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Conference theme

Marginalized gender identities - how can intellectual activism transform work and organization?

CALL FOR COLLABORATIVE EVENTS

COLLABORATIVE EVENT TITLE:

From writing differently to reading differently as intellectual activism

COLLABORATIVE EVENT COLLABORATORS:

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Event purpose/goals:

To think through, converse, and dance with others on diverse ways of reading differently to develop intellectual activism in and outside academia. Working alongside important efforts to write differently (Decolonizing Alliance, 2021; Gilmore, Harding, Helin, and Pullen, 2019; Helin, 2019), we propose reading differently as a critical way of relating and resisting hegemonic norms in academia and beyond (Cook-Lundgren, Rahmat, Smith, and Winter, 2022).

Event purpose/goals and objectives:

Inspired by our experience in a radical reading group that explores questions of ethics, accountability, harm and injuries in academia and research, we propose a collaborative event to read differently together. In doing so, we hope to create a space of vulnerability, plurality, and escape from the precarity and logic of suspicion that permeates our academic experiences and the neoliberal university more broadly. The aim is to challenge the primacy given to written text by privileging conversation and togetherness and expanding the definition of "text" to include dialogue, poetry, and song. Furthermore, we seek to resist the normative ways in which texts are produced and read, where authors are often pressured to achieve perfect cohesion in their written voice - a clear purpose and contribution - and readers expected to capture a singular, definitive understanding to be regurgitated later as proof of academic prowess.

Instead, we embrace dialogue and moments of silence, bodily sensations and messiness, learning together through incompleteness, unknowability, and emotionality. We propose the act of collective reading as an avenue for curiosity and conversation through which we aim to forge solidarity and community.

To Participate:

In the interest of fostering deep dialogue and vulnerability, we will cap this event at 15 participants. Those interested in participating should send an e-mail to the organizing team expressing their interest and proposing a reading for the event. While this event is open to all, we particularly encourage expressions of interest from PhD students and early career scholars, non-traditional students, and practitioners and/or activists.

Benefits:

- Offer an inclusive and creative space to critically explore various ways of being in academia
- Discuss diverse methodologies in doing research and writings
- Discuss alternative paths and imagined futures in developing intellectual activism in and outside academia

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