Sea-Water-Blooded

Bleeding, salivating,

sweating, crying,

vomiting.

This lexicon shares a range of mytho/logical and eco/feminist perspectives. Let's take another look in the cool dark. Salting y/our wounds to remember the past, and sea the future/s

We are working for / with / from the chthonic dark warm amniotic feminine belly of the beast,

y/our Mother Earth, Gaea. Γαῖα.

Abolitionism

the movement advocating for the abolishment of neo/colonial slavery, from Latin: abolere, 'destroy'

Abortion work
activism work that supports
women's reproductive rights,
including the right to kill,
which makes women
dangerous (Lewis 2019)

Adulterate,

to

rendering something
poorer in quality by
adding another
substance, not pure, corrupted
AFK

away from keyboard

Air y/our communication with plants

and algae happens through

breathing oxygen generated by plant life,

who

breathe in y/our CO₂ exhaust

Alpha

Covid-19 strain

originating in the UK

Alien

belonging to

2

foreign country, world, planet or

atmosphere, including deep sea life

-on- earth

Alienation

creating a feeling and

experience of isolation and

estrangement

and transferring ownership of property rights to another person or group (see:

Biopiracy)

Amniotic fluid

fluid surrounding a foetus, resembles sea water, where from conception, a foetus goes through all stages of a not-necessarily-human evolution

Ani Couni Chaouani

Native American hymn and lament from the Arapaho tribes: 'Father, have mercy on me / Because I'm dying of thirst / Everything is gone – I have nothing to eat'

Apocalyptic

from Greek: apokaluptein, άποκαλύπτειν, 'uncover, reveal'

Apotropaic

containing the property or power to ward off d/evil/s, such as the face of the Medusa and her sisters, Gorgons, the evil eye, and many plants and rituals serve as such, invoking protection, from Greek: ἀποτρόπαιος

Beta

Covid-19 strain originating in South-Africa

Biological determinism identifying who and what count/s as un/natural, biologising identity politics

Biopiracy

nature

attempted
propertisation of natural
resources through
patenting acts, robbing and
plundering

Blame-

the-victim

sexed discrimination, part of the war against women (inspired by Judith Herman)

Blood

macrobiotics aim to render y/our bloodstream similar to sea water

Bodhisattva

a person who can reach nirvana,

but delays doing so through compassion for

Compassion 101

suffering beings.

Sanskrit: 'a person whose

essence is perfect knowledge'

Booty

valuable stolen goods –
especially seized during wartime
– and a person's
sexed bottom,

making booty as spoils of war necessarily include (dis/possession of) the female-body-as-loot

Borobudur

Temple

this ancient **Buddhist Temple on** was hidden for Java 800 years and excavated roughly 200 years ago, the temple visualises the meeting point of Ocean, as the archaic feminine, and Mountain, as the archaic masculine

Bottom

someone's butt, alteration and valuation of 'body'

Brainwashing

any

form of epistemic violence (Spivak), strategic forgetting and erasure of particular knowledge (systems) for optimised oppression

Capitalocene

possible name for y/our current exterminist day and age, where our

entire economic

paradigm is a threat

to ecological stability

(Haraway 2016)

CBR

Community

Biodiversity Register,

documenting community knowledge in order to

protect it

as communal intellectual property and defend natural resources from patenting (Shiva 2020)

Chimera

a thing that is hoped

for, but is illusory or impossible to achieve

Chthonic

relating to or inhabiting the underworld, Greek: χθών, Earth

Chthulucene

potential name for y/our
current day and age,
coined by Donna Haraway inspired by her
being bitten by the Pimoa
Cthulhu spider, yet the role herein of
Lovecraft's
Cthulhu remains cancelled, instead
of problematised

Climate crisis

pandemic

creating planetary ecological destruction, ecocide, also

the Sixth Extinction

Coelenterata

aquatic invertebrates

[not having a skeleton] such as JELLYFISH,

corals and sea anemones.

They typically have

a tube- or cup- shaped

body with a

single opening,

ringed with tentacles that

bear stinging cells

(nematocysts).

