

Appendix 9_OS Strategies for Free Education

Title: Re: [_OS] From Strategies for Free Education...
Type: Email Notice/ Commons Curriculum
Event: No Institute invitation, Reading Group Autonomy @ freehetherington
Format: Open Discussionaa/ Proposition
Date: Every Tuesday 5 -26 July 2011
Time: 7-9pm

_OS Course listing and Email notice of like minded groups

Full programme of past works [here](#).

Activity: Reading curriculum/ Philosophy posted to group

Hosted by The Strickland Distribution: <http://strickdistro.org/>

The group will run once-weekly on four consecutive

Tuesdays, 7-9pm, throughout July. Tuesday 5th July to Tuesday 26th July.

Venue: The Free Hetherington, 13 University Gardens, Glasgow University, Glasgow.

Autonomy

is a concept much discussed, but perhaps less well understood. This may well be due to the relative neglect of autonomist thought in the UK compared to other European countries such as Italy, France and Greece. This reading group aims to make inroads into that neglect by exploring in detail four classic texts from the movement of Italian Autonomist Marxism; a movement widely considered as the most advanced expression of autonomist thought in the 20th century.

The reading group will explore key selections from Mario Tronti, Antonio Negri, Mariarosa Dalla Costa and Sergio Bologna. We introduce a broad sweep of theoretical innovation from 1964 to 1977, covering such key ideas as the mass worker; the refusal of work and the autonomy of the class; the critique of the Keynesian planner-state; feminism, reproduction and the social factory, and class composition as a mode of radical research and transformative activity.

The group is not afraid to be caught learning: our aim is to encourage an open collective learning process for working through some of the fundamental texts of autonomism and autonomia. The group aims to develop deeper critical engagement with some of what we regard as the most important revolutionary writing of the last century. To make the discussion more participatory, reading the texts before each session is encouraged, but this is not mandatory. **The group is open to all.**

DATES AND READING MATERIAL:

Week 1 Tuesday, 5th, July, 2011, 7.00-9.00pm:

Mario Tronti, The Strategy of Refusal, Italy: Autonomia.

Post-political politics. Ed. Sylvere

Lotringer and Christian Marazzi, Semiotext, 1980, pp. 28-35.

<http://libcom.org/library/strategy-refusal-mario-tronti>

Week 2 Tuesday, 12th, July, 2011, 7.00-9.00pm:

Toni Negri, Keynes and the Capitalist Theory of the State Post-1929, Revolution Retrieved: Selected Writings on Marx, Keynes & New Social Subjects, 1967-1983. Ed. Ed Emery, London: Red Notes, 1988.

http://libcom.org/files/negri_keynes.pdf

Week 3 Tuesday, 19th, July, 2011, 7.00-9.00pm:

Mariarosa Dalla Costa and

Selma James. The Power

of Women and the Subversion of the Community, Bristol: Falling Wall Press, 1972. With an introduction by Selma James (optional).

<http://libcom.org/library/power-women-subversion-community-della-costa-selma-james>

Week 4 Tuesday, 26th, July, 2011, 7.00-9.00pm:

Sergio Bologna, The Tribe of Moles, Italy:

Autonomia. Post-political politics. Ed. Sylvere Lotringer and Christian Marazzi (New York: Semiotext, 1980), 36-61.

<http://operaisismoinenglish.files.wordpress.com/2010/09/the-tribe-of-moles.pdf>

BACKGROUND READING (optional)

Sylvere Lotringer and Christian Marazzi, eds. Italy:

Autonomia. Post-political politics. Ed. Sylvere Lotringer and Christian Marazzi, New York: Semiotext, 1980.

<http://www.generation-online.org/t/ppp.htm>

Harry Cleaver. Introduction, Reading Capital

Politically, Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, 1979), pp.3-66.

<http://libcom.org/library/reading-capital-politically-cleaver-intro>

Steve Wright, Storming Heaven: Class Composition and

Struggle in Italian Autonomist Marxism, Pluto Press, 2002.

<http://libcom.org/library/storming-heaven-class-composition-struggle-italian-autonomist-marxism-steve-wright>

Email thread

[_OS] From Strategies for Free Education...9 messagesNo Institute

<noinstitute@gmail.com> 7 July 2011 at 08:50 Reply-To: _OS@googlegroups.com

To: info@_openschool.com

Dear _Open School,

Since October 2010, been working through the means of our self-initiated post-graduate education, under the auspice of Strategies for Free Education. Recently, we received an e-bulletin from you guys and have been incredibly energized by your activity.

This led us to begin to think about our activity since October (interestingly we would just have completed our MA's if we had decided to formally enroll on an academic course), and how we might at this time, transfer some of our experiences to another group. An idea arose out of this sentiment. That we are scattered throughout the UK in Liverpool, London and Sheffield, led us to talk about a notion of 'remote collaboration' and that, despite this relative geographical isolation, we very much feel that – together – we have something in motion.

