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READ (Research Ecologies & Archival Development) is one of three 'labs' at the School of Commons (SOC). SOC is a community-based initiative dedicated to the study and development of decentred knowledge with a focus on self-organisation. READ develops, presents and collects theory within the broader field of knowledge production. READ assembles two kinds of participants; 'editors' and 'mediators'. While editors produce a number of texts, mediators pursue a research project to be published in a series of online mediations. Additionally, along with other members of the SOC, participants jointly develop a series of roundtables. The roundtables connect READ-research with that of other SOC labs and host discussions on issues within the field of knowledge production. They will culminate in a public discussion at the end of the year.

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OPEN CALL - KEY FACTS

About this Call

This is a migrating open call for four 3-months fellowships at READ, a theory-producing lab at School of Commons (SOC). READ invites young researchers and other knowledge producers to work on a topic of their choosing, to mediate it online, and to collaborate with other peers. READ research draws upon intellectual resources from a variety of fields and disciplines. 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 READ, please read our online info sheet](#)

What we offer

- o Four 3-month fellowships (31 August – 06 December 2020) which can be conducted from home
- o Financial remuneration
- o A supportive environment, frequent exchange with peers, and the opportunity to share your work with a wider audience
- o Self-determination of working hours/effort and content

Open Positions

- o Mediators: 1 place for 2020 (1 is already occupied)
- o Editors: 3 places for 2020 (0 are currently occupied)

Formal Requirements

- o No CV's, no biography, no formal educational requirements
- o We only accept applications of individuals
- o One person can 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

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/2U6WZWJLozUbXbUT9>
- o Anonymity: please submit your application anonymously, thereby omitting as much personal information as possible.

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Application Requirements Mediators

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 READ.
- (3) Explain how you would mediate your research throughout 6 units from an intro into your subject up to your own personal thesis/ question/ approach.
- (4) Explain shortly how you will make use of previous work conducted and, if available, previous mediation experiences.
- (5) Pitch a topic/question/claim for a roundtable in 1 sentence.

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.

Application Requirements Editors

Please submit a proposal of maximum 300 words, consisting of:

- (1) Working title of your project.
- (2) Point out a specific issue that you will address with your contributions and state a provisional thesis in response of this issue. Explain why you believe this issue is worthwhile to pursue within the context of READ.
- (3) Highlight how you expect to present your contribution: amount of individual contributions, medium (e.g. text and pictures), and anticipated extent (e.g. 4000 words).
- (4) Pitch a topic/question/claim for a roundtable in 1 sentence.

Please include one writing sample of max. 2000 words. Make sure that it is anonymous and include an abstract of max. 200 words.

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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 with Philipp Spillmann: philipp.spillmann@gmail.com. We're looking forward to receiving your applications!