Also called cnidarian

Collectivity

the opposite

of exceptionalist

individualism

Colonialism

settler -. exploitation-, nationalsurrogate -, internal-, and so-called trade colonialism as a contradiction in terms [where 'trade' proposes а form of equality], encompasses the illegal occupation of foreign territory, violent oppression, including genocide events enslavement and $\circ f$ indigenous people, extraction of resources and we alth. The effects of this European project are easily recognised today. However, societies generally formerly colonised are not offered any kind of reparations [financial compensation] and the colonial project continues today as neocolonial, extractivist economies have taken hold

in former colonies and elsewhere. From this sense, colonisation indeed has never stopped and former colonial (slave) transportation routes are still used for moving or extraction human / resources as well as wiring the internet

Colonised dreams

'A world compartmentalised, Manichean [centralising a dualistic conflict between light and dark] and petrified. a world of statues: the statue who built of the general the bridge. A world cocksure itself, crushing with its stoniness the backbones of those That is the scarred with the whip.

colonial world. The first thing colonial the learns is to remain in his subject place and not overstep its limits. Hence the dreams of the colonial subject are muscular dreams. dreams of action, dreams of aggressive vitality. I dream I am jumping, swimming, running, and climbing. I dream I burst out laughing, I am leaping across a river and chased bv a pack of cars that catches up with me. never During colonisation the colonised subject frees himself night after night nine in the evening between and six in the morning.' (Fanon 1963, p.15)

Combahee River Collective
black feminist collective from
Boston founded in 1 974,

dedicating their name to
Harriet Tubman, who led a campaign
that freed more
than 750 enslaved people at
the
Combahee River (South Carolina, USA)

Consciousness raising growing awareness and becoming more awake

Coolitude

describes the Indian and Chinese coolie (Dutch: koelie) diaspora, relating indenture migrant workers with slavery. The term is coined by poet Khal Torabully and describes a transcultural process that goes beyond creolisation or méttissage (Glissant), articulating imaginaries and cultures in non-essentialist methods, its imaginary of coolitude

is clearly archipelagic, sea-based and a thalassography (1992)

COP26

the international summit
to negotiate climate crisis resolutions
during fall 2021 doesn't mention
the role of gender or gender
inequality in climate
destruction

and keeps native women
of colour
expressly out of the actual
negotiations (UNFCCP)

Crisis

denoting the turning point of a disease: medical Latin, from Greek: krisis, $\kappa\rho l\sigma \iota\varsigma, \qquad \text{opinion,} \\ \text{ability to assess well, intense} \\ \qquad \qquad \text{manifestation of} \quad \text{the} \\ \text{symptoms of the disease} \\$

Cthulhu

deep sea horror monster
invented by early
twentieth-century American
 author H.P. Lovecraft, openly
racist and antisemitic while he was alive,
his writings are subject
to a cult following of (games)
 writers re/creating the
Cthulhu Mythos, often
without properly problematising
Lovecraft's

xenophobic imagination or how this is expressed in his works

Currency para-nationalist money system

Current

bodies of water, air and electricity – flowing in a particular direction

Decolonisation

is an enormous task! dismantle colonial logics modernisms, requires unlearning and and acts of

sea comm

to resist and that constitute decolonisation making gestures repair

unities

Deep

Sea

level of the sea from 1.800m onwards, where sunlight doesn't

enter and there is practically no change in temperature, its climate is the most stable on earth.

Full of marine life, deep

largely live off marine snow:

food stuffs that fall down from the productive photic zone

Delta

Covid-19

strain

originating in Brazil

Dew

spiritual food,

especially good when rolling around in it butt naked!

Discrimination

organised in collaborating power relations, invented to self-serve

elites in society: sexed -, raced

-, classed -, gendered discrimination/s

Disidentification

the experience, struggle, right and

fight to identify y/ourselves

(Muñoz 1999)

Dispossession

the violent loss of what

belonged to or was the self, also includes wo/men's souls (Pinkola Estés 1992)

Diurnal

of or during the day

Dolphin

from Greek: related to δελφύς (delphus), 'womb'

Domestic violence

'has reached [pandemic]

proportions that cut across all

class and race lines'

(Original quote says 'epidemic' instead of pandemic.

Radical Women

Manifesto Platform

1967)

Dream

related to Old English: 'joy, music', and a possible

holiday of the mind! Dredging up consciousness from unconsciousness. Oneirogenic plants support and enhance the experience of dreaming. The **Bodhisattva** is the fully awake person who lives to realise the/ir universal dream, for the benefit, enlightenment and relief of suffering for others

Drink

to drink a glass of water is to ingest the ghosts of bodies that haunt that water (Neimanis 2012)

Drop

falling

Drowning

feeling of being overwhelmed

Epistemic

violence

discrimination of knowledge systems (not acknowledging certain knowledge

systems as such) coined and

theorised

by Gayatri Spivak

Extractivism

violent extraction of wealth resulting in the (irreversible) depletion of national and natural resources, including deep sea mining, fundamental to neo/colonial, imperialist and multinational economic ideologies