As a group, with shared sensibilities and experiences, but with individual terrains of locality and thought, every way in which we turn to each other is different. This obviously however, makes it very difficult to elucidate upon Strategies for Free Education holistically; a fascinating if somewhat inevitable situation. We thought therefore, as this seems to be a sentiment that you too are working through, that we would like to invite you into a process of communication with us.

So our idea begins here. We would like to invite five people from _Open School to be willing to receive five transmissions, one from each of us. Maybe you could suggest a date on which you would all like to receive something from us, maybe a date when you will all be meeting, so that you could translate and communicate our individual experiences within that meeting. Therefore, we would like to invite five of you to trust us with your name, address, and telephone number, fax number (if you have one) and email address, so that we can communicate with you on the date that you choose. For us, some time early to mid August would be good as a few of us are going to be away for a few weeks.

What we like about this is that, rather than trying to communicate something singular to you, we will disperse the location of our experience, which is perhaps more representative. You would receive fragments of the same entity, with the form and content of the communications having their own shared but individual history. That therefore, you guys might have more holistic perspective on our collective experiences through a translation of our individual transmissions within your group - as we would not tell each other what we have sent to you - presents our identity not as definable, but as assuming a form of definition in activation with you. We like the potential energy that this could create between us internally and externally, if indeed there is such a boundary.

Warm regards,

Charlotte A. Morgan, Robert Quirk, Daniel Simpkins, Terry Slater and Penny Whitehead--
<http://noinstitute.wordpress.com>-- www._openschool.com

Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 08:50:28 +0000 Subject: [_OS] From Strategies for Free Education... From: noinstitute@gmail.com To: info@_openschool.com

L@gmail.com> 14 July 2011 at 12:52

Reply-To: _OS@googlegroups.com

To: _OS@googlegroups.com

Hello All Just to let you know the replies made here have only been circulated amongst the group and not to the original people that mailed the group: noinstitute@gmail.com -this is because they are not a member of the group Someone might want to forward the replies made so far to that address. And also... is there not anyone who would be up for the proposed interaction??? -it seems as though it would just take one day. I'm up for being one of the receivers **but i feel like i O-D on open school sometimes.** Maybe we can give it some days and if we dont get a group of people together some of us could write a reply saying we can't commit? L x

SH <s.h@research.gla.ac.uk> 14 July 2011 at 12:57

Reply-To: _OS@googlegroups.com

To: "_OS@googlegroups.com" <_OS@googlegroups.com>

Hi,I would be interested in being one of the receivers but I would feel inadequate representing _OS in any way in that I've been reading about the _OS activities but have not been attending meetings or events. I am not a good point of contact re _OS stores of information. On another note, I've been reading up on the Italian Workerist movement and think the latest blog entry from Deterritorial Support might interest a lot of _OS nodes (of ranvier!). See:
<http://deterritorialsupportgroup.wordpress.com/Best wishes>
S_____

From: _OS@googlegroups.com [_OS@googlegroups.com] On Behalf Of LC

[lc@gmail.com] Sent: 14 July 2011 13:52 To: _OS@googlegroups.com

Subject: [SPAM?] Re: [_OS] From Strategies for Free Education...

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On 7 July 2011 17:01, B_@hotmail.com<mailto:li_42@hotmail.com>> wrote:
This looks like a very interesting opportunity. Unfortunately I won't be able to

commit to being one of the 5 receivers, but I'd be really interested in coming to any future discussion about this. B.x _____

fJ<f.j@gmail.com> 14 July 2011 at 14:10

Reply-To: _OS@googlegroups.com

To: _OS@googlegroups.com

Hello, if not many others are up for it then I would like to as well. L.P. also says he wants to be involved.

F J

Re: [_OS] From Strategies for Free Education...

Hi that sounds good, that makes 4 of us.

On representation and _OS I think we could take what no-institute say on their website as a starting point.

'What I like about this is that rather than trying to write something together, we disperse that location of our collectivity in a way that is perhaps more representative.

The receiver, ultimately _OS, will receive fragments of the same entity, with the form and the content of the communications having their own shared but individual history.'

That in making representations of _OS we are more making actions and narratives of our own experience with the practices and relations that make it up.

I tend to find that I often end up idealising the work in some way but I think this is interesting. I guess it'll depend on the modes of communication they offer up -how much we present what we think it is, instead of what it is.

Thanks for the link S_, yes there's some great stuff there -I'm going to have to spend a few nights in with it all -did you see that Strickland are doing a Italian Autonomist reading group at the moment?

see below

L. x