

## Formats of conviviality

*"Nothing appears so enigmatic today as the question of what it means to act. This issue seems both enigmatic and out of reach--up in the heavens, one might say. If nobody asks me what political action is, I seem to know; but if I have to explain it to somebody who asks, this presumed knowledge evaporates into incoherence. And yet what notion is more familiar in people's everyday speech than action? Why has the obvious become clothed in mystery? Why is it so puzzling?"*

Virno, Paolo. "Virtuosity and Revolution. The Political Theory of Exodus", in Virno, Paolo e Michael Hardt, *Radical Thought in Italy: A Potential Politics*. University of Minnesota Press, 2006; p.189

How can we understand the idea of having a *practice*? What knowledges are there to speak and organise our interventions in the world, away from the predicaments of work? If we agree with the proposition that there has been a collapse between labour and life, how are we to think about the 'life' component? What kind of assumptions do we rely on when we gather together to dwell collectively?

This seminar will look at some aspects of these questions addressing them from the level of collective practices, moments of encounter and coming together. There is a sense that many events and group actions reiterate the same formats of co-presence, even when their focus would call for other modalities of engagement with concepts of participation. However, from the different ambits of artistic, pedagogical and activist practices come also new modalities for sharing knowledges and creating possibilities for collective subjectivation. I would like to share and investigate with you different kinds of devices and tools that are conducive of principles of transversality, conviviality, self-organisation and accountability.

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Micropolitics Research Group  
<http://micropolitics.wordpress.com/>

Carrot Workers Collective  
<http://carrotworkers.wordpress.com/>

Self Organising seminar series  
<http://self-org.blogspot.com/>