

Commoning Power.
In search for democratic
self-governance

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Social potentiality

- Potentialities are not simply actualized in the present. They reshape the present. They thus extend the limits of the possible.
- Potential keeps the past as an unresolved tendency in the present (P. Virno 2015, W. Benjamin 1992).
- “The art of the **possible** consists of extending it: the art of **making the impossible possible**” (Esteva 2015: 140).
- “Another possible is possible” (A. Escobar, 2017).

The potentiality of commoning

- If the production and control of common wealth makes the **management of power relations** its central problem, then it can take the form of a political proposal and action that opposes capitalist hegemony.
- Commoning must not to be reduced to the just and sustainable **distribution** of goods.
- Commoning should be focused on the **social organization** of equality and mutual care.

Emancipatory commoning

- The **performance of potentialities** is grounded on the **deviant appropriation of space producing practices** through commoning.
- Being a set of **inclusive and open to newcomers** practices urban commoning may create open communities that re-invent equality as well as ways to **transcend patriarchy** and the **plundering of nature and non-human worlds**.

Towards an emancipatory politics of commoning

- **Re-inventing community**
- **Re-inventing cooperation**
- **Commoning power through participation and mutual support**

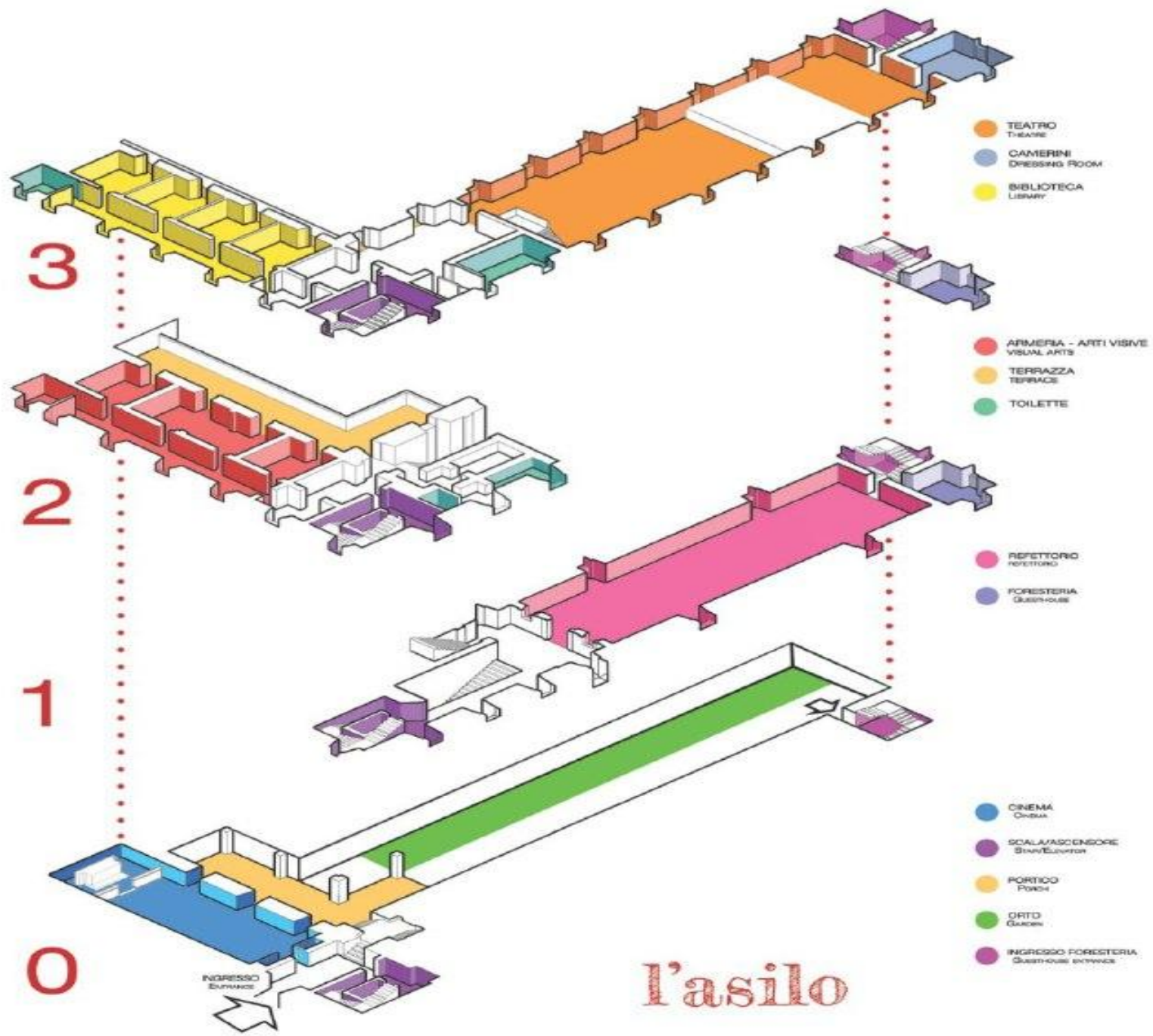
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Ex Asilo Filangieri (Napoli)





