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Asia, Africa, and Europe meet where tectonic plates pull apart. In this interval of continents lies the Jordan River Valley, a region defined as much by conflict as by confluence. This issue of *Pamphlet* highlights the different understandings of terrain and territory that once defined and continue to reinforce this interstitial landscape in a series of perspectives. *Rift: 7.5 Views on the Jordan Valley* brings together the manifold vectors that crisscross the valley: watercourses, borderlines, warpaths, power lines, surveillance sightlines. Seen collectively, these vectors form a rhizomatous network of socio-political forces—physical, political, psychological—which spans the rift like a spider's web.

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