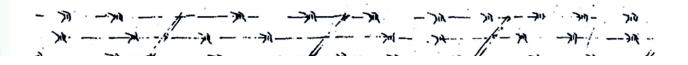
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What comes first and therefore is *chief* ?

Ontology...: Study of the nature of existence or being as such. ...Nomology: The science of law or laws.

An archive holds both ontological aspects (related to the nature of existence) and nomological (law-like) principles.

Archons were considered to possess — and therefore possess the right to make, and represent — the law.

" They do not only ensure the physical security of what is deposited and of the substrate. They are also accorded the hermeneutic right and competence. They have the power to interpret the archives. "

Hermeneutic: Method or theory of interpretation. Concerning interpretation.

The functions of hermeneutics are: "the functions of unification, of identification, of classification."

"Legitimate hermeneutic authority" :

The one who holds the archive (the data) is in the position (and has the authority) to interpret it.

Domiciliation : Establishment at a place of residence.

"It is thus, in this domiciliation, in this house arrest, that archives take place. The dwelling, this place where they dwell permanently, marks this institutional passage from the private to the public, ..."

The discourse produces the knowledge, the understanding of it.

A concept doesn't exist until we say it does.

Edict:

A decree or proclamation issued by an authority, and having the force of law.

The passage from the domestic to the *public = property + the edicts*.

Still a private matter even though made public – still stored in private places.

Private > Public > Nonsecret?

"...which does not always mean from the secret to the nonsecret."

The "public" archive VS where it is held : in private homes.

Archives change from a private – as in the homes of certain individuals (archons) – to a public matter. Archons are entrusted with the interpretation of the documents they were collecting — the documents that also determined the law.

Getting a first impression



When having first contact with the material that will constitute your work, getting a quick first overview and comprehending the scale of it can influence the development of your process drastically. The reason for this is that, especially in time-limited projects, the first impressions significantly affect or even determine the creative and conceptual design that you decide for. Therefore, the fist contact with the material should be made with caution and calmness. In order to get a good overview of the archival material, when we first encountered it, we divided the documents, skimmed them and created a polyptych summary that also served as a basis for a collective discussion. Beforehand, we had trained our understanding of text

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in order to be able to process the material effectively.

Code of conduct



We created a code of conduct to make sure that we were on the same page about the fundamentals of our regular interactions as a group. It served as a reference on how to approach each other and helped prevent avoidable, unconstructive conflict.

Listen, don't interrupt. Listen actively - Show that you've understood.

If you don't agree, you can still accept others opinions. When negotiating, be convivial (be nice!).

Ask what is needed before you give.

If personal issues arise, try to address/resolve - if not: park it for the sake of the project.

When you don't understand, ask for help (be humble).

Be aware of the space you take. (Check temperature - silence is OKAY!)

Before making a decision, check with others (might be an unhappy average).

Speak for yourself and your own experience (see links: nonviolent communication)

Use "AND" instead of "BUT" and "HOWEVER".

These rules can be modified by consensus.

Obtaining background knowledge



To develop an understanding of a complex topic, basic research on/offline - is the first necessary step to take. Talking about the facts as a group and/or collectively reading texts on the topic can help in the process. If possible, the best way to develop a deeper understanding is to get in touch with experts and/or witnesses. In the best case, to conduct an interview or even organize a meeting as a group or a workshop on the topic. Also taking as many different points of view, even if you don't agree with them, is an imperative to create a differentiated opinion on a complex matter.

Black Box: Anything that has mysterious or unknown internal functions or mechanisms.

Archive as a blackbox. The mechanisms within are invisible, visible only to the privileged.

We see the inputs and outputs but not the actions within. Hidden processes of interpretation.

The archon imposes the law as he has interpreted it, but we folks, have no idea on how he came to the conclusions).

Topology: TÓπOς (place, locality) +logy (study of).

Computers The arrangement in which the nodes of a network are connected to each other.

"With such a status, the documents, which are not always discursive writings, are only kept and classified under the title of the archive by virtue of a privileged topology."

Physical archives were made public but they were not necessarily promulgated - neither were everyone.