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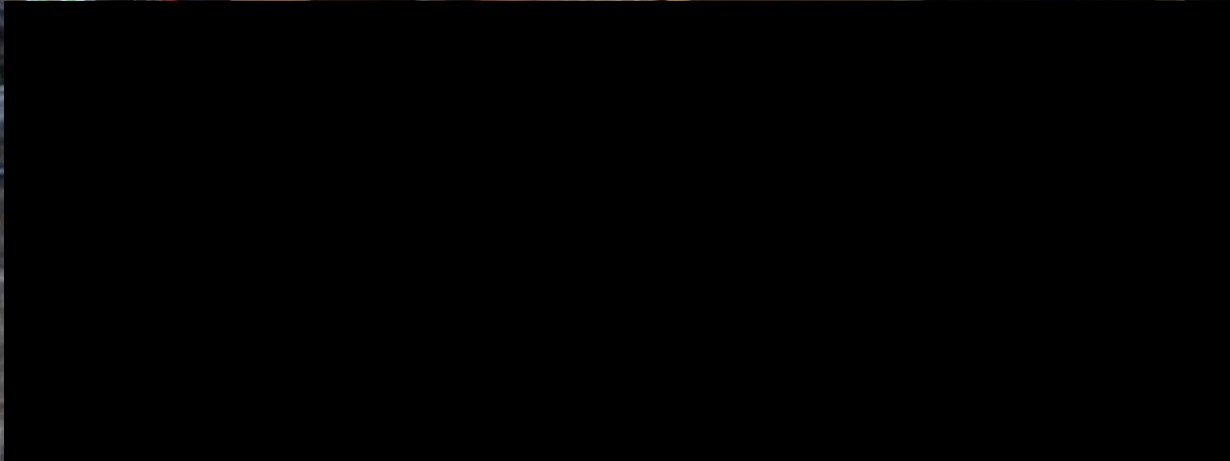
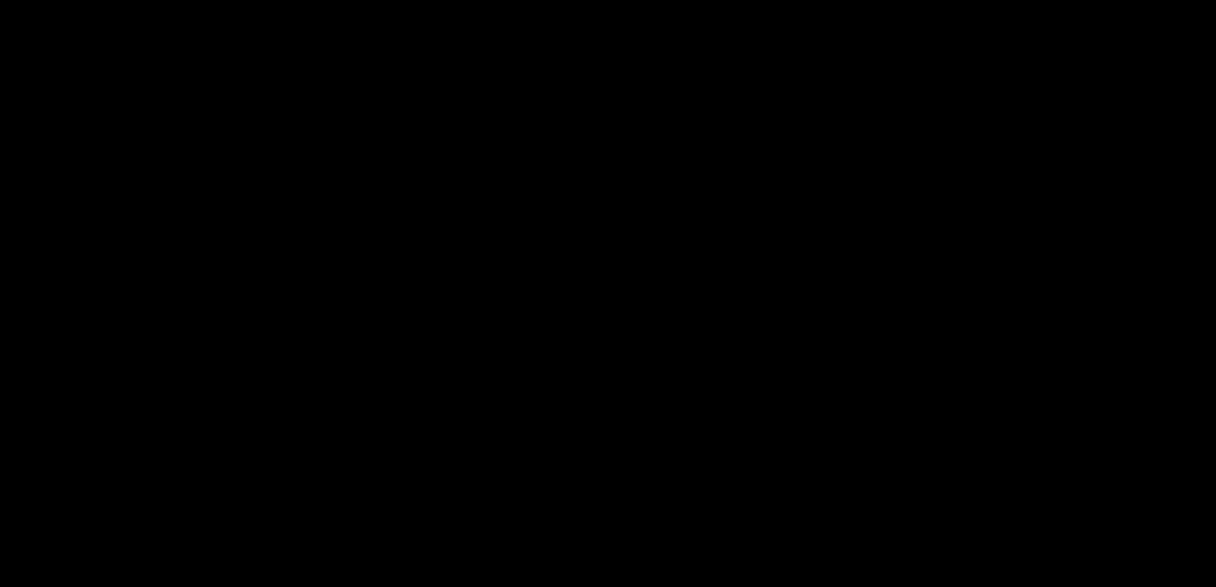
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LE DONNE DEL MONDO E I NOSTR* ALLEAT* STANNO DALLA PARTE DELLE
DONNE - E TUTTI I GRUPPI VULNERABILI - DELL'AFGHANISTAN CONTRO
L'IMPERIALISMO, IL MILITARISMO, IL FONDAMENTALISMO E IL FASCISMO.

