The Institute for Technology in the Interest of Worms

"This is a rhythm of endurance, of surging forward and withdrawing. It is not a rhythm of endless becoming nor of staying put; it is making the most of the "hinge," of knowing how to move and think through various angles while being fully aware of the constraints, the durability of those things that are "bad for us"." (Improvised Lives, AbdouMaliq Simone)

Klein Bottle topology: Inside is outside is inside is outside is inside is outside is inside is outside is inside

Queer ligatures: inclusive, non-binary, post-binary hunts, under construction. The hunts use the Queer Unicode Initiative (QUNI) to encode their inclusive glyphs and make their use compatible. (Bye Bye Binary)

"We might imagine re-turning as a multiplicity of processes, such as the kinds earthworms engage in while helping to make compost or otherwise being busy at work and at play: turning the soil over and over – ingesting and excreting it, tunnelling through it, burrowing all means of aerating the soil, allowing oxygen in, opening it up and breathing new life into it" (Intra-acting Diffraction: Cutting Together-Apart, Karen Barad)

"In the wormhole the worm creates an infrastructure to hold itself in the world: the hole fits the worm, but only as it moves." (On the inconvenience of other people, Lauren Berlant)

Diagram of the crystallographic structure of a zinc metallo-beta-lactamase from bacillus cereus. Folding is part of the dynamics of proteins. Proteins are not strictly static objects, but rather populate ensembles of conformations. Transitions between these states occur on a variety of time scales.

queer angles

burrowing

maintenance

infrastructural manoeuvres

"The 3300 is a time sharing mini-computer system for only 1/4 the cost of subscription services or other in-house time sharing systems. That, in itself, is very therapeutic"

Lygia Clark, Caminhando [Walking] (1964)

Cell for Digital Discomfort, diagram of "Conditions for Connectivity," 2021, digital rendering of an abstract plain-text diagram.

Active helical waves produced by the motion of individual worms facilitate collective tangling and ultrafast untangling.

Mycellium, circular cascading rootstructure (decentralized but hierarchical)

imbrication

"Some entrenched software is maintained, and some is not"

Preparing a server migration

friction

centralization

topological self-transformation

time sharing

productive connectivity

reproductive networking

insurgent intersectionality

entrenchment

seamfulness

In a hypothetical case, a time-sharing system gave multiple users the illusion of having exclusive access to a machine all their own (The Apple II Age: How the Computer Became Personal, Laine Nooney)

parallelism

institutional manoeuvres

queering operations

Paranodal is a term that conceptualizes that which is other to — or an alternative to — a network configuration. (...) the paranode is the space that networks leave out, the negative space of networks, the noise between nodes and edges. (Zach Blas, Contra-Internet ← → Ulises Ali Mejias, Off the Network)

seemingly simultaneous

software companionship

digital depletion

ongoing conversations with Tere Badia, Ana Rocha

institutional exhaustion

institutional ingratitude

Throwing worms at Paul Baran, On Distributed Networks (1964) (CCRURU)

conditions for connectivity

extitution

institutional detachment

so-called austerity

intersectionality

mutual constitution

solidarity

outsourcing

"But even stand-ins, in times of austerity, might unionize, might move from being objects of organized abandonment (...) to subjects who refuse — who refuse to bear the weight of late capitalism's stark utopia, the abstraction of dispossession, the violence of abstraction." (Abolition Geography: Essays Towards Liberation, Ruth Wilson Gilmore)

(a) (b) (c) Centralised. (b) Decentralised. (c) Distributed networks.

control

flow management

institution

organized abandonment

A trembling thought is not a frightened thinking, nor a fearful or hesitant one, it is the thought that refuses systems that are rigidly self-contained, and that believes that the world trembles, physiologically, in its becoming, in its suffering, in its oppositions, in its massacres, in its genocides, in its pleasures. (Poetics of relation, Édouard Glissant)

bundled beings

Inconvenience is another way of pointing to the presence of nonsovereign relationality. It does not always produce a sense of injury but does always signify the pressure of what to do with coexistence. (On the inconvenience of other people, Lauren Berlant)

