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Over the past decades, censorship studies have revived due to several reasons. On the one hand, the decline of colonial powers and communist regimes permitted free access to a considerable amount of archival material, meant to shed new light on the relationship between state control and art production. On the other hand, the globalization context, in which institutional restrictions are no longer limited to national state policies, has triggered debates over the definition of *censorship* as such. The traditional outlook, according to which the control of art production represents a state of exception, is challenged by

what has been called 'new censorship'. In the theoretical aftermath of Foucault and Bourdieu, contemporary researchers tend to see regulation mechanisms as constitutive to any act of communication, implying that art production and censorship are 'dialectical forms of culture' (Nicole Moore). Our call for papers starts from the assumption that the homogenisation of the global space renders possible the account of divergent and often contradictory symptoms of artistic subversion. This is why the next issue of the **Metacritic Journal for Comparative Studies and Theory**, to be published July 2018, encourages contextual reflection on the tensions between art production (literature, film, theatre, visual arts) and institutional power, whether it is represented by state control or by capitalist mechanisms of regulation (consumerist ideology, publishing policies, distributors, libraries). Transdisciplinary accounts, systemic and comparative approaches, qualitative and quantitative analyses are all welcome. Articles should include, but not be limited to:

1. National censorship vs. transnational regulation mechanisms
2. Cultural dissidence under fascist/communist regimes
3. Colonial vs. communist control of discourse
4. Regulatory vs. constitutive censorship
5. Art function under totalitarian regimes
6. Transgressive art
7. Censorship in the age of electronic communication
8. Samizdat literature
9. Aesopic language, humour and subversive strategies
10. Contexts of the reception of subversive art

Please submit a 150-word original proposal that clearly explains how it will contribute to, revise, or depart from existing debates around the questions of censorship or regulatory mechanisms of disseminating art. Both proposals and final texts should be in English and should observe our guidelines as they appear on our website: <http://metacriticjournal.com/for-authors>

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Further reading:

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