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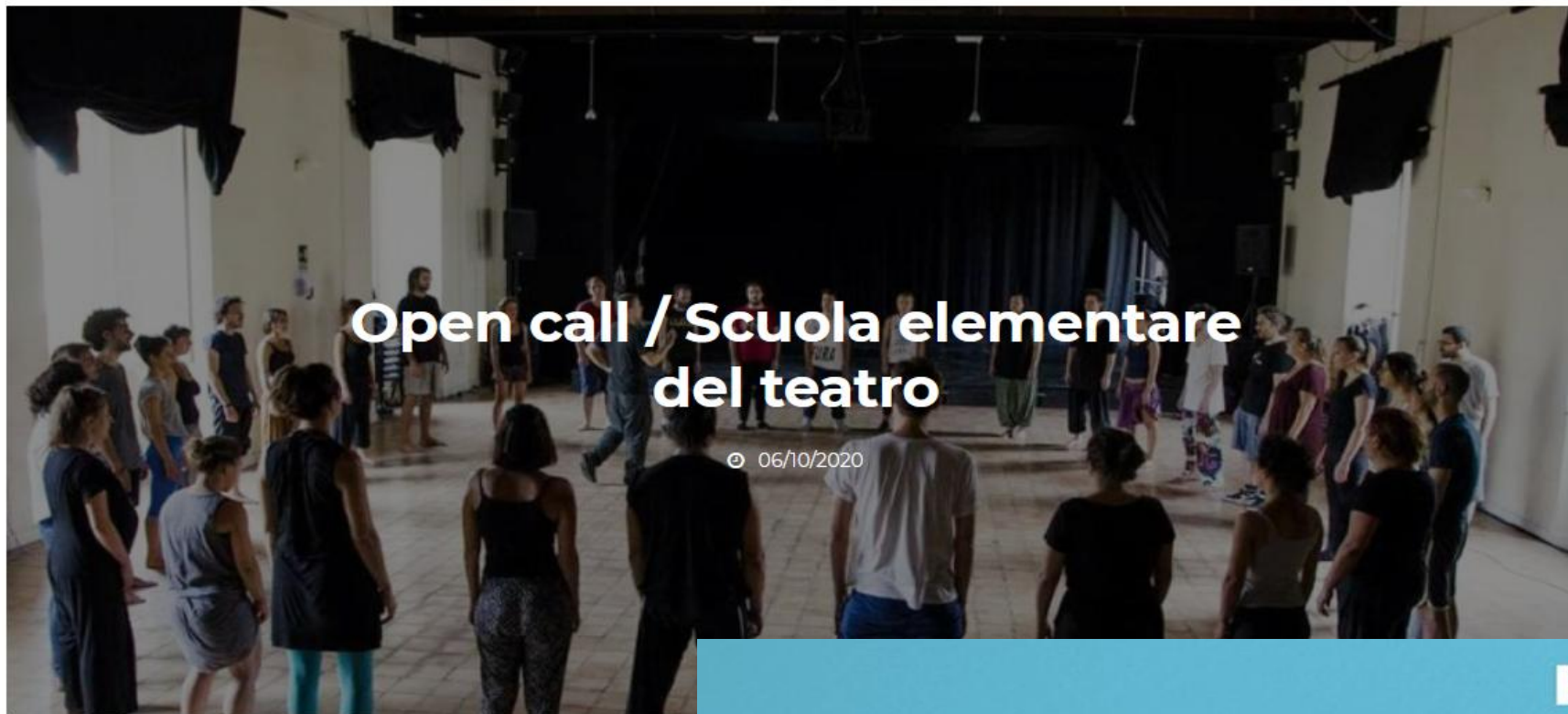
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INSIEME
LA CITTÀ**

Prima Assemblea Pubblica di
PROSSIMA NAPOLI

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1 Luglio 2021
Cortile di Santa Chiara ore 18:30

Self-managed
refugee support
center
in Athens
(occupied City
Plaza Hotel)







