



OTHERWISE
Multisensorial &
Experimental
Festival
01.03.2019 —
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Open Call
Submission ends:
21.12.2018

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Open for
every discipline

IN RESPONSE TO THE IDEA OF THE POST-ANTHROPOCENE, A LIFE AFTER HUMAN EXCEPTIONALISM, ECOLOGICAL CATASTROPHES, POLITICAL EXTREMISM, AND ACCELERATED GLOBAL FOSSIL CAPITALISM, WE AIM TO SEEK STRATEGIES AND PRACTICES THAT HELP US OVERCOME THE STASIS THAT ORIGINATES FROM ONE DOMINANT NARRATIVE PROCLAIMING DOOMSDAY AND NO POSSIBLE WAY OUT.

About: With OTHERWISE we want to encourage participants to stay with the trouble we are facing – some of us sooner than others. Acknowledging the fact that asymmetrical power structures, uneven distribution of risk and responsibility and a non-correlative cause-effect relationship are the nature of the Anthropocene discourse, we are looking for survival strategies nevertheless. Bringing together approaches ranging from aesthetics to activism, art to policy making, global south to north, OTHERWISE aims to reframe disaster as the potential for transformation – what is left otherwise?

Open Call: For this first edition of the festival we look for proposals that challenge the concept of the Anthropocene by creating surprising relations, subverting, outplaying, forming resistance, altering perception, reconstructing histories or futures in order to enable collective transformation, glimmers of hope or just pure survival.

We welcome approaches which are serious and cynical, situated and distributed, political and aesthetical interventions, performances, workshops, platforms and experiences of all sorts of kind and format. Topics might range

from ASMR to VR therapy, AI dreaming and cloud-castle building, unwhitening and mixology, metabolic rifting and metabolisms of sorts. Most importantly, sessions should be experimental in their form and participatory in their setup showing a clear link to the festival's theme.

We strongly encourage submissions by individuals or collectives who are interested in collaborative and experimental research practices and who are available throughout the whole duration of the festival. Submissions may come from a range of backgrounds bridging disciplines, methods and values.

As a session leader you are automatically counted participant for the other sessions due to the nature of the event.

[Please submit your proposal until 21.12.2018 to **proposal@h0.institute** formatted as one PDF.](#)

The file should include:

1. An outline of your format, process, methods and outcome
2. The maximum number of participants
3. The approximate duration
4. Requirements in terms of space and equipment needed and brought along
5. A short CV and motivation for your participation.

We will get back to all proposals by the end of 2018. For the chosen submissions travel and stay will be covered. If you apply as a collective please note, as for now, we can only guarantee travel and stay for one person per session.

The Initiative: OTHERWISE is initiated and curated by Michaela Büsse (PhD candidate Institute for Experimental Design and Media Cultures) and Benjamin Burger (Artistic Director of the art and performance production EXTRALEBEN) as part of their ongoing artistic research project H₀ — Institute for Metamorphosis.

H₀ is the scientific abbreviation for Null Hypothesis and as thus represents for us the omnipresence, indulgence and constant beaconing of grey goo scenarios in the light of the so-called Anthropocene.

Through aesthetic investigations into the full spectrum of contingencies Institute for Metamorphosis aims to systematically disprove H₀ by unsettling what is taken for granted with specific, speculative, minor and situated counter practices. The result at the end of this long-term project will be different hypotheses of transformation and adaptation mediated through different events, performances and publications.

— The project is produced by EXTRALEBEN and co-produced by Gessnerallee Zurich. Funded through the generous support of City of Zurich.

For questions and inquiries please send an email to info@h0.institute

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