

# Notes on Contributors

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Terra Ignota, 2019), *NosOtros. Manual para disolver el Capitalismo* (Madrid, Morata, 2019), *El espacio público de la migración* (Barcelona, Terra Ignota, 2019), *Conceptos para disolver la educación capitalista* (Barcelona, Terra Ignota, 2020), *Hegel Hoy* (Barcelona, Herder, 2020), *Derechos, fronteras, naciones y estados* (Barcelona, Terra Ignota, 2021) and *30 conceptos para disolver las medidas político-sanitarias en la pandemia* (Barcelona, Terra Ignota, 2021), *Sade Reloaded* (Paris, L'Harmattan, 2022), *Ariadna queer*, (Barcelona, Herder, 2022) and *Noi* (Milan, Mimesis, 2022).

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