Call for papers: Movement practice(s)

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The May 2015 issue of the open-access, online, copyleft academic/activist journal Interface: a journal for and about social movements (http://www.interfacejournal.net/) invites contributions from activists and scholars on the theme of “how we do activism”. We are particularly seeking scholarly articles, biographies, self-portraits, and practice notes that address one or more of the following:

- What actually makes for good activism? How do activists evaluate strategy?
- What are the challenges (or benefits?) of putting various understandings of “good activism” into practice and translating these strategies into tactics, coordination and communication plans, at organisational and movement levels?
- How have organisations and movements integrated personal experience, reflective practice, theory and research (or not), in day-to-day operations, training, recruitment, and evaluation procedures? What have been the outcomes and broader implications of such integration?
- How do activists effectively balance competing demands at personal, organisational, or movement levels? How useful are existing resources, support networks, and where are the gaps?
- Other questions relevant to the theme of “practice” and how it intersects with diverse issues, movements and approaches.

As in every issue, we are also very happy to receive contributions that reflect on other questions for social movement research and practice that fit within the journal’s mission statement (http://www.interfacejournal.net/who-we-are/mission-statement/).

Submissions should contribute to the journal’s mission as a tool to help our movements learn from each other’s struggles, by developing analyses from specific movement processes and experiences that can be translated into a form useful for other movements.

In this context, we welcome contributions by movement participants and academics who are developing movement-relevant theory and research. Our goal is to include material that can be used in a range of ways by movements — in terms of its content, its language, its purpose and its form. We thus seek work in a range of different formats, such as conventional (refereed) articles, review essays, facilitated discussions and interviews, action notes, teaching notes, key documents and analysis, book reviews — and beyond. Both activist and academic peers review research contributions, and other material is sympathetically edited by peers. The editorial process generally is geared towards assisting authors
to find ways of expressing their understanding, so that we all can be heard across geographical, social and political distances.

We can accept material in Afrikaans, Arabic, Catalan, Czech, Danish, English, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Maltese, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Swedish and Zulu. Please see our editorial contacts page (http://www.interfacejournal.net/submissions/editorial-contact/) for details of who to submit to.

**Deadline and contact details**

The deadline for initial submissions to this issue, to be published May 1, 2015, is November 1, 2014. For details of how to submit to *Interface*, please see the “Guidelines for contributors” on our website. All manuscripts, whether on the special theme or other topics, should be sent to the appropriate regional editor, listed on our contacts page. Submission templates are available online via the guidelines page and should always be used – *Interface* is an entirely voluntary effort and the formatting which authors don’t do has to be done by volunteers. Thanks!