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Social Change around the World

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The Newsletter of the ISA Research Committee 48



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## Note from the RC48 President

### Dear members of RC 48

This is our last newsletter for the year 2017. In this newsletter we will focus on the forthcoming XIX congress of the ISA to be held in Toronto, between July 15th to July 21th. As you know, this event is held once every four years and all members and groups of the ISA will be participating. The last congress was held in Yokohama in 2012 with over 6,000 participants, and almost 9,000 paper presentations.

You can find the breakdown by RC membership, gender, academic status, etc., at the following link:

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/yokohama-2014/statistics/>

The theme of the forthcoming congress is: 'Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities'. These themes are the focal points of research of many of our RC members' so we expect many of you at the conference. Also, RC 48 is planning two pre-congress activities. One is the second PhD workshop that will take place on July 14th, one day before the congress. The second activity will be a half day pre-congress discussion

on current issues to be held on the opening day of the congress. Since the congress opening is on July 15th in the afternoon we are taking advantage of the free morning to conduct our pre-congress meetings. Please do not miss this opportunity to participate and contribute to the discussion of new issues, suggestions and theoretical and methodological issues. Also, this is a perfect opportunity to meet RC members in a more relaxed setting.

The ISA congress is the occasions on which new presidents of RCs, WGs, and TGs are elected. The main organizational events are the elections of the new president of vice presidents and of the ISA and the election of a new executive committee. The Congress is also the opportunity to discuss/decide upon the next congress to be held in 2022, themes and structure. Please follow our newsletters to learn more about the candidates once they will be announced.

In this newsletter you will also find information about important deadlines and events, please mark them in your calendar. The next newsletter will appear after the Congress, but you will receive newsletters and calls for applications as the time approaches.

The board of RC48 and I urge you to consider attending the Congress in Toronto. It promises to be vigorous, refreshing and challenging academically.

Hoping to see you all in Toronto!

Tova Benski  
President RC 48.

# About RC48 and ISA

The Research Committee on Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change (RC48) is part of the International Sociological Association (ISA). It was founded as a Working Group in 1992, under the presidency of Prof. Bert Klandermans. In 1994 it was recognized as an ISA Research Committee.

The objective of RC48 is to foster intellectual, academic and scholarly exchanges between researchers of broadly defined social movements, collective action and social change. The RC48 is currently based at the Collective Identity Research Centre (Department of Sociology 2, University of the Basque Country, Spain).

The ISA was founded in 1949 under the auspices of UNESCO. With more than 5,000 members coming from 167 countries, the ISA is currently the most important international professional association in the field of sociology. Its goal is to advance sociological knowledge throughout the world, and to represent sociologists everywhere, regardless of their school of thought, scientific approaches or ideological opinion.

The on-going scientific activities of the ISA are decentralised in 55 Research Committees (RC), 3 Working Groups (WG) and 5 Thematic Groups (TG), each dealing with a well-recognized specialty in sociology. These groups bring together scholars who wish to pursue comparative research on a transnational basis and they constitute basic networks of scientific research, intellectual debate and professional exchange. Although they must fulfil certain minimum requirements, RCs have complete autonomy to operate. Each RC's governing body is the Board, formed by a President, a secretary, and a variable number of board members.

RC48 participates in the organization of both the ISA World Congresses, celebrated every 4 years since 1950 (Zurich), and the ISA Forums of Sociology, also celebrated every 4 years since 2008 (Barcelona).

In contrast to the ISA World Congress, which has a more professional and academic character, the forum's original purpose was to establish an open dialogue with colleagues doing sociology in public institutions, social movements, and civil society organizations. This means that every two years, we are involved in the organization of a world-wide event.

In between ISA World Congresses and forums, our committee organizes smaller scientific meetings called RC48 international conferences. These meetings tend to be more narrowly focused than other ISA events and, on average, they gather between 30 and 60 scholars. As a consequence, colleagues can make longer presentations, and we can go hold deeper and more enriching debates.