Face

confront something / someone

Feminism

working towards ending the cruel and murderous treatment of women, including femicide (The Combahee River Collective 1974. In Burn It Down! [BID])

Float, around circulation of a rumour or idea

Flooded

overwhelmed by a form of!!!!!!!!
excess

Fluidity

the state of being unsettled

Flush

y/our face and the toilet

Forgotten

narrative employed to romanticise the systemic violence of epistemic erasure as (imperialist) oppression (Sokha 2021)

fotf

fear of the feminine. Older

description/s of same feelings: fear of the future, and: focus on the family

Fountain of youth

the mythological fountain healing the disease of aging

Gaea

the Earth personified as a goddess, daughter of Chaos, mother and wife of Ouranos, Heaven or Sky, in greek mythology, Greek: $\Gamma\alpha\bar{\alpha}$. In cosmogony, Gaea represents material creation and not just the Earth.

Gamma

Covid-19 strain originating in India

Gift

'A gift can consist of an alienable or inalienable object. In many languages 'give' and 'forgive'

are connected. To give is linked to the present, to forgive a past thing. One can reinforce a request for forgiving with a gift of a precious object.

Such gift-giving can be a hidden acknowledgement of a past injustice and approach the concept of restitution.'

(Jos van Beurden, 2.3.1. Gifts to colonial administrators and institutions)

Gorgon

a fierce, frightening, repulsive woman.

The ancient Greek mythological gorgons are three sisters who have snakes for hair, while looking into their eyes petrifies their onlooker, literally turning them into stone

Harbour, to to shelter,

hide and occupy

Herman, Judith
theorised the history of traumatic
stress as a syndrome common to veterans

and sexual abuse survivors, identifying constant fear of death and sexual abuse or rape to (in the same way) dismantle someone's personality.

Herman historicised the erased publication of Freud's identification of hysteria as caused by sexual abuse, but the psychiatric community would not accept his findings, as it would need to conclude that sexual abuse among women and children were endemic to society (Herman 1992)

Hold

to be in the hold, to be transported in the belly of the ship (Hartman), as an enslaved person

Hydra

a many-headed water snake or sea monster whose response to decapitation is botanical! Also, the largest celestial constellation, from Greek: $\Upsilon \delta \rho \alpha$, 'water snake, sea monster'

Hydrofeminism

ecofeminist practice
that addresses the watery part
of not-necessarily-human/e
bodies in response to Donna Haraway's
proposition of 'staying with
the trouble'

Hyphae

plural for hyphenation, tool for disidentification practices linking multiple (dis) identities and linking terms as-we-go

'I ask you not to let me face the water, for water is the only one who knows what has always been' (Wang 2021)

Imaginary

encompasses the ways a
culture has of perceiving and
conceiving the world (Glissant 1928.
English translation: 1997)

Industrial water pollution

industrial runoff causes largescale pollution of rivers, oceans
and groundwater, systematically
releasing (agricultural) pesticides,
solvents, heavy metals and oil spilling
into the connected waterbody, which has
become the source of a wide range
of lethal illnesses including cancers, organ
damage and mass extinction
events

Inheritance

Every generation confronts the task of choosing its past (Hartman via Yusoff 2018)

Intersectionality

usually combined with feminism, acknowledges the combined, overlapping and intersecting itineraries of discrimination/s, most commonly as (violently) raced -, classed -, sexed - and gendered power structures

Jiba

magnetic field and place where human creation began (Sudo 1992)

Juichimen-Kannon

the Buddha of Compassion represented with eleven heads (Glossary, Sudo 1992) —not unlike the Hydra

Kami

a god, spirit or force of nature in traditional Shinto (Sudo 1992)

Laghia

a traditional dance that takes the form of a battle (Glissant 1928/1997)

Lake

a symbol for the land of the dead, Earth's open liquid eye at

the edge of knowledge, twoway mirror of the soul (The Book of Symbols [TBOS])

Liberation movements
are political and anti-imperialist
organisations

Loch Ness monster
mythological monster living in
Loch Ness, Scotland, since the
6th century CE

Lubricate

such a violent term!

