Feminist Duration: A Reading Group on Feminisms, Consciousness-Raising and Leave-Taking

Tue 01 Dec, 7pm at SPACE, Mare Street

The next meeting of the Feminist Duration Reading Group will focus on translation as a feminist practice.

Together we will read sections of Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak’s “The Politics of Translation” from her book *Outside in the Teaching Machine* (1993). Though the essay does not relate directly to the reading group’s primary focus on the texts and practices of Italian feminisms, we will consider how Spivak’s emphasis on translation as an imperative for feminist politics relates to the group’s overall aims and ambitions.

Three short introductory excerpts, taken from Italian feminist texts in English-language editions, are included as supplementary reading. Teresa de Lauretis and Lucia Chiavola Birnbaum’s translation notes, though brief, highlight several issues relating to the interpretation of Italian feminist texts in a second language. Navigating these issues, Sandra Kemp and Paola Bono’s introduction to *The Lovely Mirror: Italian Perspectives on Feminist Theory* presents, instead of a
traditional introductory text, a Q&A between a British academic and her Italian colleague.

The Feminist Duration Reading Group is open to all. Please contact the Feminist Duration organisers if you would like to receive the readings: feministduration@gmail.com

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