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**XIX ISA WORLD CONGRESS OF  
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**TORONTO, CANADA, JULY 15-21, 2018.**

**RC48 SOCIAL MOVEMENTS,  
COLLECTIVE ACTIONS AND SOCIAL  
CHANGE PROGRAMME.**

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### **Sessions Summary (Provisional programme)**

#### **Monday, 16 July 2018**

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10:30-12:20

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15:30-17:20

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17:30-19:20

Responding to the Far-Right: Contemporary Feminist Movements, Mobilizations, Protests, and Collective Actions.

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Sharing Society: The Impacts of Collaborative Collective Action II

17:30-19:20

Methodological Challenges in Social Movements Research

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10:30-12:20

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Committee on Social Movements,  
Collective Action and Social Change  
(RC48)

Monday, 16 July 2018

10:30-12:200

Future(s) of Democracy in the Post-Neoliberal Era: Problems, Protests, and Prospects

Monday, 16 July 2018: 10:30-12:20

Location: 713B (MTCC SOUTH BUILDING)

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)

Language: English

Globally, neoliberalism is no longer the mobilising tool it once was. The neoliberal mainstream has been displaced, initially from the radical Left, but increasingly, and simultaneously, from the far Right. From anti-austerity to left nationalism, from solidarity economy to the eco-social commons, democratic alternatives to market rule have gained considerable ground, but have faltered with the emergence of new forces for autocracy and ethno-populism. This panel addresses the major challenges faced by these post-neoliberal democratic movements, in the current context of authoritarian populist resurgence, rising ethno-nationalism and global geopolitical polarizations. How are these democratic alternatives emerging, surviving, or evolving through social movements, and where are they gaining ground or declining? How may they be converging? How may they respond to the authoritarian alternatives? Where are they marginalised, and why? In this spirit we seek new theory and reflection beyond the current political nexus.

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## No Ban, No Wall, No Borders: Migrant Solidarities and Political Imaginaries of Resistance

Monday, 16 July 2018: 15:30-17:20

Location: 718A (MTCC SOUTH BUILDING)

RC31 Sociology of Migration (host committee)

RC05 Racism, Nationalism, Indigeneity and Ethnicity

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change

Language: English

The passage of US president Donald Trump's "Muslim Ban" in 2017, the endemic realities of police brutality and violence against black lives, and the push for more stringent regulations against migrant workers have propelled oppressed communities to form movements. As awareness of the issues facing these communities grow, movements expand. For example, many chapters of Migrant and Black Lives Matter have emerged in different countries. Similarly, various women's marches and protests against Islamophobia and White Supremacy have taken place globally. While the growth of these movements has enabled widespread dissemination of social justice ideals, challenges of voice and representation concurrently emerge. When members of oppressed communities in one movement become 'allies' in another movement, for example, new tensions and opportunities might emerge for negotiating solidarity and belonging in both spaces.

Papers in this session will address everyday and political imaginaries of resistance that are produced through migrant organizing and solidarity work. Panelists who have researched and/or organized in local communities including but not limited to Canada, Dubai, Mexico, South Korea, the US and in transnational spaces, will reflect on the challenges and opportunities of migrant organizing. Their projects raise questions about whether and how different communities might work together in solidarity, what negotiations occur, and the viabilities of cross-movement solidarity. In addressing both local and transnational actions, this panel will ultimately consider whether and how joint struggles put movement actors one step closer towards creating a vision of social justice that is



untethered from existing political, economic, and social constraints.

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Power and Democracy in Social Movements

Monday, 16 July 2018: 17:30-19:20

Location: 713B (MTCC SOUTH BUILDING)

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)

Language: English

Social movements and the spaces in which they organize have been studied as laboratories or schools of democracy. Scholars tend to highlight the democratic idealism in social movements. At the same time, research shows that activists often epically fail to turn their ideals into reality because power imbalances are not sufficiently addressed. Oligarchic structures and an informal leadership caste stand for the two most prominent non-democratic tendencies in social movements. Since many activists are aware of these tendencies and experiment with organizational forms to tackle them, it remains an important task of researchers to assess and study the complex issues at play: For example, activists need to reconcile (often changing) democratic norms such as equality and plurality with organizational necessities such as an effective decision-making procedure. The dynamic development of social movements also calls for further scrutiny: the effects of new cycles of contention, new generations of activists and different cultural and geographical contexts on movement democracy need to be addressed.

