



RENCONTRE INTERATIONALE EN TUNISIE

International Meeting
September 29 to October 2, 2011

PROGRAM

Thursday, September 29, 2011

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Opening

Maison des Jeunes Menzah 6, Tunis.

13h - 16h : Arrival

Receiving organizations.

Logistical information and local organization.

Registration upon the workshops.

16h - 17h : Welcome

17h - 21h : Opening

17h - 18h : Foreword.

18h - 21h : Presentation of ateliers and workshops.



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Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1, 2011



Plenary assembly of groups' delegates :

Self-organisation assembly of the transnational network :

Maison de Jeunes El Menzah 6, Tunis.

1st Session : 9h - 12h

The struggles of our present : transnational experiences of resistance.

This first session is a group discussion between participants about the actual revolutions and the big transnational upheaval for dignity and social equality., The discussion will involve precarious workers, students and all the oppressed of society, in an overall framework against austerity and the current policies of the globalized economy. Organizations and collectives are invited to prepare interventions from 10 to 15 minutes to present their local and national experiences of struggle. This global overview of the current struggles aims to propose the institution of a transnational network.

Lunch break.

2nd Session 14h - 18h

Towards a transnational network of struggles.

The discussion will start on the possible powerful strategies, in terms of self-organization and coordination of the struggles. The purpose of this discussion is not only to construct and coordinate a transnational network based on self-organization and plain democracy, but also to propose a program of joint actions.

Dinner break.

Workshops :

1 - For the free circulation of people : migrations

Maison de la culture de Hammam Lif.

This round-table proposes to analyze and compare demographic changes in the contemporary world and their impact on societies. The new phenomena of movements and movement-related political and economic constraints continue to reshape the geopolitical space.

Case Study: illegal migration from south to north.

1st Session: 9am - 12pm

Guided tour of Hammam Lif bridge.

Lunch break.

2nd Session: 14h - 18h

Meeting and discussion.

Return: 18h

Dinner break.

2 - Beyond the political economy of precarity, debt and unemployment :

Faculty Campus El Manar.

Precariousness is a major obstacle to the construction of life. On the one hand, it is linked to unemployment and to the socio-economical processes with a lack of social justice ; and on the other, it appears as an ethical issue. It is therefore necessary to analyze its forms between economic and political determinations.

A - Precariousness, unemployment.

B - Debt.

C - On contemporary capitalism.

1st Session : 9h - 12h

Presentation of the workshop and delegates' interventions.

Lunch break.

2nd Session : 14h - 18h

Debate and collective discussion before closing.

Return : 18h

Dinner break.

3 - On state apparatus

Faculté des sciences juridiques, politiques et sociales de Tunis.



Since the 70', the issue of repression is one of the central problems of social movements, within emancipation movements (women, immigrants, illegal migrations), struggles for social rights (unemployment, salary), trade unions struggles, student protests ... or anything that can be called "liberation movements". As Frantz Fanon wrote in *Wretched of the Earth* "when the post-colonial period will be over, we will see that nothing has been done and that we must start all over again." The social movements that are agitating Africa and Middle East lie in this analysis of Fanon. The birth of protests in the most withdrawn regions of China is no stranger to this. Everywhere in the world, the same desire for independence against economic domination and its police repression reappears. We are witnessing the end of a capitalist world that is no longer able to contain the general thrust of protests against its system.

1st Session : 9h - 12h

Presentation of the workshop and intervention of delegates.

Lunch break.

2nd Session : 14h - 18h

Round-table.

Return : 18h

Dinner break.

4 - Knowledge and culture

Five workshops dealing about specific aspects of knowledge and culture will be held simultaneously. The purpose is to deepen the discussion and the collective analysis of common practices of struggle against the financialization of knowledge. Every group is invited to explore different issues and to propose concrete projects, i.e. the call for common days of action.

A - For the free circulation of knowledge : free knowledge for everyone

Faculté des Sciences Humaines 9 Avril.

This round-table analyzes and compares transformations in university : Bologna process, privatization, knowledge merchandising, LMD... What are the national articulations of the new global organization of cognitive labour ?

1st Session : 9h - 12h

Presentation of the workshop and intervention of delegates.

