**PlatForum** is a peer-reviewed journal published by the graduate students of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Victoria. Committed to upholding a tradition of holistic anthropology, **PlatForum** welcomes a diverse range of topics and issues from all sub-disciplines and thematic focuses. This volume’s thematic focus is “**Anthropologies of the Abject.**”

**Theme:** JULIA KRISTEVA in 1982 coins the *Abject* as the subjective horror that results from the confrontation of what is thought to be real—the subject and the object, the self and the other—as they, each of these identities and relations, come into question, start to decay, and undergo their inevitable breakdowns. This concept remains salient for anthropology as it is a means to radically unearth the philosophical and cultural presuppositions upon which reality may rest. We invite authors to challenge, examine, and expand upon this theoretical notion.

**Scope:** The editors of this volume of PlatForum encourage submissions that address the Abject as a theme, but are not limited to, the following topics and issues:

- The body as a (grotesque/sublime) site and of the Abject and its potential for horror.
- Colonialism and its ongoing impacts—as the Abject rupturing and displacement of histories.
- Abject theory and its relationship to current anthropological theory and practice.
- Material, archaeological, and disciplinary reflections upon the Abject in its (in)choate form.
- The breakdown of infrastructures, cultures, and the symbolic orders of the world as we know them.
- Linguistic, poetic, and artistic confrontations with the Abject and its collective catharsis.

We are currently accepting the following submissions from **graduate students, specifically those who reside within a Canadian Department of Anthropology and/or Archaeology:**

- Papers/articles (max. 20 pages, including references and notes).
- Scholarly reviews.
- Photo essays.
- Field notes and critical reflections on fieldwork.
- Interviews.
- Community-based collaborations.
- We would also like to welcome other creative submissions (poetry, graphics, etc.). If you would like to submit something under this category, please contact pfmjrnl@uvic.ca to work out the details.

**To submit your work:** Please be sure that all submissions are formatted per the PlatForum submission guidelines, which can be found on the UVic Anthropology website or, alternatively, requested by email at pfmjrnl@uvic.ca.

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