



SPACES OF DISSENT

[image description: an iceberg with a large chunk of ice breaking off]

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THE CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE

of rising right-wing governments throughout the world has necessitated a political urgency for resistance and creation of spaces of dissent. For many, this has caused a shock and has been an alarming call to action.

However, for the marginalized groups, the current political climate is simply an increase of continuous oppression, surveillance, and domination. How, then, do we organize politically without resorting to singularity and uniformity? How are these varying subject positions, with different histories and perspectives, negotiated in spaces of dissent?

What kinds of meanings and knowledges are generated in spaces of dissent?

SEND YOUR PROPOSALS:

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TOPICS MAY INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Geographical spaces of conflict - occupation and borders
- Negotiating and articulating difference in activist spaces
- Fostering community and the construction of “safe spaces”
- Spaces of dissent and opposition within institutions
- The political potential of pedagogical or classroom spaces
- Student activism, student organizations (autonomous or affiliated to political parties)
- Indigenous and/or local spaces as opposed to diasporic spaces
- Cultural spaces (theatre, art and popular culture)
- Virtual spaces (Internet, social media, gaming etc)