It was a very enclosed and untransparent matter - the internal processes were not disclosed.

The herme(neu)tic they accessible to tradition

Topo-nomology : The intersection between the place and the law.

"At the intersection of the topological and the nomological, of the place and the law, of the substrate and the authority [...]. They all have to do with this toponomology, with this archontic dimension of domiciliation... "

The ones that interpret these documents are the ones making the rules.

The connection between property, knowledge, and power is established.

Polyptych Summary



Traditionally a polyptych is a painting, split into multiple sections. In this case, we used the idea of a polyptych as an exercise that enabled us to get a first impression of the archive material.

Skim the material and intuitively look for subjectively interesting details that seem meaningful to you or stand out for any reason. In order to create the polyptych, collect a set number of these details, approximately 30. Each detail should be enlarged to fill an A4 page. Afterwards, print out your personal collection, arrange it on the floor in an order that Special Issue 11

appeals to you in whatever way. As everybody in the group does this, take time to to look at the formations (polyptychs) of each individual, let them explain their work, observations and methods behind the ordering system. Discuss it collectively, reordering as you see fit.

Property x Knowledge x Power

To own and share the knowledge is to own the power.

Archiving comes from, and gives, a position of power.

The archivist always holds the power to frame the material.

The archive is affiliated with the institution or power, which is never neutral.

"...with this archic, in truth patriarchic function, without which no archive would ever come into play or appear as such."

"Archon" also has a negative, tyrannical connotation.

The "archive" (mostly considered as a neutral instance) actually comes from a rather
authoritarian
history/concept.

Archiving as a very patriarchal practice.

The patriarch refers to the material/book/law text, as if he was a servant of it, and says, "It's not my fault what's in it." lol.

The arrogance of power.

Supremacy: Supreme authority or power.

Content must be categorized in order to be called an archive. It has a particular set of procedures, it strives for a permanence.

The link between the right to archive and power, as well as the right for people in power to select and interpret, doesn't sound like a good idea.

Don't we all strive for permanence?

Categorizing the material



To be able to navigate the material, you have to make connections in between the documents, get an overview of all of the existing

data and from this develop a structure for the archive. We chose to categorize the material with content and format related categories. To start, each person skimmed a portion of the archive for which they were responsible (as decided when dividing the work). During this process, properties that we considered relevant and/or seemed to be recurring throughout the material were collected for each document. Furthermore, all categories and properties were gathered, discussed and reduced to the necessary. The thereby generated set of categories and properties was then applied to the documents by re-skimming them. The categories and properties were later used for the upload of the material to MediaWiki using page forms, which gave structure..

Paper

Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship Marxism Capitalism, socialism, class structure Readings, literature Soviet Union Economy Peoples Republic of China Socialist Republic of Vietnam Reforms Revolution Revolutionary armed struggle, revolutionary army Street fighting

A freudian Impression

Topography: A description or an analysis of a structured entity, showing the relations among its components.

"A science of the archive must include the theory of this institutionalization, that is to say, at once of the law which begins by inscribing itself there and of the right which authorizes it."

History does not write itself, it is written by people — almost exclusively by a dominant population.

Could it be co-written?

Demystify: To rid of mystery or obscurity, clarify.

Psychoanalysis as a tool to look at the nondisclosed processes of interpretation.

By questioning a system of belief, you can come closer to its origin, and its conditions of interpretation, of curation.

Through gaining understanding, some of its power transfers to you.

A subversive act: instead of focusing only on the content of the archive, one interprets the maker, therefore, undermines/questions their authority.

"This right imposes or supposes a bundle of limits that have a history, a deconstructable history."

Things can be understood contextually and historically, in relation to power structures and institutions that shaped their own concepts.

We can't detach the archive from politics and the long history behind it.

History, for example, being so very masculine and therefore the archive being so biased and excluding.

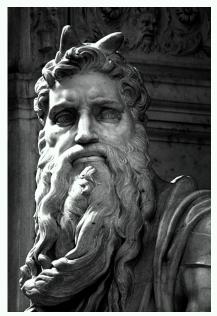
Also, the concept of the archive is biased towards written cultures and languages.

