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### **Necrocapitalism and Psychic Violence**

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Necrocapitalism is a complex term. Nonetheless, we can understand it as comprising three central mechanisms:

- 1) it relies on death and dying, and manipulates affects in and during death, to operationalise its oppression;
- 2) it uses death and dying as political capital, both in the local and global sphere; and
- 3) it ensures the maintenance of authority's spread and permanence through an economy of deadly violence.

Thus, necrocapitalism is expansive and encompasses all forms of psychic and psychological violence wrought on people. The articles invited to this Special Issue will draw out in more depth how necrocapitalism, in its most base mechanics, not only relies on death and dying as a primary function of its oppressive process, but also capitalises on the dead themselves (e.g., through viral images, through commodity fetishization, and through withholding of bodies, etc.). The articles speak in different ways to our present conjuncture. Indeed, they go beyond present-day debates on necropolitics, and raise several important questions with respect to the urgency of resistance and the imperative of emancipatory future-building.