The shared card, the username and password, the name.surname@institution.edu email, the eduroam account, the Adobe license, the Zoom login, the card to pay at the canteen, the library card, the badge to enter the premises — or the recorded fingerprint directly, "so you can't leave it at home"

unbundling

data dispossession

The Cloud

solidarity needs to be a condition otherwise this is all just philosophy (Miriyam Aouragh)

bounded beings

abstraction

radical relationality

smooth-flow

dissolution

trembling

ACCOMPLICES NOT ALLIES

Abolishing the ally industrial complex, an indigenous perspective

Virtualization is a process that allows a computer to share its hardware resources with multiple digitally separated environments. Each virtualized environment runs within its allocated resources, such as memory, processing power, and storage. (AWS)

Effective control of the border crossings should strive for smooth flows of persons and goods. (Specific Objective 2.1: Smooth, Lawful, Safe and Secure Border Crossings, FRONTEX)

federation

Constellations: Tracing possible and probable relations and patterns

state sovereignty

borders

horizontality

dispossession

relational sovereignty

containerization

virtualization

Miriyam Aouragh, Layal Ftouni, Maayke Bontje, Sruti Bala

digital separation

violence

digital nonsovereignty

the cyst model

Warning: the bounding boxes of some nodes touch - falling back to straight line edges failed at node 0[1] sfdp: main.c:313: chkSgraph: Assertion `no->cells[1]' failed. Aborted (core dumped)

"(It) is not about a relationship between the tangible and the intangible; it is about the fixed duration of a relationship of trust, and a way of structuring the future in terms of liability and responsibility" (The durability of software, Erickson & Kelty)

boundaries do not sit still

free market

horizontal integration

as the being together with stars

technological nonsovereignty

interdependency

no borders

attachment

territory

vertical integration

digital sovereignty

strategic autonomy

free flows

endosymbiosys

dependency

sovereignty

A colleague reports: Recently, the EU decided to use the term 'strategic autonomy' instead of 'sovereignty' because the latter term would suggest that the EU is not in support of a free market.

nonsovereignty

(neo-)liberalism

autonomy

"vulnerability is [not] reducible to its injurability." (Judith Butler ← → Jennifer C. Nash)

One need not be a rationalist, nor imagine self-determination to be free of material conditions of states and sovereignty, to conclude that, at the end of the day, freedom is a privilege. (Abolition Geography: Essays Towards Liberation, Ruth Wilson Gilmore)

Do ourselves freedom

technological sovereignty

so-and-sovereignty

terroir

Agree not merely to the right to difference, but, carrying this further, agree also to the right to opacity that is not enclosure within an impenetrable autarchy but subsistence within an irreducible singularity. Opacities can coexist and convege, weaving fabrics. To understand these truly one must focus on the texture of the weave and not on the nature of its components. (For Opacity, Édouard Glissant)

vulnerability

The potential of less sovereignty

food sovereignty

self-determination

ambiguity

so-and-sovereignty diagram, v0.2. Thursday June 1, 2023

#queer_is_stateless

"If The Commons claim sounds like an incontestably positive aim, I think of it more as a tool, and often a weapon, for unlearning the world, which is key to not reproducing it" (On the inconvenience of other people, Lauren Berlant)

undercommons

opacity

The Commons

affective infrastructure

state

We say **no**; **no** to this disposal of **no**. We raise our voices in saying **no** to this violence and injustice. **No** can become a form of critical refusal, as Angela Davis might suggest; **no** that involves commitment, **no** that requires time and work as we grapple to understand the system from which an injustice gapes like a hole; **no** as part of a project of counter-knowledge, to counter with knowledge; **no** as a struggle not to reproduce injustices that exist. (**No**, Sara Ahmed)

ambivalence

no

counterlog(ist)ics

affect

the anti-state state