To make (someone) convivial with alcohol

Lying

'In answer to the lie of the colonial situation, the colonised subject responds with a lie' (Fanon 1963, p.14)

Macrobiotics

a diet that aims to make y/
our blood like sea water; vegan or
pescatarian way of eating that consists
eating wholegrains, beans,
sea vegetables, soups and fermented
vegetables (among
others), used

to start remembering past and future

Mainstream

that which is shared by most not-necessarily-human people as conventional and/or normal

Manel

an (academic) all-male panel (discussion) (Tythacott 2021)

Medusa

a free-swimming sexual form of a coelenterate such as a jellyfish, typically having an

umbrella-shaped body with stinging tentacles around the edges, and mythological mortal gorgon who has snakes for hair and petrifies those who look her in the eyes

Menses

also menstruation, the rise and fall of hormones is governed by the waxing and waning Moon

Merdrag

performing interspecies fantasy and mythological sea creature expression, adding to the top half of the notnecessarily-human/e, a fishtail

Monster

is typified by the way s/he
escapes identifications: ugly and
pretty, old and young, animal
and human, neither
male nor female, and s/he
is terrifying (Cixous 1975)

Moon

relax even if you

'So far, I have let you humans use the Earth as you like. But the Earth belongs to me, and I will get it back once, so that you cannot have it your own way. I will break up mountains and valleys and make a huge flat land. If I see greedy someone even on a piece of land, I will cause earthquakes, heavy rain, and gales and destroy his land completely. I will turn the land upside down create flat land. Due to a war of and fire, the ice around the North and South Poles will crack, which will lead to an axis shift of the Earth with big earthquakes. I will remake the Earth. I will remove the deserts and high mountains, break up the Earth, and make a flat land. Do not

live on

high plateaus or in high mountains. No one knows when the Moon and the Sun can suddenly appear. After warning everyone beforehand, the work of the Moon and the This foretold Sun will begin. story, how seriously do you listen? Fire from heaven. rain of fire. and the oceans will roll up with (Sudo 1992) tsunamis.'

Neocolonisation

the violent project of colonial extractivism after the

decolonisation wave of Independence movements durina the 1950s and 1960s, contemporary slavery and widespread labour exploitation as well as the extraction of wealth and resources continues to this day, in fact, we eat it every day and build up y/our bodies with it

Non -Aligned Movement

NAM

is an anti-imperialism forum organising the Global South. It is the second largest organisation today (after the United Nations)

encompassing the involvement of 120 countries in

Africa, South-Asia and South America (Russia and Japan belonging to what is in colonial terms the 'white' West). The movement started with the

Independence movements for decolonisation and the principles identified during the Bandung Conference in Indonesia in 1955.

In the decade following the

Conference

of Bandung, the new generation of socialist Independence leaders were systematically murdered and replaced by military regimes – notably by the CIA – and kept in place for decades.

(Also sea,
Adam Curtis's newest documentary series
Can't Get You
Out of My Head on
YouTube)

Not -necessarily

-human/e

placeholder for the human?

How to keep on
questioning what is,
can, could and
should be/come properties of
the in?human/e?

Ocean

interconnected waterbody making up over 70% of the earth's surface and running nearly 11km in some places

Oceanic memory

everyone possesses oceanic memory!
The face of the ocean as visible form/s of y/ our unconsciousness,

salty amniotic waters running through y/ our mnemonic veins (TBOS)

Octopus

main inspiration throughout numerous mythological deepsea monsters, is blue blooded, tastes through their suction cups. Two thirds of octopuses' brains, or rather neurons, are located in their tentacles. Due to their atypical body plan, octopuses are subject to alienation of all sorts, including via the monstrous feminine.

Considered

deeply

intelligent creatures,
octopuses die after procreation,
therefore, their offspring
don't learn anything from their parents,
who don't provide parental

care

Omicron

Covid-19 strain originating in multiple countries

Oneirogen

plants evoking and supporting dream/like states of consciousness, from Greek: óneiros, ὅνειρος, 'dream' and gen-, γεν-, Proto-indo-european *ģenh₁-, 'to create'

Pajama

femme

'doesn't rely on outward

appearances for identification' (Tastrom 2011)

Patriarchy

a social construction aimed to disempower, terrorise and kill women [footnote: men and women in this lexicon are placeholders for their social constructs]

Pimoa Cthulhu

from Gosiute dialect in the endangered Shoshoni language: pimoa, 'big legs', this spider is named after Lovecraft's Cthulhu sea monster and inspired Donna Haraway to name y/our day and age the

