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MAPP (Methods, Affects, & Practical Pedagogies) is one of three 'labs' at School of Commons (SOC). Centered around hands-on practices of learning, MAPP offers space to the research, development, and implementation of alternative education within a small, supportive community. MAPPs are intended for individuals and collectives who have a practicing interest in the field of experimental pedagogy and iterations of commoning. Through self-conducted research, the creation of practical exercises and work sessions, and close collaboration with other SOC labs, MAPP aims to produce practicable tools, methods, and prompts in support of different forms of living, learning, and working together.

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About this Call

This is a migrating open call for two 3-months research positions at MAPP, a practice-producing lab at School of Commons (SOC). We'd like to invite individuals and collectives with a practicing interest in alternative education to dive deeper into their research and develop experimental pedagogical models within the framework of SOC. For 2020, we would like to focus on two specific topics; 1) Decolonising practices in the production and distribution of knowledge, and 2) The digital realm as educational environment. These topics are further described in our online info sheet. We particularly encourage applications from people with underrepresented backgrounds, including (but not limited to) BAME, female, first-gen, and LGBTIQ+ persons as well as persons with disabilities. If you know anyone who might be interested to apply, please share this file with them! Ideally, this allows us to reach people who would otherwise be excluded from the selection process.

For detailed information about MAPP please read our [online info sheet](#)

What we offer

- o Two 3-month research positions (31 August – 06 December 2020) which can be conducted from anywhere. However, we would welcome participants to come for an optional short term (1-2 week) residency in Zürich in November.
- o Financial remuneration
- o A supportive environment, frequent exchange with peers, openness to experiment, and the opportunity to share your work with a wider audience
- o Self-determination of working hours/effort and content

Open Positions

- o Decolonising practices in the production and distribution of knowledge: 1 place for 2020 (see our online info sheet for details)
- o The digital realm as educational environment: 1 place for 2020 (see our online info sheet for details)

Formal Requirements

- o No CV's, no biography, no formal educational requirements
- o We accept applications of individuals as well as duos/collectives
- o Applicants may only apply to one position
- o If you are affiliated with School of Commons in 2020 already, we're unfortunately not able to offer you any of the open positions
- o Applications must be submitted either in English or German

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How to Apply

- o Deadline: July 31st, 2020, 11.59 p.m. GMT+1.
- o Please read our [online info sheet](#) carefully before applying
- o Fill in the application form via: <https://forms.gle/LconAyo393yixvbd7>
- o Anonymity: please submit your application anonymously, thereby omitting as much personal information as possible.

Application Requirements

Please submit a proposal of maximum 600 words, consisting of:

- (1) Working title of your project.
- (2) Present and explain your topic and research interest and point out one or two tentative questions or theses. Explain why you believe this topic is worthwhile to pursue within the context of MAPP and SOC.
- (3) Explain how you imagine to translate your research into practice, and in what ways you would share these practices in 3 work sessions. If possible, tell us more about how you imagine the work sessions (i.e. form, duration, location, accessibility, etc.).
- (4) Explain shortly how you will make use of previous work conducted and, if available, previous teaching/commoning experiences.
- (5) Tell us whether you currently plan to come to Zürich in person in November and why you would/would not come (coming to Zürich is optional and your answer does not influence your chances in being selected).

You will not need to do exactly what you described in your proposal. However, it is key that we get an understanding of what your participation would entail.

Selection

Selection is made by the SOC management team and a group of peer reviewers who are currently participants at SOC. Selection is based upon completeness of submitted materials, feasibility of the project, and how well the project connects to the aims and research areas of SOC. You will be notified with the results of the selection within two weeks after the application deadline.

Please keep an eye on your spam folder, as our emails tend to end up there. For any questions, please get in touch via: apply@schoolofcommons.org. We're looking forward to receiving your applications!