENTS

About the Series v

Acknowledgements vii

Figures xi

1	Introduction.....	1
	Methods and Methodology.....	9
	Laos and Thailand	14
2	(Culinary) Transformations in Laos and Thailand	17
	Western Disgust vs. Asian Routine?.....	17
	Setting the Scene to Explore a Food Taboo	23
	Traditions of Insect-Eating in Laos and Thailand	24
	The Rural Decline of Entomophagy in a Cultural Materialist Perspective	29
	The Urban Revival of Insect-Eating in a Structuralist Perspective	40
	Westernisation, Multiple (Insect) Modernities and Capitalism	57
	Interim Conclusion	67
3	The 'Entomophagy Industry' as a Commodity Frontier	71
	Challenging the Insect Solution Narrative.....	73
	Entomophagy and Marx: Inequality and Capitalist Exploitation in the Insect Trade.....	81

Edible Insects from a World-Ecological Perspective: The Entomophagy Frontier	93
The ‘Wild Insect Frontier’	100
Insect Farming as a Technical Fix to Restore Cheap Nature/Food	110
Cricket Farming in Thailand	113
A Global Frontier	118
Insect ‘Sustainability’ and the Hope of Reducing Negative-Value	128
Feeding Thai Crickets: Organic Waste vs. Fish Meal.....	130
Feed Conversion Fetishism.....	136
Additional Consumption and the Fallacy of ‘Green Insect Capitalism’	142
A Failing Techno-Fix Increasing Negative-Value?.....	146
Black Soldier Flies as Animal Feed, Biotechnology and the Whole Insect Frontier	152
4 Conclusion	159
BIBLIOGRAPHY	167