This session invites submissions on the following or related issues:

- How can we study power dynamics in social movements beyond classic explanations such as given by Michels 'Iron law of oligarchy' or Freeman's 'tyranny of structurelessness'?
- Is democracy (only) an organizational problem or also and issue of



clashing cultural/political norms and power dynamics in social movement networks?

- How do organizers of (transnational) activist meetings (fail to) reconcile different political cultures and expectations of democratic organizing?
- In which cases is democratic organizing an asset or an obstacle for social change?

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RC48 Roundtable I

Monday, 16 July 2018: 17:30-19:20

Location: 810 (MTCC SOUTH BUILDING)

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)

Language: Spanish, French and English

Roundtable 1: Social Movements and Solidarity Economy

Session organizers: Jean-Louis LAVILLE

This roundtable aims at overcoming the division between social movements and solidarity economy and to analyze civil society initiatives' hybridizing the two dimensions.

Roundtable 2: Against the Financial Greedlords

Session organizers: Helena FLAM

In this roundtable the main question is why social movements activities focused on financial capital, its institutions and its practices are comparatively speaking infrequent.

Roundtable 3: Women Protests for "Women Rights As Human Rights"\*:  
Equality, Autonomy, Dignity, Democracy, Peace, Sustainability and Solidarity

Session organizers: Miri GAL-EZER

This roundtable is calling for papers dealing with women mobilizations, protests, and resistance in many fields of "women rights as human

rights".

#### Roundtable 4: Institutionalizing Social Movements amidst Inequalities: From Contestation to Policy and Demobilization

Session organizer: Su-ming KHOO

This roundtable explores the institutionalization of radical/left social movements, considering the possibilities and pitfalls of political inclusion.

#### Roundtable 5: How the State Shapes Social Movements

Session organizers: Dominique CLEMENT, Howard RAMOS, Catherine CORRIGALL-BROWN

The papers in this roundtable are based on the primary deliverable of this team project: a digital public database that lists state grants to NGOs in Canada since 1960.

Session Organizer:

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Tuesday, 17 July 2018

08:30-10:20

Between the 'No Longer' and the 'Not Yet': Youth Political Participation in Time of Economic Crisis and Populism

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RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)

Language: English

The expression "economic crisis" has become too wide and blurred to be useful for describing how the current socio-economic conjuncture is affecting different categories of young people in different ways. Yet since the beginning of this new phase of neoliberalism, instability and worsening of job precariousness, the pathways of political participation of youth have also changed. In the last decade, far from being simply passive or cynic, young people did not renounce to be present in the public sphere and engaged participation in informal and infra-political

activities, usually local, contingent, connected to specific interests, practices and networks, without overarching horizons and projects. In this scattering landscape of individualized initiatives, no longer related to the conventional collective actions of the past, the 'not yet land' of the political risks to leave room to the shortcut of 'populism', both of right and left-wing. Indeed, the tentative to imagine the new of a subjective and collective political participation, to redesign critical agency and political responsibility, faces social urgencies and needs of quick answers. The session welcomes the presentation of researches and studies that try to critically investigate the current situation of youth political engagement, analyzing – beyond the description of single cases and examples - their potentials and pitfalls, their historical and generational characteristics.

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Roundtable: Social Movements in the Late 2010s

Tuesday, 17 July 2018: 08:30-10:20

Location: 401 (MTCC SOUTH BUILDING)

RC47 Social Classes and Social Movements (host committee)

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change

Language: English

This roundtable session will explore the emerging paths of social movement studies in the late 2010s.

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## Social Movements and Gender Violence: What They Do, What They Can?

Tuesday, 17 July 2018: 10:30-12:20

Location: 718A (MTCC SOUTH BUILDING)

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)

RC32 Women in Society

Language: English

The panel aims at discussing the today's role of social movements, and more specifically women's movements, in preventing gender and domestic violence. We invite papers based on empirical analysis showing and/or comparing different local or transnational examples of anti-violence collective action.

As a result of their collective action and strategies, women's movements achieved significant milestones in terms of introducing the issue of gender violence prevention into public discourse and laws. Women's movements were also active actors in the development of gender equality agenda and in supporting women's rights, putting the problem of men's violence against women into the spotlight through continuous advocacy work.

