

Current conditions of capitalism often appear to be at a moment of impasse; envisioning that which exists beyond, without, or unbound by capital influence is rather incomprehensible, as one can verify through degrees of Marxian study. We've proposed to our contributors, quite plainly, the *idea* of 'vacancies of capitalism' as a site of ignition, or of aggravation unto bedrock Marxian texts from which much succeeding contemporary philosophy draws. The idea is not to reject or even to challenge the lineage of Marxist ideology, *per se*, but to consider wherein such a perplexing uncertainty might actually be visible, applicable. It is not, after all, impossible for lateral definitions of 'vacancy' to surface in desultory settings and raise new questions concerning venues of immaterial labor, or indoctrinated entanglements between wildly disparate industries and economies (such as the pharmaceutical advertisement economy, for instance.) The goal is not to point directly at chasms in which something is pure and untouched, or abandoned, or even truly *vacant*. Rather, the prompt

was initiated as an opportunity to perform micro-elucidations of unforeseen resonance within nooks of capital structure-form, and has thus pulled forth a diverse set of threads from a fairly complex fabric. Through this series of texts and images, all of which were conceived as a response to the prompt, the publication hopes to represent a colorful spectrum of considerations on the topic. This includes personal opinion pieces, graphic fictional scenarios, pseudo-conspiracy pamphlets, academic prose, visual novellas, and so on. Amur Initiatives is honored to bear such an exciting *mélange* of access points from which to interpret our contemporary relationship with, or potentially without, capitalism.