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## expose · accuse · remember

Exposing the mechanisms of domination and denouncing injustices that are otherwise systematically hidden can be a powerful counter-strategy. This is especially true because authoritarianism often works by rewriting both history and present, thus erasing and silencing those who are dominated. These contributions are about counter-narratives and counter-cartographies, about raising our voice and documenting and remembering from the margins.

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Here we're bringing together struggles and practices that take the tools and expressions of authoritarianism and turn them back on themselves. They appropriate, sabotage, and repurpose the oppressive meanings, materials, and intentions inscribed in advertisements, monuments, memes, or riot fences. They turn destruction into creation, control into chaos, and forbidden fruits into resistance.

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## disrupt · retake · transfigure

Authoritarianism takes the beautiful multiplicity and chaotic interwovenness of life and reduces it to compartmentalized reductions and reproductions of the “normal”. What remains is the orderly tyranny of capital and commodification. Thus, these anti-authoritarian interventions break through the unidimensionality imposed on discourse, life, and space, making visible what has been suppressed, reconquering public life, and revitalizing the streets.

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## explore · transcend · desire

Only by doing, living, and imagining otherwise can we produce glimpses of alternative futures, of a just society, and of an emancipated self. To explore other ways and other meanings, to build real utopias, and to project ourselves as different to what we are today: these are powerful antidotes to authoritarian neoliberalism's suppression of softness, and its destruction of hope and future time.

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## **sense · convey · assemble**

Making sense of the world collectively, making common cause with others who are fighting to define and create a world in which we can all flourish, recognizing ourselves as one in spite – and indeed because – of our differences, and being recognized by others in turn. The contributions here speak of creating spaces for collective resonance and reverberation; a shared language, made of songs and symbols, rituals, artefacts, and gestures of defiance.

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