However, the movement's efforts in facing prevailing power hierarchies and improving the women's condition through criminal justice system have contributed to underestimating the practical side of anti-violence activism. Helplines and counselling centres are often underfinanced, and very few of women's organisations running those services receive public support.

Moreover, the problem of gender violence did not turn from the structural/political to the cultural. Still, much needs to be done in terms of changing gender socialisation patterns as well as promoting cultural frameworks encouraging real equality and symmetrical relationship within families and couples. In this sense, we posit that movements should shift focus from the intervention to prevention, in response to still unsolved gender violence problem.

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Social Movements, Youth Participation and New Transnational Forms of Citizenship

Tuesday, 17 July 2018: 15:30-17:20

Location: 718B (MTCC SOUTH BUILDING)

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)

RC34 Sociology of Youth

Language: English

Transnational scenarios coming also from globalisation processes require to promptly renew our way of thinking citizenship. Recent cultural, social, and political events show how citizenship and social movements interact in increasingly coloured and complex ways. Supported by technological changes, social movements provide – at both a local and global levels – alternative spaces for the play, challenge and even (re)theorisation of transnational citizenship. More and more young people are key actor in this process, actively participating in social movements and innovating social movement media supports and relationships. Young people envisage new futures and prospect an idea of citizenship no longer linked to territorial boundaries or ethnic affiliations.

Social movements, youth participation and citizenship frameworks converge where social movements are considered as collective forms of citizenship from below, and the construction of such a kind of citizenship often saw young activists at the forefront (gender rights, environmental justice and migrants' rights are just but examples). The session welcomes papers that address: (1) conceptual and theoretical frameworks, (2) methodological reflections, and (3) empirical investigations on the topics.

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17:30-19:20

Democracy amidst Uncertainty: Representative Claims and Democratic Contestation in Mexico

Tuesday, 17 July 2018: 17:30-19:20

Location: 718B (MTCC SOUTH BUILDING)

RC18 Political Sociology (host committee)

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change

Language: English

Deficient democracies are regimes where democratic practices and meanings are contested amidst institutional uncertainty. Different agents promote different conceptions of political inclusion and responsiveness, and are accountable to different interests. In many cases, some agents demand broadening the scope of democracy and deepening its reach. They might demand competitive elections, programmatic parties, forums for public deliberation, or participative innovations. However, in many other cases, social and political agents defend rules and policies that protect vested interests, without being fully accountable to the public or the rule of law. They deploy both legitimate and illegitimate resources to entrench their power and influence. They may recur as well to the arbitrary use of state or to social violence, paying lip service to formal institutions and endorsing the democratic discourse.

Mexico constitutes a relevant case of a deficient democracy where formal rules are weakly enforced and strategically manipulated. It is also a case where different social and political agents demand strengthening democratic institutions and practices, claiming to represent the public while contesting rules and policies. This session proposes discussing specific episodes or cases in Mexico where different agents claim to

promote or protect democracy in contexts of institutional uncertainty. The main goal is analyzing how agents in asymmetric positions claim to represent public interests, demanding inclusion, responsiveness, accountability, or other democratic ideals. Each case study should help to assess how processes develop, how representative claims emerge, how conflict is overcome, and how the prevailing status quo is challenged or reinforced.

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Wednesday, 18 July 2018

08:30-10:20

Claiming and Practicing Democracy in Contemporary Social Movements

Location: 718B (MTCC SOUTH BUILDING)

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)

RC47 Social Classes and Social Movements

Language: English

Democracy is a central issue in contemporary social movements. In different contexts and therefore in different ways, the main claims and demands concern how “democracy” is practiced. The Arab Spring claims just for democracy in countries with dictatorial regimens. The 15M-indignados movements in Spain, a country immersed in corruption and a socioeconomic crisis, claims for a greater and true democracy through more participatory forms. The student protest #YoSoy132 claims for the democratization of the mass media and afterwards changes in the electoral and political system. Gezi Park Movement denounces the authoritarian regime of Erdogan, the lack of public consultation and the violation of democratic rights. Occupy denounces the lack of real democracy in a world of social inequality that disproportionately benefits a minority. The NuitDebout set out representative democracy as a democracy without choice, in a context of austerity and regression of social rights. There are dozens of examples around the world: Iceland,



Hong Kong, Rumania, Brazil, Russia, etc.