Lunch break.

2nd Session : 14h - 18h

Round-table.

Return : 18h

Dinner break.

B - Critical philosophy at the time of revolution.

Faculté des Sciences Humaines 9 Avril.

To deepen the ability to think within a framework, according to precise rules is a task of philosophy. Today, in a society dominated by globalization and new communication media, this function tends to waver, and contemporary philosophy faces a crisis : what is philosophy today ? For what ? With whom ?

1st Session : 9h - 12h

Presentation of the workshop and intervention of delegates.

Lunch break.2st Session : 14h - 18h

Round-table.

Return : 18h

Dinner break.**C - Crisis of contemporary art and its overcoming**

Institut Supérieur des Beaux arts de Tunis.

Experience is presented as a broken crash, the fragment is etymologically a break. Françoise Proust characterizes the contemporary period with the "displacement of the experience of unity, the impossibility of any of the three synthesis, ie the crash, the explosion of the experience." Consciousness is no longer able to live every experience and keep a vivid memory: "a series of data press with violence and disorder against the consciousness, which is displaced and fly to pieces." The fragment is the current state of things, where each event has become a hit, a shock and a trauma ... contemporary art is part of it.

1st Session : 9h - 12h

Presentation of the workshop and intervention of delegates.

Lunch break.2st Session : 14h - 18h

Round-table.

Return : 18h

Dinner break.**D - For an insurrectional urbanism : to rethink the city.**

Ecole nationale d'architecture et d'urbanisme.

With its craziest movements, contemporary architecture (deconstructivist architecture for example) characterizes neoliberal individualism, where the spectacular creation is resolved by the acrobatics of a certain aristocratic architectural aesthetics. A fascinating world for its colors, its forms and its lights, combining beings deprived of their differences and turned into mere numbers of alienated consumption. They prepare conferences and interviews in which the masters of the world exhibit their " deposited brand

architectures " in the name of the glory of the end of history and the death of ideologies.

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Presentation of the workshop and intervention of delegates.

Lunch break.

2st Session : 14h - 18h

Round-table.

Return : 18h

Dinner break.

E - For a social medicine.

Faculté de médecine de Tunis.

The concept of Social medicine is defined by putting into practice a medicine which, in addition to the care, tries to act on the structural and social illnesses that lead to the increasing deterioration of health. As Errico Malatesta would have suggested, the question must be viewed with a spirit of inquiry, it is not simply to present what is hidden under a "cloak of revolt." The practice of "libertarian social medicine" should not even be confused with the ambition of a perfect healthcare industry characterized by progress today. It is rather a collective and individual search for liberation of the public and private institutions, as well as professional authority, all reaching for a greater independence and better health for individuals.

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Presentation of the workshop and intervention of delegates.

Lunch break.

2st Session : 14h - 18h

Round-table.

Return : 18h

Dinner break.

4- New forms of organization and of collective intelligence

A - Construction of autonomous networks and media.

Institut de presse et des sciences de l'information (IPSI) - Sousse.

This workshop will be divided in three parts :

1- « official » nets and media (facebook, twitter, youtube...etc.): their strenght and their limits. How to deal with them ? How to relate with them ? How to use them without being reappropriated ? How to use them ?

2- New technologies and autonomous media : how they are used today and what perspectives of communication and self-education they can open. In this



sense, it is interesting to debate upon the rhizomatic concepts of *détournement* and of critique of communication.

3- Practical atelier aiming to review and create autonomous instruments for the coordination and communication of the network.

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Presentation of the workshop and intervention of delegates.

Lunch break.

2st Session : 14h - 18h

Round-table.

Return : 18h

Dinner break.

B - Self-organization : Case study.

Maison de jeunes de Regueb.

1st Session : 9h - 12h

Collective tour in South Tunisia with the citizens and activists of the Revolution Councils.

Lunch break.

2st Session : 14h - 18h

Interventions and analysis.

Round-table upon the forms of self-organization.

Return : 18h

Dinner break.

Sunday, October 02, 2011

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Closing :

Maison des Jeunes Menzah 6, Tunis.

- Presentation of the motions of the workshops
- final declaration