



In this talk, Prof. Halberstam backs away from the idea of a built utopia and explores experiments with the idea of unbuilding, not-owning, confronting and then queerly inflecting these strategies by thinking about them alongside the an/architectural experiments of the 1970's. Through a deep dive into an earlier set of aesthetic and performance experiments in dereliction, we learn how to oppose ownership through dis-possession, development through demolition, profit through the embrace of nothing.

Turning back to 1970's feminist fantasies of anarchist rebellion committed to violent insurrection, and engaged in a violent confrontation with sexual violence and violation, we will find absurdist gestures, destructive ruptures and camp interventions searching for other logics of rebellion and different grammars of doing and being, un/worlding and un/making, confronting and destroying. And, as this vocabulary suggests, we will have to engage the question of violence.

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**Workshop «Trans After Trans»**

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