At the same time, democracy is practiced in these movements and demonstrations as forms of action and organization. There are some examples of different principles and forms of direct, participatory and horizontal democracy: assemblies, camps, decision-making techniques and actions in local public spaces, different techniques of group management, the rejection of overbearing leadership, etc.

We welcome papers that explore these two dimensions of democracy in contemporary social movements.

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RC48 Roundtable II

Wednesday, 18 July 2018: 10:30-12:20

Location: 401 (MTCC SOUTH BUILDING)

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)

Language: Spanish, French and English

Roundtable 1: The Governance of Social Movements in Africa

Session organizer: Mireille MANGA

The roundtable would welcome papers that fall within different axes of the management strategies of social movements in African political societies.

Roundtable 2: Gender Issues in Decoloniality: Brazilian Women of Periphery in the Fight for the Conquest of Power Spaces

Session organizers: Tania M.Freitas BARROS MACIEL, Rosa Lidice VALIM

The observations of this research supports the notion that postmodern Brazilian women from the periphery may establish psychological

contracts that favor social involvement in order to feel empowered.

### Roundtable 3: Social Movements Against Mega Projects in Mexico

Session organizers: Ligia TAVERA FENOLLOSA

This roundtable analyzes a variety of social movements against mega projects in Mexico. Why do these movements oppose mega projects? What are they opposing when they oppose the projects? What role does the state play in the relationship between the movements and their opponents?

### Roundtable 4: Social Movements in Contemporary India

Session organizers: Dipti SAHU

Contemporary India has been witnessing mobilizations of people's action groups. This roundtable makes an attempt to interrogate in to the agenda of contemporary social movements with a view to inquiry in to the genesis, processes and consequences of social movements.

### Roundtable 5: After Gezi: Politics and Social Movements in Turkey

Session organizers: Kursad ERTUGRUL

This roundtable aims to discuss such aspects of emerging post-Gezi tendencies.

### Sharing Society: The Impacts of Collaborative Collective Action I

Wednesday, 18 July 2018: 10:30-12:20

Location: 713B (MTCC SOUTH BUILDING)

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)

Language: English

In recent decades we have witnessed a progressive weakening of the moderating role that the welfare state was performing on inequalities and social imbalances in the context of technologically advanced societies, which is assuming the gradual abandonment of mutuality, of social bonds that used to guarantee mutual support and interaction structures capable of making precarious life bearable. How important is to seek collective responses, and what effects and meanings shared practices and collaborative actions have for participants and society?

We are looking for different case studies of collaborative collective action and its effects in practices, bonds, structures and mobilizations that transform contemporary societies. The aim of the session will be to present different examples of forms and experiences of collective actions with a lower degree of structuring and organization than social movements, but which have a strong collaborative component and try to respond to collective challenges.

This proposal moves away from the concept of collaborative economy and seeks experiences that are developed in the field of mutual aid, solidarity, the defense of citizenship rights, not only to do-it-yourself but rather to do-it-with others, actions that reject competitiveness and are grounded in the concept of collective intelligence (the collective is able to solve a problem that the individual cannot solve separately) and win-win attitudes. The cases can belong to the following areas: housing, politics and governance, science, technology, ecology, consumption, urbanism, art, culture, communication, support and care, health, food, heritage, spirituality, open culture, 'making and tinkering'.

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The Critical Search for Theoretical Relevance in Social Movement Studies,  
Considered Internationally

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RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)

RC47 Social Classes and Social Movements

Language: English

Years of paradigmatic confrontation among social movement scholars in different regions of the globe have thus far produced limited results. Most recent progress in the field has come incrementally and often instrumentally in studies that isolate particular issues in social movement studies (e.g. leadership, community, emotions, identity formation) or that apply well-accepted analytical tools to the study of new cases or contexts. Thus, despite increasing interdisciplinary engagement with feminist, critical race, postcolonial, critical realist, ecological, anarchist, Marxist, and other critical theories, social movement research in much of the world, particularly North America and Western Europe, has continued to exhibit a positivist tendency to apply tools and concepts absent critical engagement with social movement ontologies.

