



16. June 2020, Prof. Dr. Silvia Federici

This exceptional situation again illustrates something that feminist Silvia Federici – one of the founders of the International Feminist Collective – have been demanding since the seventies with their campaign Wages for Housework. They call for recognition of reproductive labour as labour. In her latest book „Beyond the Periphery of the Skin. Rethinking, Remaking, and Reclaiming the Body in Contemporary Capitalism“, Federici looks at the different manifestations of the “body” as a ground of confrontation with the state and a vehicle for transformative social practices. “Concurrently, the body has become a signifier for the reproduction crisis the neoliberal turn in capitalist development has generated and for the international surge in institutional repression and public violence.”

Silvia Federici is Emerita Professor at Hofstra University (Hempstead, New York). Her field of research is political philosophy and women’s studies. She has also contributed various essays on educational and cultural politics. In the 1970s she was a cofounder of the International Feminist Collective. From 1991 to 2003, after a period of teaching at the University of Port Harcourt in Nigeria, she was a co-founder of the Committee for Academic Freedom in Africa and co-editor of the CAFA Bulletin. From 1995 to 2002 she has also helped found the Anti-death-penalty project of the U.S. based Radical Philosophy Association. Her published work include: *Caliban and the Witch. Women, the Body and Primitive Accumulation*; *Revolution at Point Zero: Housework, Reproduction and Feminist Struggles*; *A Thousand Flowers: Social Struggles Against Structural Adjustment in African Universities* (coeditor); *Enduring Western Civilization: the Construction of the Concept of the 'West' and its 'Others'* (editor).

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