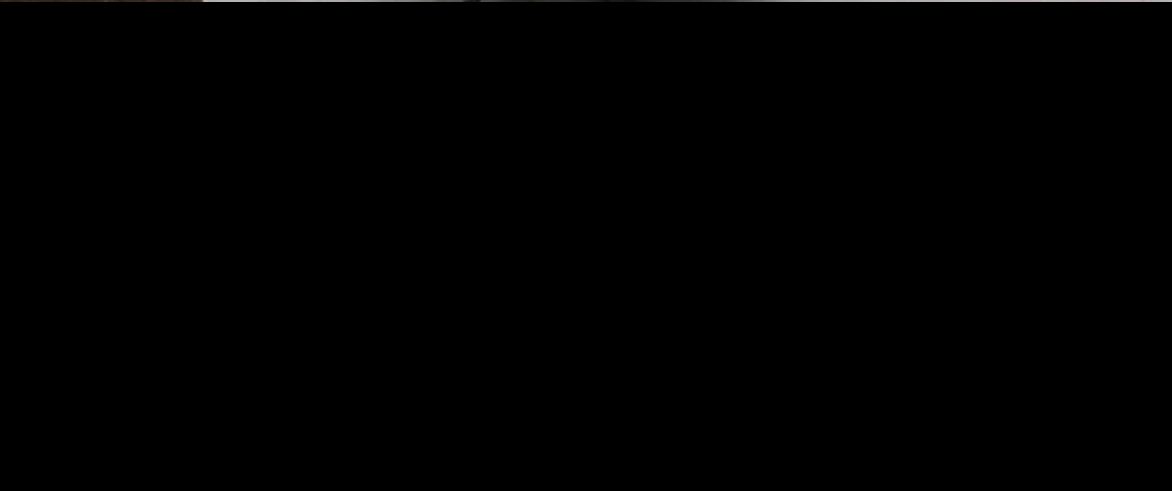
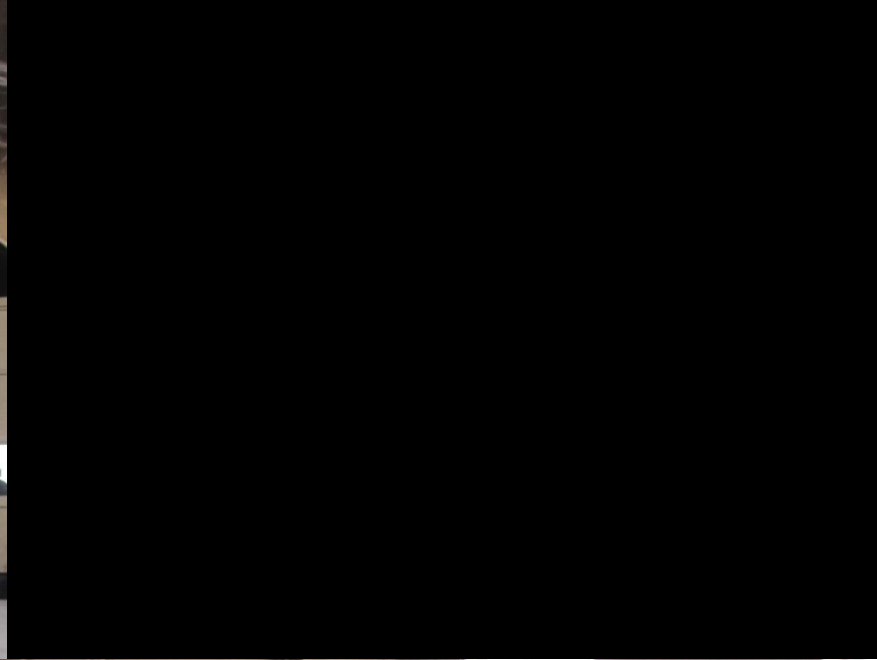
Drawing by Serdar, living in City Plaza
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IMPA occupied aluminium factory (Buenos Aires)



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Realidad"
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Dissident community rituals may support commoning ethos

- Dissident rituals **exert pressure on the boundaries of urban and social order**. Through them communities of commoners may reinvent and reproduce themselves.

Estrella Roja displaced people settlement.
Popayan, Colombia







MST, Brazil: Mistica rituals
of empowerment







Re-inventing cooperation: the experience of liberated cooperation

- Cooperation can be recuperated as a **collective creative activity**. Subjects of liberated cooperation **re-invent themselves**.
- Cooperation supports skills and habits of working together that **overspill the boundaries of the labor process**.
- **Trust and care** develop through **repetitive acts** that permeate the everyday habits of emancipated commoners.



