

# MAKING OUR UNIVERSITY: THE SELF-REFORM PROCESS

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During the Wave, after a national assembly of two days in Rome, the movement faced the necessity of giving continuity to the organization of conflict inside and outside the university, rethinking radically the university. We create through our knowledge, our bodies and our relations. During those days we have started a process of self-reform to build our university; it is not a reformist process, nor socialistic or utopian one. Quite the contrary. It is a constituent process against the conservation of the existing condition, that defines a planning route to create our university now, not in a possible future, but starting from what we are, as students, researchers and precarious that produce living knowledge. Living knowledge means production of knowledge and collective subjectivity within the struggles. This kind of knowledge is set against the dead knowledge, that is a vertical transmission based on merely factual knowledge. Moreover these struggles inside of the university produce a communication between different disciplines, breaking their borders and building up a proper transdisciplinary space of research. In the practices of self-education students with the cooperation between professors and researchers create new practices of knowledge production: a new form of political organization, a collective gear in which theory lives in praxis and research is free from barriers among disciplines and baronial power. Then self-reform process faces the government policies that dismiss every kind of welfare and social security, completing the process of privatization through the control of youth, the criminalization of all dissent and making our lives more and more precarious. So, precarious also means a lack of future and no-time in the present, job uncertainty and reduced negotiation power, that is to say a new form of slavery that involves other subjects who, once protected, are now deeply affected by the crisis. So that direct and indirect income and the struggle for a new Welfare is fully part of our battle! Indirect income is reclaim occupying theaters and cinemas, demanding free tickets to give us the possibility to enjoy collective culture production in the sad backdrop of the Italian dismantling of funding for arts and culture. We reclaim spaces through public campaigns of occupying houses against the university and the state to reclaim our autonomy. Self-reform as a common process to improve the quality of living conditions of young people, the need to experience independence in the training, self-managing ourselves to oppose the precariousness and privatization of knowledge, the intolerance towards the present state of things.

## ...CONNECTING OUR STRUGGLES!

An articulated and complex Wave is overwhelming the contemporary realm of production, a new space is disarticulating the division of national borders, constituent processes and demands are spreading through the universities. Likewise, these social struggles and movements are giving birth to a new European autonomous process, a connection of the conflicts and the free circulation of knowledge. Beyond the simple communication among struggles, we should imagine a new device to organize ourselves collectively, although specific context and difference temporalities of movements, to share conflicts' experiences and improve our collective force.

As a proposal inside the counter-summit discussions, we could start a collective work to make a cartography of struggles inside the university. As we are meeting and discussing together for the first time it would be useful to understand better the articulated space in which struggles are developing. Secondly we could start a process of investigation, that is to say social enquiry, to set up tools of action, intervention and organization. We could start this process to understand the different composition of struggle and their demands, we could analyze common trends inside and outside the university, investigating the new students' forms of life in the metropolis and the process of governance inside the academy. We are thinking to a common space of discussion and organization, sharing of experiences and common field of conflict, that is to say, we are against to any form of representation of the movement through the coordination of delegates belonging to the national dimension. Against delegation system and any border, we would like to think collectively a new dispositif to organize conflict in the university and create connections among us.

This is the time to occupy the spaces that struggles inside and against Bologna Process are opening, creating common languages, organization of resistance as possibility of connection, that is to say, drawing a common project to shape our autonomous university!

**WE WON'T PAY FOR YOUR CRISIS, WE MAKE THE AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY!**

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