The fact that for a really long time, and still today, it is harder to archive oral cultures, and therefore cultures that archive themselves in text are usually dominant.

"Should one rely on what Freud says about this to classify his works? Should one for example take him at his word when he presents his Moses as a

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'historical novel'?"



Covenant: A usually formal, solemn, and binding agreement. A written agreement or promise

The intentions behind an archive can be dangerous if their objectivity is taken for granted.

Is the perpetually
reflexive state of a human
being possible?

Cognitive philosophy + post-structuralism = clash boom boom!

"The limits, the borders, and the distinctions have been shaken by an earthquake from which no classificational concept and no implementation of the archive can be sheltered."

To question a dominant archive's legitimacy can threaten its authority.

It exposes its subjectivities.

It challenges its supremacy.

What are the desires at stake? Who are/is the archivist.s? What are their motives? Political views? Class? Where are they from? Dissemination: To scatter widely. The opening of a subject to widespread discussion and debate.

Don't take information for granted — question its context and the reasons behind the process of selection.

Disseminate — consider all possible influences.

"Order is no longer assured."



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INFORMATION SOURCE>>channel >>RECEIVER



Communication is crucial.

Communication: Act or fact of communicating. Interchange of thoughts or opinions... "The era we are entering might well be characterized as an era of communication."

Language is never "just there", never neutral or innocent. Using words is taking actions.

Communication is the responsibility of decision!

Can someone avoid their responsibility by not communicating at all?

One can also avoid it by communicating!

Language: Any set or system of such symbols enabling people to communicate intelligibly with one another.

Just like with the archive, language can shelter and conceal itself.

Signal: A gesture, action, or sound that is used to convey information or instructions, typically by prearrangement between the parties concerned. Channel: *computers* A path for the transfer of signals or data within a computer or between a computer and its peripheral equipment. "The *information source* selects the desired message out of a set of possible messages, the transmitter changes the message into the *signal*, which is sent over the communications channel to the *receiver* where it is decoded back into the message and delivered to the destination."

Information source >
desired message > signal >
receiver.

Code: A system of signals used in transmitting messages.

A systematic collection of regulations or rules of procedure.

The transmission of the desired message depends on the source, the signal, and the destination.

The receiver and the transmitter have to understand the same code.

NOISE

Encoding: To change something into a system for sending messages secretly, or to represent complicated information in a simple or short way. Decoding: To discover the meaning of information given in a secret or complicated way or to understand the meaning of a word or phrase in a foreign language in the correct way. "Every such system contains noise."

A term used in the communications field to designate any outside force that acts on the transmitted signal to vary it from the original.

Information source >
desired message > signal +
noise > receiver.

Noise can prevent the information from getting through intact.

The transmission can change the message.

The encoding/decoding process - can blur/change the message.

"Let's take painting as an example of a signal transmitting a coded message."



Painting as language:

Information source =
painter's mind and
experience

Signal = the painting Receiver = those who see the painting

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The receivers' interpretations of the signal (here, painting) will depend on the noise.

Background: One's origin, education, experience, etc.,

fine arts The surface against which represented objects and forms are perceived or depicted. Background noise.

Noise does not necessarily mean sound.

Noise is everything that leads to the interpretation of the painting:

the eyes, and nervous systems, and previous conditionings of those who are watching it.

The background of the receiver might sometimes be so different from the transmitter's background that understanding the intended meaning may be challenging.

Noise = Interruption



Let us not begin at the beginning, nor even at the noise. But rather at the word "noise"- and with the noise of so familiar a word.

"The city rat invites the country rat, [...] where the city rat lives in the house of a big tax farmer. But we know that the feast is cut short. The two companions scurry off when they hear a noise at the door. It was only a noise, but it was also a message, a bit of information producing panic: ..."

"... an interruption, ..."

Interruption: A break in the continuity of something. Something that causes a stoppage or break in the continuity of something. "... a corruption, ... "

Corruption: Dishonest or illegal behavior, especially by powerful people.

DEPRAVITY

Inducement to wrong by improper or unlawful means (bribery)

"... a rupture of information."

