

Dear Mad Reading folk,

Our April Reading Group will be continuing some of last month's themes, with a focus on women's activism within consumer/survivor/ex-patient spaces, particularly anti-capitalist activism as we reflect on International Working Women's Day in March. Paola will be facilitating and has chosen to focus on the work of Marta Plaza and María Ruido, which have been translated from Spanish. Further broadening our horizons at reading group, one of the chosen pieces is a film (with English subtitles).

Date: Tues 20th April

Time: 7-8.30pm AEST (Melbourne time – 10am UK time)

Facilitator: Paola and Zara

Readings:

1. Plaza, Marta (2018) *Full-time feminist, part-time madwoman ... and striker—when and how?* In Pikara Magazine. Available here: <https://www.pikaramagazine.com/2018/06/full-time-feminist-part-time-madwoman-and-striker-when-and-how/>
2. Ruido, María (2019) *State of Distress*. Available here: <https://vimeo.com/303775147>

Here is a brief summary of the film:

Estado de malestar ["State of distress"] takes as its starting point a series of texts by Mark Fisher, Franco Berardi "Bifo" and Santiago López Petit, as well as conversations with philosophers, psychiatrists and patients or diagnosed people, notably with the activist collective InsPiradas, in Madrid, in order to present itself as a visual essay about the social symptomatology and psychic suffering in the age of capitalist realism, about the pain that our life system inflicts upon us, and about the places and actions of resistance and change that we can build to combat it.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82693197248>

Meeting ID: 826 9319 7248

Hope to see you then!

Cheers,

Antonia, Zara, and Paola