

The Reading Group Journal: Call for Papers

- **Preamble:**

As you know, the Reading Group aspires to produce an annual journal. This journal will provide a place for all Reading Group participants, past and present, to publish their own theoretical activity, however, and in whatever form that theorising is enacted.

We therefore call for submissions from all Reading Group Participants for the journal which will be published in time for the end of year celebrations (i.e.: the Reading Group barbeque).

- **The Call Itself:**

The Reading Group Journal is willing and eager to accept any kind of publishable theoretical activity, in whatever form the author deems appropriate.

There is no minimum word limit, although it is imagined that 5000 words (which is a standard publishing submission requirement) will suit as a maximum word count. Of course, this is entirely negotiable and can be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

- **Suggested Topics:**

You may wish to theorise or critique any of the following topics. These are, of course, only suggestions and you are free to develop any work you feel is appropriate.

Your discipline:

Its place, function, performance and reception in this country or abroad.

Its history, tradition, training mechanisms.

Those people who are excluded from it, disciplined by it, find ways to speak through it or are spoken by it.

Institutions:

As general structures of control, training, surveillance and moderation.

As specific instances of intervention into the active self; social subject; sexed and/or gendered and/or raced/ethnic individual; performing body.

As ways of generating the conditions of their own continuation.

As means of promoting, generating or restricting artistic or creative practice.

Subjectivity:

Ways in which one is subject to, controlled by, or responds to, discourses of identity; sexuality; gender; art and artisanal practice; creativity; economic demands; industrial factors.

Obstacles to, or routes towards, becoming one's self as an individual; a creative practitioner; a sexed and/or gendered and/or raced/ethnic being.

Intellectualism:

Its place, role and function in society; this society; institutions; this institution.

Difficulties in performing as, recognising one's self as, or being recognised as.

Non-canonical / non-traditional / non-Western ways of performing or inhabiting intellectual space.

- **The Formatting Requirements:**

Please submit your manuscripts electronically (to swilson2@unitec.ac.nz) either as Word Doc. or DocX files.

Double space all texts. Insert page numbers in the top right hand corner. On the title page write your name, your contact details and the title of the paper. Insert your name, contact details and paper title into the document's header or footer (to ensure that every page, once printed for editing purposes, can be traced back to you).

Any personal information will be removed prior to printing.

Please follow the institution's referencing requirements. The Reading Group Journal utilises the APA referencing system and prefers endnotes to footnotes.

- **The Legal Requirements:**

There is no restriction to the topic or content to your work. The Reading Group editors will not censor your work (although we reserve the right to distance ourselves from it). You are therefore free to engage with any topic that you find interesting, infuriating, or energising.

You are free to include images in your work. However, if these images are not your own, copyright clearance must be obtained by you prior to the journal going to print. Because this journal will be circulating publically, all applicable local and international copyright laws must be obeyed.

Your published work remains your own. The Reading Group Journal will not have any right to reproduce your work without your permission. You are free to

offer your work for publication elsewhere after the Reading Group Journal is published.

- **The Due By Dates:**

Finished, edited and revised copies of your work are required by Friday 25th September.

The Journal will be published by 6th November.

In order to meet these dates, especially if editing and revision of individual papers is required. It is suggested that preliminary work begins soon.

- **A Final Word:**

The Reading Group Journal editors offer full editorial support to you during the writing process. This includes proof-reading, revision guidance and research assistance (subject to other demands, of course).