Rupture:

Breaking apart, the state of being broken apart. A breach of peaceful or friendly relations. *specifically* open hostility or war between nations. Rupture de stock: *French* A deficiency in amount, a temporary lack of material that prevents from providing the demand. "Was the noise really a

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message? Wasn't it, rather, static, a parasite?"

Parasite: An organism that lives on or in an organism of another species, known as the host, from the body of which it obtains nutriment.



Noise can be parasitic.

Noise interrupts, corrupts, creates a rupture.

It does not necessarily mean sound.

Interruption = tactic/tool
to cease power.

Censorship can be a form of noise.

"If anything acts on the signal so as to bury it in an unpredictable and undesirable way in the communications system, it is noise."

Technical limitations



Under certain conditions it may be necessary to publish content without leaving a trace of identity behind. To protect the contributors and server locations also means working with some technical limitations. In our project, this boiled down to facing reduced bandwidth speed when accessing websites, hosted in the Dark Web through the Tor Browser, and also because of the necessity of implementing a static website. It makes no sense to try and work against these restrictions. Rather, we accept and find ways to work within the limitations. A clearly defined field of work can also speed up and enrich the process.

Embrace the limitations!

The "Rat" is always interrupted

Uniformity: Always the same, as in character or degree;

Lack of diversity or variation.

Uniformity, mass production, and standardisation, limit the fair distribution of resources (communicating resources).

Polyphony: *from greek* poly + phōnē speech. Music with two or more independent melodic parts sounded together.

Having a multitude of perpectives on a subject obviously broadens your understanding of it.

Here, the parasitic noise interrupts the feast, just like noise can interrupt communication between people.

Noise, when it interrupts, parasites, implies a hierarchy, a dependency.

It can narrow and withhold messages, distort others.

Distortion: The act of twisting or altering something out of its true, natural, or original state. A distortion of the facts. Information-washing of the dominant class is the distortion, the long-term static noise.

A class of people. The "white collar criminals", generating their own order.

Imposteur: *french* The word "Imposteur" means both "tax-collector" and "impostor". Tax Farmer: A parasite who has the last word, who produces disorder and who generates a different order."

A parasite, living off [...] the land.

Industry pillages and plunders: Such farmer is a part of a matrix. "The modern illness [...] , the engulfing of intelligence in the leisure [jouissance] of the homogeneous. [...] ; Real production is unexpected and improbable; it overflows with information and is always immediately parasited."



Matrix: The cultural, social, or political environment in which something develops.

A situation or surrounding substance within which something originates, develops, is contained "Freedom of expression is the matrix, the indispensable condition, of nearly every form of freedom".

Not being interrupted is coupled with power is a luxury - the "rat" is always interrupted, the "king" never.

If you are constantly being interrupted, you have to deviate to be heard.

It segments production.

"The situation repeats itself throughout history, for history has never lacked for political parasites. History is full of them, or maybe is made

solely of them. Dinner is served among the parasites."

Thread Model



A threat/thread model is a set of rules that lists and evaluates all the resources and contents of a project before starting to embark on the projects' journey. A threat model sets clear limits that must be respected when working together. During the process we have implemented a thread model to prevent the unwanted publication and communication of sensitive information.



Publishing in times of urgency

Idiosyncrasies: A structural or behavioral characteristic peculiar to an individual or group.

"The noise that tends to disrupt the signal can take many forms. It can be the quality of the light, or the color of the light, or the prejudices of the viewer, or the idiosyncrasies of the painter."

Propaganda: Information, ideas, or rumors deliberately spread widely to help or harm a person, group, movement, institution, nation, etc. Propaganda and censorship as a constant, parasitic noise.

Constant struggle, a fight for position.

Relation between information and energy.

"Professional archivists have the power and authority to construct a dominant narrative on virtually any topic. Unfortunately, the archival world is built on a legacy of colonialism, appropriation, and community disenfranchisement. The power imbalance between archivists and the marginalized communities they often document leads to the dissemination of inaccurate and harmful accounts." Reference:

Political urgency.

Authority controls resources.

For an oppressor,

distortion would be the noise of those who disagree with them.