Chthulucene

Pirate bay, the the practice of attacking and robbing data

Plastic soup

is a name for marine plastic pollution consisting of an estimated 80% plastics including microplastics, floating around and suspended in oceans. Microplastics are found throughout all water bodies, from

glaciers to
not-necessarily-human/e bodies and
deep-sea sediments.
The largest single
source of pollution is estimated
to consist of
discarded fishing nets

Port

short for portmanteau, blending the sound and meaning of words or people as couples

Possession

having, owning and controlling someone or something, also by demonic spirits

Private life

employed for rendering the domestic space and its labour, abuse and social inequalities, invisible

Privilege

when one person is discriminated the other profits from privilege of that

discrimination; can be typified in the same ways as discrimination/s: sexed -, raced -, classed -, gendered privilege

Provenance

'also an object's biography,
describes the history of an object in
terms of the context in which it was
made and who made it, of its use value
and exchange value through time,
of the ways in which it has passed
from the maker to subsequent
possessors.'

(Van Beurden, influenced by Kopytoff, Cultural Biography of Things 2017)

Psyche

can indicate mind, soul and spirit

Pulp

a soft, wet, shapeless mass

Radical solidarity

possibility of showing intersectional and interspecies solidarity, fighting for the most preyed upon in y/our interspecies societies!

Rain

symbolises a state of sheltering, tears cleansing those who are trapped in emotional blindness, reanimating what felt dark and dead (TBOS)

Rainforest

luxuriant forest, rich in biodiversity, currently under threat by logging and monoculture plantations

Rain

mother

sky god dispensing rains.

Nearly all the world's
mythologies include reference to a
divine flood, wherein
the sky deities wipe out worlds before
recreation or repopulation
in a new age (TBOS)

Rape

is a form of terrorism (Radical Women Manifesto Platform 1967)

Ratu Roro Kidul

Javanese mythological female sea monster of the South Sea

Rematriation

as a step in decolonisation and a relatively new term, this is the possible recovery

of lost roots and knowledges, tracing
matriarchal lineages and their
knowledge systems that
were erased by colonial and
imperialist
ideologies

Reparation

acts and gestures of repair in the shape
of financial compensation, for
the absence of
stolen goods and
economic losses in retrospect

Repatriation

returning cultural objects and lost, stolen and booted heritage to the country and people who made them

Response-ability

y/our ability to respond! coined by Karen Barad (according to Barad)

Sainokawara

the riverside of Sai; in Buddhist folk teaching, the site is a pathway from this world to the world after death

Saliva

water with memory

Salt

something that adds freshness

Salt of the earth, the

(interspecies) person or group of (interspecies) people who show great kindness, reliability and honesty

Scientific method

'tortures nature to reveal her secret' (Shaviro 2017)

Sea

organ culture that can see in

the dark

Sea snot

or marine mucilage, is considered as a similar function to snot in other organisms, a result of imbalance in marine ecosystems, caused by the climate crisis, transports marine diseases

Sea vegetables

or sea weeds! are a
staple in the whole
grain-based vegan
healing diet of
macrobiotics, aimed to cleanse the soul,
recuperate memory
of past and
future, increase symmetry

of the body and facial features, and thoroughly ecological

Shipwreck/s

the largest shipwreck or marine
disaster to date was
the bombing of the Junyo Maru
in 1944 in the South
Sea, killing approximately

5,620 people. Most of the few hundred people who survived the shipwreck, died during imprisonment while working on the 200km long Pekanbaru railroad, a labour camp, killing more than 80,000 people

Shore

place where y/our waterbody meets a piece of land

Sirens

women or winged creatures who

mythically lured

sailors to steer their

ships onto rocks

Slavery

contemporary slavery,

or human trafficking, is

approximated to encompass the

enslavement of 40 million people,

a quarter of which are children, held captive to do forced labour in the private

sector and/or enter forced

marriages. Current

enslavement of people includes recruiting

child soldiers and

sex trafficking.

Most of the enslaved

population are

living in and/or coming

from Asia (2019)

Snake

the underworld realm of the

dead that snakes mythically

inhabit is also the fecund ground from which new life emerges, a place of healing and form of ancestral spirit (TBOS)

Spoils of
war
everything that is looted and
stolen during
wartime

Statues also die known as the first Western anticolonial film and video-essay medium. There would be nothing to prevent us from being, together, the inheritors of two pasts if that quality could in the present. Less remarked, it recovered by the only equality is prefigured denied to no one... that of repression' (00:29:03---00:29:14. Marker and Resnais, 1953)

