As we know, the revolutionary problem today is to find some unity in our various struggles without falling back on the despotic and bureaucratic organization of the party or State apparatus” (Deleuze, Desert Islands, 260). This remark, offered by Gilles Deleuze some four decades ago, arguably remains as true today as it ever was. But what are we to do with this problem? How are we to identify a reality contrary to the status quo and actualise it without falling prey to the ‘revolutionary problem’ that plagues so many attempts? Drawing principally from the work of Deleuze, which has been used to support theories of anarchism/post-anarchism and organised resistance, this paper will suggest an alternative response to the ‘revolutionary problem’ that might be referred to as prudential experimentation.

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