Political dissidents create the noise that interrupt the feast of oppressors.

Resistance movements can generate a counter/ a different order.

From beyond this point and in this chain, everybody becomes a parasite.

Wikipedia edit wars: Conflict of interest or non-neutrality. When Wikipedia administrators/editors keep going back and fourth with statements in Wikipedia due to a lack of source.

This creates a bias towards statements that align with the government's views, since content published by dissidents are stategically and systematically censored and taken off the internet.

Wikipedia, for example, was not created for a world in which censorship still exists : Sources and references are being deleted, writers being chased after, etc...

Who gets to articulates the laws? Who articulates the memory of it ? Don't forget this.

Noise <

Redundancy

ashes

"It is communication that keeps a society together, and though these people seem unaware of each other's existence, neither looking nor speaking, one group meets and filters through the other with hardly two individuals coming in contact."

Symbol:

The abstraction of an idea. A communication at once anonymous and personal. Beacon: A guiding or warning signal, as a light or fire. Communication through

symbols.

Beacons as means of communication (flags, cross barriers of sound).

Meaning is produced, information/data is being generated.

"The storm warning flags are part of a long, evolutionary tradition of signals, but their beginnings were probably in basic reactions to color and form, basic enough to make their communications carry beyond the barriers of language and custom."

Symbols as the abstraction

of an idea.

The idea that you can understand people without knowing all their codes/languages ?

through all language
barriers ?

language of many portals =
philosophical.

Symbols change and evolve : Are they part of language or a wander of communication ?

Entropy: *communication theory* A measure of the efficiency of a system (such as a code or a language) in transmitting information.

Meaning is very and must be transmitted in the most thoughtful way to be received in the desired way.

Multiple communication systems that make up one great machine.

"Noise [...] could change the message from I LOVE YOU to I HATE YOU. How do you combat it? One way is through redundancy - I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU." Redundancy: Repetition of linguistic information inherent in the structure of a language.

Repetition of parts or all of a message to circumvent transmission errors.

Excessive wordiness or repetition in expression.

Redundancy in transmitting is a way to reduce noise in a message.

Market information is most efficient, for its redundancy

"We will use a New York stockbroker's office as the information source and a Los Angeles stockbroker's office as the destination."

Stockbroker: A professional who executes buy and sell orders for stocks and other securities on behalf of clients.

Message transmission between two stockbrokers' offices, for example: There may exist at the information source just two possible messages: BUY or SELL.

If the signal is distorted in such a way as to change SELL to SELF, as there are only two possible messages, BUY and SELL, there is sufficient redundancy in the spelling of the words that even if it did read SELF, the information would still be

clear.	power of the transm
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the transmitter; duplicating the message ats noise, as via other signals." careful beaming

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Nupta Contagioso

" ...Iamblichus and Augustine-like Aristotle -ruminate on the Etruscan torture. They both adopt it as something more than a fundamental allegory in their philosophies: they see in it a metaphysical model that exposes and explains the condition(s) of being alive in regard to body, soul and intellect."

Metaphysical:

Concerned with abstract thought or subjects, as existence, causality or truth. Concerned with first principles and ultimate grounds, as being, time or substance.

The close connections between physical and metaphysical states.

The soul needs a body to act out.

Apply this process to any possible idea:

An idea must be embodied, to be externalized > passing onto different levels and states.

Mechanisms of how an Idea undergoes the process of decaying.

Intellect:

The power of knowing as distinguished from the power to feel and to will: The capacity for knowledge. The capacity for rational thought.

A soul within a body mended by an intellect.

Intellect exists in between the states of being and non-being.

It exists because it is not tied to a bodily existence.

By expression, it becomes more material.

Noumenon: (/'nuːmənDn/, UK also /'naU-/; from Greek: νοού ενον) *metaphysics* a posited object or event that exists independently of human sense and/or perception. Noumenon is generally used when contrasted with, or in relation to, the term phenomenon, which refers to anything that can be apprehended by or is an object of the senses.

Is the Noumenon a phenomenon without a body?

Something that remains as a memory? As history?

Consciousness ?

