

Mezosfera online magazine: Write or be written off

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Write Or Be Written Off: Mezosfera open peer review issue on publishing as empowerment in art and culture

Mezosfera, established in 2016, is an international online magazine on art and culture published and edited by the contemporary art organization tranzit.hu in Budapest, Hungary. Mezosfera is a platform for the sharing of knowledge and the building of solidarity that connects with non-central geopolitical regions of the world. Mezosfera endeavours to mediate local and regional discourses to a broader, international audience.

The upcoming thematic issue of Mezosfera online magazine invites contributions on publishing in the fields of art and culture the mission of which is to challenge the establishment (be it professional or political), to bring about (social) change, and to devise ways of non-hegemonic structures of operation. We welcome essays on alternative-experimental series of publications/periodicals (from the second half of the 20th century until today) that discuss thematics usually outside of the scope of dominant fora and that can exert empowerment through the field of art and culture.

Topics to be considered:

- What are the forms of dissent that a publication enables?
- How can grassroots-marginal publications compete with publications of the establishment, and should they?
- Should marginal publications strive for inclusion by the establishment?
- Should the establishment finance experimental-marginal publications?
- How can financial-thematic independence be created and sustained?
- Empowering and embracing the role of communities. Are publishing communities really inclusive?
- What are the long term impacts (local, regional, international) of alternative publications?
- Writing as activism
- Writing to enable social justice movements
- Publishing as group advocacy
- Publishing as community building

Selection process:

Please submit your abstract and short bio (both in English) by June 5th, 2020 at office@tranzitinfo.hu. Successful applicants will be notified by June 30, 2020.

If your abstract is selected, the deadline to submit your full article in English is August 15th, 2020.

The full article is about 5000-6000 words. Each selected author receives an authors' fee of 300 EUR.

The list of international open peer reviewers is to be announced.

The Mezosfera thematic issue will include beyond the open call submissions commissioned articles as well.

More information: <http://hu.tranzit.org/en/project/0/2020-05-05/write-or-be-written-off>

Reference:

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