SPACES OF DISSENT

[Image description: an iceberg with a large chunk of ice breaking off]

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THE CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE
of rising right-wing governments
throughout the world has necessitated a
political urgency for resistance and
creation of spaces of dissent. For many, this
has caused a shock and has been an
alarming call to action.

However, for the marginalized groups, the
current political climate is simply an
increase of continuous oppression,
surveillance, and domination. How, then,
do we organize politically without resorting
to singularity and uniformity? How are
these varying subject positions, with
different histories and perspectives,
negotiated in spaces of dissent?

What kinds of meanings and knowledges
are generated in spaces of dissent?

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TOPICS MAY INCLUDE BUT ARE
NOT LIMITED TO:

• Geographical spaces of conflict -
  occupation and borders
• Negotiating and articulating difference
  in activist spaces
• Fostering community and the
  construction of “safe spaces”
• Spaces of dissent and opposition within
  institutions
• The political potential of pedagogical
  or classroom spaces
• Student activism, student organizations
  (autonomous or affiliated to political
  parties)
• Indigenous and/or local spaces as
  opposed to diasporic spaces
• Cultural spaces (theatre, art and
  popular culture)
• Virtual spaces (Internet, social media,
  gaming etc)