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Open issue

Learning from each other’s struggles

Are you involved in thinking about your own movement’s practice – as activist, theorist, militant researcher, writer? Or an engaged university researcher, activist/academic, or otherwise trying to develop research and theory from and for movements? *Interface: a journal for and about social movements* (http://www.interfacejournal.net/) is an open-access, global, multilingual space for dialogue between social movements, activists, communities in struggle in different countries, around different issues, across different theoretical traditions, and between activists and researchers. What works, what doesn’t work, what makes a difference, how can we know, how can we do it better? We’re looking for short stories of struggle, notes on practice, formal research pieces, interviews, book reviews and anything else that helps further this dialogue.

Our May - June 2022 issue will be open-themed. We hope to receive submissions on any aspect of social movement research and practice that fits within the journal’s mission statement (http://www.interfacejournal.net/who-we-are/mission-statement/). Submissions should contribute to the journal’s purpose 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.

*Interface* is a journal of practitioner research, meaning that we welcome work by movement activists as well as activist scholars, and work in a variety of formats which suit these different kinds of writing as well as our very varied readership – which includes activists and researchers across the world, connected to many different movements and working within very different intellectual, theoretical and political traditions. In addition to studies of contemporary experiences and practices, we encourage analysis of historical social movements as a means of learning from the past and better understanding contemporary struggles.

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 very wide range of different formats, such as conventional (refereed) articles, stories of struggles, 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.

All contributions should go to the appropriate regional editors by the deadline of 30 November 2021. Please see the guidelines for contributors (http://www.interfacejournal.net/submissions/guidelines-for-contributors/) for more indications on content and style. We can accept material in Bengali, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Mandarin Chinese, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Slovak and Spanish.

**Deadline and contact details**

The deadline for initial submissions to this issue, to be published in May–June 2022, is 30 November 2021. All manuscripts should be sent to the appropriate regional editor, listed on our contacts page (https://www.interfacejournal.net/contact-us/).

Submission templates are available online via the guidelines page (http://www.interfacejournal.net/submissions/guidelines-for-contributors/) and should be used to ensure correct formatting. *Interface* is a completely voluntary effort, without the resources of commercial journals, so we have to do all the layout and typesetting ourselves. The only way we can manage this is to ask authors to use these templates when preparing submissions.

**Lastly...**

We’re looking for new editors to join our western Europe collective; full details in this issue’s editorial.

We’re also running a fundraiser to support translations of articles in our next issue (November / December 2021), on movements against institutional racism in the Americas. This issue will feature reflections, interviews, ethnographic accounts event analyses of collective action against racism primarily in the Americas from scholars, activists and practitioners. We are organising translations between Spanish, Portuguese and English to help advance the growing movements of anti-racism, create connections, understandings and interactions across the Americas and beyond. If you can help, please go to https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-a-multilingual-conversation-about-racism

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Thanks!