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This pamphlet is a collaboratively authored epistolary essay that narrates the discourse behind the development of the KUNCI Study Forum & Collective's School of Improper Education, an initiative that posits studying together as a tactical approach to creating the conditions for social movement. Founded in 2016, The School of Improper Education is an avenue through which unlearning can be practiced, where unknowingness can be transformed into a series of productive tools for understanding the contemporary social ecosystem and articulating the resourcefulness of an independent art and cultural organization.

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How revolutionary is study? KUNCI's practices turn the world upside down and show us how to live together in the richness of our general antagonism.

- STEFANO HARNEY

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