

Violence

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"Geography is therefore the art of war but can also be the art of resistance if there is a counter-map and a counter-strategy."

– Edward Said, *Peace and Its Discontents*, New York, Vintage Books, 1996

The degree of violence has us mesmerized. Siderated. Exhausted. Speechless.

Genocidal violence. Patriarchal violence. Neoliberal violence. Systemic violence across scales and spaces.

This issue, long delayed by the impact of violence on our lives, speaks to the violence of the production of space and tackles a number of expressions of violence in different contexts.

Not the violence most on our minds at present, but the one on which our limited abilities as academics grant us the permission to think and write about.

As to the other forms, there is little we can do but express solidarity, try to retain hope and let others better qualified tell the tale.