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Molecular Revolts in Europe - transversal web journal issue extended

We are adding three more texts to the transversal issue “Molecular Revolts in Europe”: In her interview, Ljubica Gojgić delves deeper into Boris Buden's positions on the student protests in Serbia, while new essays by Marios Emmanouilidis and Alp Kayserilioğlu provide insights and political-theoretical interpretations of the molecular movements in Greece and Turkey.

Molecular Revolts in Europe

The molecular revolts in Europe have common starting points, and they also produce similar forms of action and organization. Common starting points are the collapse of infrastructure, literally like the train disaster in Tempi, Greece, on February 28, 2023, and the collapse of the station canopy in Novi Sad, Serbia, on November 1, 2024, but also the corruption that caused these tragic incidents and threatens to cover up the responsibilities afterwards. Equally common, however, are less eventful starting points, such as the erosion of healthcare infrastructures or those for housing by real estate business and global tourism industries.

The response of current social movements is not at the molar level of the state, parties and oppositions, but at the molecular level. For more than four months now, Serbian students have been gathering for blockades, vigils and massive demonstrations, and they have been declaring President Vučić and his regime to be neither relevant nor competent for their demands. They are against representation, against the nexus of machinic capitalism and liberal-representative democracy, but even more fundamentally against the principle of representation in general. At the same time, the movements do not see themselves as anti-state, but rather as acting past the state, alongside the state, under the state, in some cases even affirming it when they demand that its institutions do their job.

It is precisely in the ruins of statehood, infrastructure and ecology that new socialities are emerging that counter techno-fascist and political corruption with a micro-political, socio-aesthetic and molecular approach. The current issue of transversal brings together analyses, theoretical updates and accompanying texts on the concrete protests in Serbia, Greece, Turkey and Spain.

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