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

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Tue 08 Sep, 7pm
at SPACE

This monthly reading group considers the resonance of earlier moments of feminist thinking, art and activism in contemporary life. Juxtaposing texts from the 1970s and 1980s with current positions, the group highlights feminist concepts of intimacy, communication and collectivity. The relevance of the practice of consciousness-raising, or *autocoscienza* within Italian feminism, is explored. Might a return to such tactics help us to combat the exhaustion, fragmentation and anxiety that we experience under networked capitalism today? What are the potentials, and pitfalls, of such collective processes of talking, listening, and analysing?

We will focus on the debate around domestic labour exemplified in the campaign for Lotta Femminista/Wages for Housework.

Readings are:

-Mariarosa Dalla Costa and Selma James, 'The Power of Women and the Subversion of the Community,' 1972 [start p.16, 'Surplus Value and the Social Factory']

-**Silvia Federici, Wages Against Housework, 1975**

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The Feminist Duration Reading Group builds on the research symposium **Feminist Duration in Art and Curating** that took part in Art Department at Goldsmiths, University of London, in March 2015.

The Reading Group is part of a series of events – some public, others more intimate and unprofessionalised – that will culminate in a weekend of public activities in London in December 2015.

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