



# SELF-INDIFFERENCE: REJECTING SELF-PRESERVATION AS A FEMINIST ACT

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**409 TIER BUILDING**

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Affect, as an impersonal force, opens subjects, objects, and spaces up to the intensities that surround us. As a future-orientated theoretical approach, affect is often considered in relation to its propensity for engendering “potential liberations, escapes, and freedoms.” But to be open is to be vulnerable, not only to potential positive encounters but also harmful or dangerous ones. As Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari note, the lines of affective relations are susceptible to both creation and destruction: “There is a danger that these vibrations traversing us may be aggravated beyond our endurance.” But what if encounters of self-destruction, of vibrations traversing us beyond endurance, opened up potentially powerful acts of feminist resistance that could create new modes of being that reject hegemonic social orders?

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