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'The Conditions of Praxis: Theory and Practice in Activism and Academia'

Is there a tension between academia and activism, often conflated with a supposed divide between theory and practice, the abstract and the material, the scientific and the political? How do the relations of activism and academia belie this chain of binary oppositions? With the burgeoning focus on human rights, animal studies, green studies, queer theory, crip/disability theory, critical whiteness/"race" studies, feminism/women's/gender studies, and more generally anti-oppression and activist-based research in academia, the need to explore how and why these junctures are shifting emerges along the lines of activist practices. Inspired by the debates opened up by the *8th European Feminist Research Conference: The Politics of Location Revisited*, this special edition seeks to explore the nuanced interactions and intersections of theory and practice, political engagement and knowledge production. If the ostensible separation of theory and praxis is a tool of domination, how can the tension among activism and academia be critically approached without privileging either side or conflating their differences? In an effort to explore ways of practising theory, we strive to broaden the scope of these inquiries, asking about diverse forms of social justice work and political movements, and therefore invite submissions from activists and academics working in various fields.

We welcome materials on topics including, but not limited to:

- How have radical theoretics/structural ideologies been adapted by institutions and groups and what have been the results so far? What are the emerging questions?

- How identity categories and socio-positionings get considered, enacted, utilized and marginalized in models of activism, academics, organizing, events and models? The successful, the complicated, and the unsuccessful.
- How do we imagine practice/theory changing hegemonies?
- How do emerging theoretical models help to assess current/past activism?
 - Problematizing the assumed divisions of academics/activism, theory/practice, abstract/material.
 - Taking into account the Foucauldian notion of disciplinarity as a modern mode of academic governance what is the role of universities in controlling knowledge production and guarding the standards of scientificity? The influence of neoliberalism on the academic life.
- Beyond the philosophical notions of praxis. Between *sophia* and *phronesis*. Between trans-formation and inter-pretation.
- The ethics and politics of the academic conference industry.
- Activist methodologies and its appropriations. Resistance as an alternative form of knowledge production. What is the role of activist strategies in contemporary social movements and how do they change the social order? Zines, affinity groups, consensus based decision making - alternative forms of knowledge or representations of activist culture?
- History of the activist praxis and its interrelations with theory. Anarchism, racial justice movements, trans activism, antifa, feminism, queer activism, identity politics, animal right, etc.

Submissions: Articles (5000-8000 words), book reviews (1000-1500 words), short essays (2000-3000 words) and visual materials are all welcome, as well as any information on seminars, lectures, conferences, blogs and other events and spaces offering new platforms for the understanding of praxis. We encourage both traditionally academic submissions and varying genres.

This is a great opportunity for young and emerging voices to get published, so please do take this opportunity to submit your drafts for review!

All submissions must be anonymous and accompanied by the GJSS submission form, which can be downloaded from the [GJSS website](#). Please include an abstract, a short author bio and 3 to 5 keywords. Detailed submission guidelines and formatting instructions can be found on <http://www.gjss.org/index.php?/gjss.org-Submission-of-Articles.html>

All written contributions should follow the **Chicago Manual of Style** guidelines, which can be found at <http://gjss.org/index.php?/gjss.org-Chicago-Manual-of-Style.html>

Deadline for all contributions is **Wednesday, 31st of October 2012**. Please email all contributions and enquiries to the Guest Editors of this special edition of GJSS: Maya Nitis, Marianna Szczygielska, and Whitney Stark at gjss.vol10.iss2@gmail.com.

Suggestions and enquiries regarding book reviews should be sent to gjss.vol10.iss2@gmail.com.

Papers submitted to GJSS will undergo an initial selection process by the guest editors with the purpose of assessing and eventually focusing their relevance to the GJSS issue theme. Pre-selected papers will then undergo a double-blind peer review process.

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