

## Twelve meta protocols

**Protocol 1:** Create a situation where people can come together without the goal of producing a work or carrying out an action. Create space and time in which they can re-explore the conditions of being together, of thinking and acting together by trial and error, one step at a time. Whatever ends up happening—then, or later on—is a bonus. A real encounter between people, of course, is never without effect.

**Protocol 2:** Explore the different formats available for such encounters (e.g. different ways to structure the participants' conversations and experimentations, different lengths of time, etc.).

**Protocol 3:** Bring together an eclectic group of participants.

**Protocol 4:** Address a heterogeneous assortment of issues in a wide variety of fields

**Protocol 5:** Do not become specialized/spatialized in a particular field, but migrate from territory to territory (art, social issues, politics, philosophy, etc.)

**Protocol 6:** In this context, explore different forms of activity in the spirit of coming together, indeterminacy, improvisation, etc.

**Protocol 7:** Do not systematize the locations or forms of the *protocoles méta* sessions or the *congrès singuliers*. Allow indeterminacy and contingency to do their work.

**Protocol 8:** Do not end hastily, allow things to stay suspended (find a graceful way to disappear, a way to vanish); let time do its work.

**Protocol 9:** Every *protocoles méta* session and every *congrès singulier* is also a reinterpretation of previous sessions—a most lively and energetic one!

**Protocol 10:** Leave room for the undefined, the unpredictable, the incongruous (prepare for it by making yourself available), the diverse, and for roaming freely.

**Protocol 11:** Do not hesitate to do something else—there is no center of gravity, no predetermined goal.

**Protocol 12:** Only if the *protocoles méta* session and the *congrès singulier* (meta conference) are thoroughly prepared ahead of time will the encounters take place with the greatest possible openness and be rich with unexpected developments.