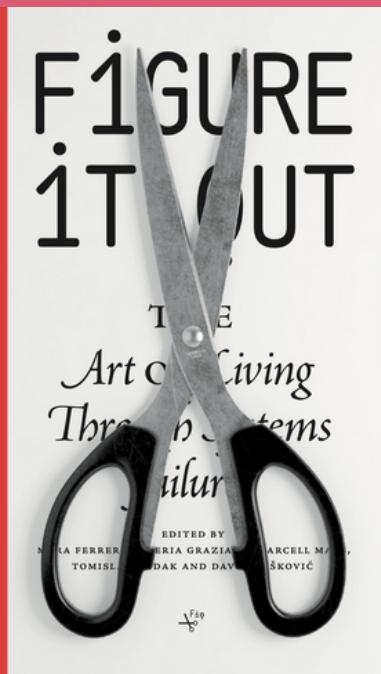


FIGURE IT OUT: THE ART OF LIVING THROUGH SYSTEM FAILURES

This seminar will explore practices and phenomena of communities and populations that are failed by systems and institutions. Trapped within constraining situations, these people often develop strategies of lying, cheating and stealing to counter their limitations and powerlessness vis-à-vis these systems. From the position of the dispossessed and excluded, actions and practices that would be condemned in the mainstream assume a different ethical and political connotation. These practices have expanded into the digital sphere as well, where they are getting recombined in interesting ways facing new kinds of algorithmic power structures. The seminar will depart from a discussion of the project 'Figure It Out. The Art of Living Through System Failures' to explore the dynamics of contemporary popular illegalisms. It will share reflections on the ethics of refusal (cf. Ortnr, 1995; Simpson, 2007) that has guided the methodology, and on its implications for a reflection on the contemporary political conjuncture.



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