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Experiencing Liminal Space through Writing Labs on the limitations of our sites of speech

Did you ever ask the question “Where do you come from?” and noticed that you created discomfort? Did someone ask you that question and make you doubt her intentions or the relevance of the question? What would happen if we dared to meet strangers in non-normative ways? What would happen if we dared to accept the presence of the stranger herself as the first question?

This winter, Nordic Summer University’s study circle *Experiencing Liminal Space: An Endeavour within Feminist Philosophy* invites you to a series of 3 writing labs in which together we will experiment to carry ourselves to temporary liminal spaces, in which we will question the limitations of the questions we ask and of our sites of speech.

According to Djamila Ribeiro we all have a specific site of speech, which is an intersection of several of our marks, such as race, gender, class, sexuality, nationality, and citizenship (or lack of it). Ribeiro claims that what we are able to see, understand, and care about will largely depend on our site of speeches. Similarly, Hannah Arendt claimed that who we appear to be in the world strongly affects who we can be. Jacques Derrida and Anne Dufourmantelle raised the issue of inviting each other into each other's text, while being aware that asking for someone's name in order to justify this kind of hospitality is making that connection impossible. In the workshops offered we will play and try out exercises together, that will shake how we categorize our and others' marks.

The writing labs will bring fragments of philosophical texts, poetry, and auto-theory. They will happen both online and in person.

The face-to-face sessions will happen at *aerial* in Bergen, Norway, on the following dates: 14th, 23th and 24th of November from 18:00-20:00, with some food and coffee and tea.

The online sessions will take place on the 8th, 14th and 23rd of November, 11:00-12:30 CET.

You are welcome to join all sessions, a few or just one.

At the end of this experiment, we aim at a publication. Participants are welcome to participate, but not obliged to. Deadline for submission of text following the workshops is 21st December 2023.

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If you want to join us at *aerial* in Bergen send an email to stamponecaroline@hotmail.com

More information on the Nordic Summer University and this circle:

<https://www.nsuweb.org/study-circles/experiencing-liminal-space-an-endeavour-within-feminist-philosophy/>