"Haunted by the unusually philosophical insinuations of this punishment as well as its subtle imagery, to which human imagination cannot help contributing,..."

disappear What is the ontological link between the archive and these ideas?

The decay of the material, the decay of the body.

Does the decay of the body necessarily lead to the decay of the thought?

ἀφαίρεσις, Aphairesis: "Taking away" from ἀπό apo, "away" and αίρέω haireo, "to take"

Censorship. Blurring out the lines > focused more on the materiality, the body.

Intellect can remain through other bodies.

Intellect can be recorded, can be documented.

Ideas that decay = History
repeating itself.

Does history have to repeat itself?

You can't prevent a body from decaying, but how can you engage in the perpetuation of its the intellect?

Extracting the content from the body, only the intellect survives.

By archiving, you prolong the cycle of decay. <3

You want to keep the soul

present a bit longer, to have it as a source of knowledge, not to repeat the history too soon.

Body, Soul, Intellect, and Worms'

Nucleation: The first step in the formation of either a new thermodynamic phase or a new structure via selfassembly or selforganization.

"The following is a disorganized venture --more in line with grave robbers and necrophiles than with archaeologists and scholars of history-to disinter the twist inherent to the fragment associated with Aristotle and to delve into the moment when, prior to all arrangements and establishments, a pact with putrefaction must be made; the moment of nucleation with nigredo, as we must call it."

Something new is always made (additive or subtracted)

Cyclical definitions of the decay.

"Also known as the blackening of decay or chemical necrosis, nigredo is an internal but outward process in which the vermicular differentiation of worms and other corpuscles makes itself known in the superficial register of decay as that which undifferentiates."

The body may putrefy, life continues.

Organic transmutations between the two bodies.

Decay is nucleation > Your body feeds the life of the worms.

Worms (life) are the bridging agents between two bodies, until there is no more separation between the two > complete unison.

Differentiation:

Development from the one to the many, the simple to the complex, or the homogeneous to the heterogeneous. *biology* Modification of body parts for performance of particular functions

Maybe we (as the archivists) are the body that is tied to the other body in decay (the body of material).

What happens to the soul (content) of the archive when it is distinguished from its body?

How can a soul remain when it is substracted from its body?

We are immersing ourselves in the archive.

Archive immersion, subject yourself to whatever this archive depicts, in order to be able to deal, understand, organise. Attaching the "dying" (archive) to a living body.

To re-associate the deador the dying-with the living. With existence.

Reanimation, reactivation as intrinsic to the act of immersing yourself in, of em"body"ing that knowledge.

Ideas that are speckedout, fragmentalized in their essence.

In a process of melting into other specks of ideas, of being.

Is this the only possibility to survive?

Differentiation: *alchemy* Putrefaction or decomposition. A first step in the pathway to the philosopher's stone, all alchemical ingredients had to be cleansed and cooked extensively to a uniform black matter.

analytical psychology The term became a metaphor for "the dark night of the soul, when an individual confronts the shadow

within". "In other words, this

moment marks a necessity for Ideas [...] : in order to be active intensively and extensively, inwardly and outwardly, the Idea must first be fully necrotized and blackened on all levels, intensively

and extensively."

Synthesis: The combining of separate elements or substances to

form a coherent whole. The complex whole so formed. Synthesising a new substance.

Boiling down something until it is a black sludge.

Ideas must be founded on an intensive necrosis and an extensive decay in order to remain in their essence and to synthesize with other Ideas.

A combination of two

bodies > alchemical process that produces the

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black substance. > the philosopher's stone > eternal life or anything into gold.

Annotated reader (SWARM 1,2 & 3)

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Using the slow reading method we have read several texts as a group. We have collected annotations, additional information and imagery on an Etherpad. Afterwards, we have collectively revised the collected content, added a glossary, styled

it with CSS - designed a cover and designed the overall appearance of it. We have converted it to a print layout using the <u>Ether2HTML</u> and <u>Web2Print</u> methods. Afterwards, we have printed out this material as booklets, which we have named: SWARM 1, 2 & 3. Special Issue #11, Post-Digital Itch

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