

Reimagining the Future

Utopian Away Day 5th November 2016
Institute of Utopian Studies, Malta

Call for Contributions

The Utopian Away Day is organised to facilitate debate about departures from hegemonic 'realism': alternative futures, alternative spaces. We invite artists, scholars, writers and activists to propose contributions engaging with utopia as a concept for socio-political change: utopian approaches to current political issues, visions of new public spheres, and imaginative projections of different realities.

'Reimagining the future' in a utopian perspective means to envision and debate notions of a radical other of present realities and to experiment with applying them in the here and now. An 'away day' happens 'off site' in order to create a utopian 'no place' outside of dominant discourses and power structures.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

Utopian Perspectives on Socio-Political and Environmental Issues
Utopia Without Borders - Beyond the Nation State
Futures Studies
Utopian Literature and Science Fiction
Radical Education, Radical Emancipation - towards a Utopian Revolution
Gender, Sexuality and Love in Utopian Perspectives
Utopian Bodies, Subjects, Individuals Creating and Living (in) Utopia
After Capitalism
Beyond Reality

Contributions can be in the form of oral presentations (10, 20 or 30 minutes = 1500, 3000 or 4500 words), posters, or installations, performance-lectures.

Proposals (500 words max.) should reach the organising committee via email to utopianstudiesinstitute@gmail.com by Friday, 13th May 2016, and should also indicate the format and length of the planned contribution as well as any technical requirements.

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