Storm

gods

often associated with mythic animals like the bull and the ram, which embodied such dynamic energies, these sons of cosmic power became saviours, healers or gods of vegetation, who would die and be resurrected with each new agricultural

Stranded

(TBOS)

of a boat, sailor or sea creature: left aground on a shore

Struggle

year

and struggle

some more

Supine

failing to act or protest as a result of moral weakness or indolence

Swamp

an area of low-lying uncultivated ground where water collects

Sweat

effort,

hard work

Technologies

the poisonous emissions of y/our technologies have been answered by the anomalous rains and flooding of global warming (TBOS)

Tentacular erotica

also known as tentacular rape, is a pornography genre of people (being coerced into) having sex with octopuses

Thalassography

study of the ocean

Third Pole, the

also the Roof of the World. After the North and South Poles, this region contains the largest freshwater reserve on the planet, encompassing the Hindu
Kush Himalayas Mountain range and the
Tibetan Plateau. The Third Pole feeds
the ten largest
rivers in South-Asia with fresh
water, providing in total
water to
nearly a quarter of the
global population

Tidalectics

making the art of discussion
wavy, watery, oceanic, magnetic,
moon-infused and tidal, tidalectics is
a poetic tool coined by writer Kamau
Braithwaite, to engage with the
deep-seated traumatic herstory of
overseas enslavement of
people during the last 500
years

Tide

a powerful surge of feeling

Tokenism

symbolic inclusion of marginalised people

Transatlantic slavery

is the violent enslavement of African people, transporting people as goods in often lethal conditions in the cargo holds of ships, in order to be sold in the Americas.

Looking at

maps showing the ways of transporting enslaved people as human cargo, people are stowed away under the planks below deck, looking like bodies in a mass grave

Transfusion

to pour blood or its components from one (interspecies) person into another

Trouble

make more more more

VOC

the Verenigde Oost-Indische Dutch Compagnie, or the East-India Company in English, enforced trade relations with the former Dutch Fast-Indies, As the world's first multinational company. wonders what validates the one insistence on calling VOC's aggressive military presence and colonial government 'trade'. The VOC is the name for exploitation colonialism, illegal occupation, violent oppression and genocide, Indonesia region that is now

Wages housework

'as a demand, is the only revolutionary perspective from a feminist viewpoint and ultimately for the entire working class' (Federici 1974) and a potential form for universal income

for

Warming

'the world is warming and we humans are to blame' (Wang 2021)

Washing

making a particular reality seem better or different from what it really is

Water

'[this] water has been in cycle for MILLIONS OF YEARS, falling to earth, quenching horses, elephants, lizards, dinosaurs, humans.

They pissed,

they died,

their water evaporated and gathered again into clouds to drizzle down AND STORM DOWN into rivers,

puddles, aqueducts, and

ancient cupped hands' (CAConrad, Storm SOAKED Bread, soma(tic) ritual)

Wave

a sudden occurrence or increase in a feeling or emotion

Wealth

makes people drunk and able to forget (Fanon 1963)

Wetland

landscape saturated with water, soils and waterbodies

Witchcraft

'[if] the land is being poisoned, Witchcraft must respond' (Grey 2013)

Woman

'until we recognise

y/our slavery

we cannot recognise
our
struggle against it'

(Federici 1974)

Xenophobia

the construction and instillment of fear for things dissimilar. constructed by

and for the benefit of patriarchy / imperialism

cis-white-male-gaze / to take a stranglehold

other, alien and foreign,

that are different,

XF, Xenofeminism

is gender-abolitionist (...) and alienation is the labour of freedom's

construction; nothing should be accepted as fixed, permanent,

or 'given' - neither

material conditions nor social forms (Laboria

Cuboniks 2015)



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Through the reflective surface and from our own liquid bodies, we imagine the ocean as a sensorium that feels, perceives, registers and creates.

Most of what happens in the ocean, we cannot perceive with our own senses. Yet we are doing enormous damage to it. The ocean should therefore also be considered a 'critical zone' threatened by human activities and greedy extractive economies.

If we take the ocean as a discontinuous and asynchronous time-space, this critical zone also includes histories of exploitation, fear and death: from transatlantic slave trade to contemporary boat refugees and coastal and islanders displaced by sea-level rise.

What is an ocean in terms of ideology? What kind of power relations are at work and how can we create a new sensitivity and awareness of what is outside our own sensory or biased system?

From another perspective, the ocean can also be experienced as a transformative and immersive space: a space of affect and metamorphosis in which bodies and identities become fluid, and in which human and non-human entities meet

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