Habibi.works
(Ioannina, Greece)

“Our **makerspace** aims to provoke a **paradigm shift in how we approach aid**. Rather than passive recipients of assistance, individuals **within and beyond the asylum process become active agents in their own lives**, makers of their own solutions, and dreamers of their own futures”.



CECOSESOLA, Venezuela

“constructing confidence in diversity”



**CECOSESOLA**
CONSTRUYENDO CONFIANZA
EN LA DIVERSIDAD



“Constructing a world collectively” – “Construyendo un mundo en colectivo”

Cecosesola 54 años
Monte Carmelo
Son mas Familias de 1000 beneficiadas
Confianza
Democracia
Cooperación
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Monte Carmelo
Las Laginitas
54 años trabajando juntos
Sirviendo a la COMUNIDAD
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* **NUESTRAS ACTIVIDADES:**
* **SALUD Y FUNERARIA**
• **EXPENDIO DE ALIMENTOS**
• **PRODUCCION INDUSTRIAL**
• **PRODUCCION AGRICOLA**
#CecosesolaorgullodeBqto







Autonomous Neighborhood
Tlanezi Calli , Brujula Roja Movement (Mexico city)









Jinwar Women's village in
Autonomous Administration
of North and East Syria
(Rojava)

Jinwar is a place for women who want to live a free life with other women and children, women who do not want to get married, women who lost their husbands in war or who were facing violence in their families





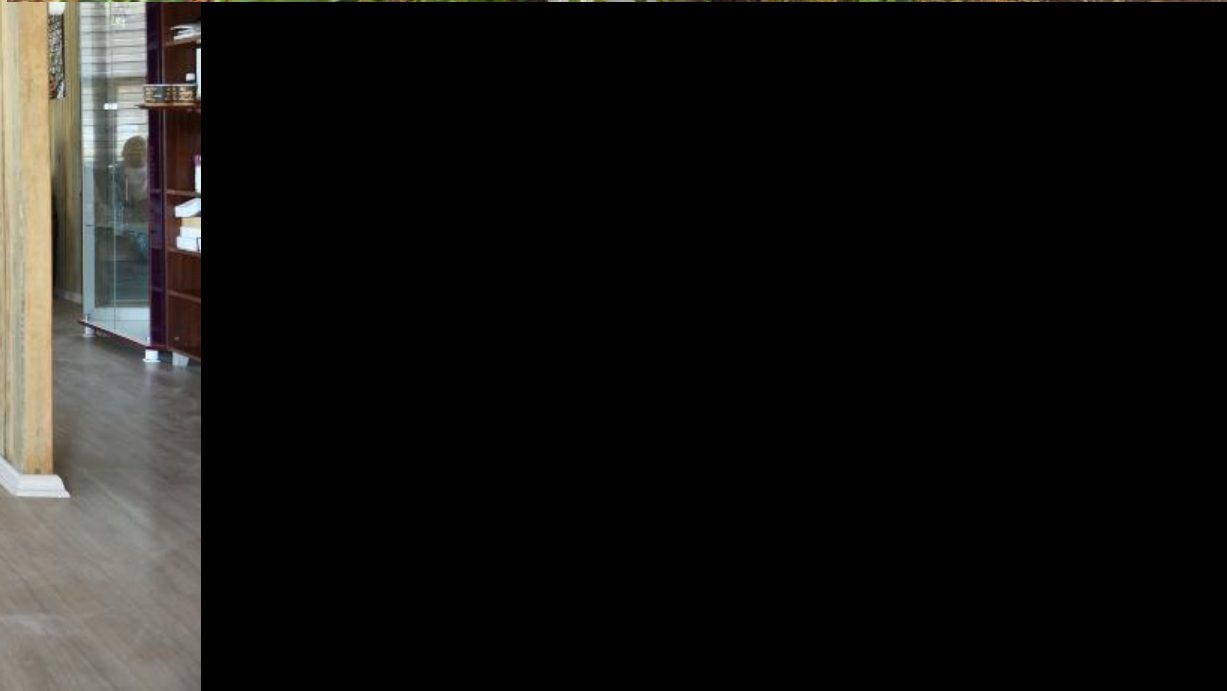
Sifajin; Healing of women



Academia of Jinwar







Commoning is a force with an emancipatory potentiality

- **The re-invention of community and the re-appropriation of collaboration** open collective action to the future of social change.
- **Power is shared through participatory mechanisms that prevent any form of accumulation of privileges in groups of people or individuals**
- **As able and inventive craftsmen people make their history** not by following pre-determined paths but by developing new capacities while performing them.