

# Never-Ending-Nerve-Ending-Now

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**In Mónica Lacerda’s contribution to the Open! COOP Academy research theme *(Against) Neuralgia: Care of the Brain in Times of Cognitive Capitalism* [[onlineopen.org/against-neuralgia-care-of-the-brain-in-times-of-cognitive-capitalism](http://onlineopen.org/against-neuralgia-care-of-the-brain-in-times-of-cognitive-capitalism)] both language and writing float and drift, evoking a more spatial and sensory reading experience. With this the artist asks, can we play with words, letters, their sounds and images and disentangle ourselves from their prior meaning? Can we restructure our mind and thinking by postponing interpretation?**

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A  
living organism  
absorbs  
and  
generates  
energies

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its existence is an uncertainty – it comes and goes and it mutates as it

m o v e s  
o v e s  
v e s  
e s

passions are  
part of a continuum

that has no time nor placement ~ as a stream, as a stream, as a

stream,.....

..... ~  
..... ~  
.....

it stirs

innumerable forces

.....

~ being one

~ force  
among many

mutable interchangeable plastic

when making sense of being one encounters a permanent flux of life. in that touching lies  
a tentacular feeling that observes through their own body, squeezing in between tectonic  
plates - airy particles that hide in all that has a solid appearance. *now* is a moment that  
has no end. it holds time, watching its motion and being part of it, either on a vortice  
shaped movement or anchored,

floating placidly

a living being that moves  
simultaneously

s s  
s s  
o o  
r r  
c c  
a  
c  
r r  
o o  
s s  
s s

other

or

alongside other

is a definition of

.now.

: ~ :

space

happens

accordingly  
to a dance

of  
no beginning  
no end

flickering  
fleetly

in its abandon  
don  
ment.

**Mónica Lacerda** lives and works between Porto and the Netherlands. Her artistic practice is an on going wordful dance – allowing words to be played by senses – taking a feminist and queer standpoint. The many ways in which Mónica engages with the written word brings out the bittersweetness that grows with the desire to be flooded by words. This overwhelming passion brings out the fragility and corruption of language, and the tension of constantly resisting the subversion of oppressive language. In an attempt to capture the nerve-wracking-now, Mónica's practice actively enquires – through thought and practice – the usefulness of language, where precision in the use of words is needed in turning them into a space for inclusion. Poems – written or performed, – choreographing an act of movement of the body through space, shaping as time unfolds.

### **Crosslinks**

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