In this regular session we open a space to address possibilities and limitations in searching for a renewal of social movement theory. We invite proposals that address one or more questions: What limits have you identified in the application of social movement concepts and tools to a specific context or case and how did you respond to those limitations practically and theoretically? How can critical theories contribute to social movement theory renewal? How have you attempted to reconcile your local or regional theoretical tradition with the use of theories and concepts from the hegemonic traditions in social movement studies? To what extent should scholars normalize questions of activist knowledge, movement intellectualism, and movement relevance in the field of social movement studies? How should social movement ontologies generally inform the study of social movements?

Session Organizers:

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## Transnational Social Movements

Wednesday, 18 July 2018: 17:30-19:20

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Language: English

In Yokohama and in Vienna we heard great presentations on transnational movements. The main questions remain the same: what are the varieties of transnational movements and what are the categories best suited for their analysis? In what ways do we have to go beyond the well-established social movement categories to capture their emergence, dynamics and demise? How do they develop and maintain transnational links to other movements and/or institutions? Are these links regional, inter-regional and/or transcontinental? Are some such movements initiated or sustained by professional issue entrepreneurs, international organizations, states or even businesses? For ISA's conference in Toronto, presentations on movements which forge links across borders to combat violence are especially welcome - this includes movements against the weapons industry as much as movements against violence directed against specific social groups. Moreover, transnational social movements, expert groups and protests seeking to challenge or regulate financial greed lords, their institutions and their practices should not be forgotten: transnational anti-financialization, anti-government debt or anti-bail-out protests and campaigns are of interest in this context. Also welcome are presentations on violence-espousing transnational movements.

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19:30-20:50

RC48 Business Meeting

Thursday, 19 July 2018



08:30-10:20

Can Anti-Globalization, "New" and "Old" Social Movements Work Together?

Thursday, 19 July 2018: 08:30-10:20

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RC44 Labor Movements

Language: English

The 2011 global wave of protests against inequality, neoliberal economic policies, and corrupt political elites uncovered new potential for protest coordination, coalition building, framing and agency. On one hand, the protests failed to produce unique repertoires, actors, coalitions, framings, demands and agendas. On the other hand, they weakened previously assumed distinctions between anti-globalization, "old" and "new" social movements, and facilitated new coalitions, building bridges and shared views between different actors ranging from unions to new social and anti-globalization movements. The result has been an enormously varied pattern of contemporary anti-globalization movements.

The session invites papers that examine and analyze these patterns. Specifically: What facilitated cooperation between social and labor movements, and what were the obstacles? What were the implications of these coalitions (successful and failed)? The proposed session will welcome both, analysis of concrete local cases and comparisons between cases, mainly seeking to contribute to the theory of social and labor movements.

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Collective Action in the Digital Age

Thursday, 19 July 2018: 10:30-12:20

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Language: Spanish and English

With the arrival of Digital Communication Technologies era we are witnessing the enlargement of public sphere, characterized by a transformation of visibility of our private lives and individualisation of where we draw borders of our intimacy. In 60s, the slogan "the personal is political" made fortune as the axis of feminist movement mobilisation. Nowadays, this slogan could be reframed into "the personal is public". As a result, the political positions and thoughts are increasingly often disseminated through this newly created digital layer of public sphere. However, in the cyber space the dissemination capacity is not egalitarian, with the networked structure of online social relations giving relevance to certain agents or internet "stars" who are able to influence or create public discourses, often contributing to the ideological polarisation of our societies. This new scenario overlaps a global tendency of declining electoral participation and erosion of traditional political ideologies.

In this context, many social movements have seen an opportunity to renew the repertoire of collective action and activism by embracing the digital and social media tools. This development opens a new field of social movements analysis regarding, amongst others, the transformation of effects and impacts of collective action, the transformation of individual engagement and social movements strategies, the transition of social movement organizations into online structures or the creation of emotions and states of mind through online social media. The session aims at collecting reflections, research results and case studies that can bring some light to this field of analysis.

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## New Alliances in Social Movements: Voices from Grass Roots

Thursday, 19 July 2018: 15:30-17:20

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Language: Spanish and English

Contemporary world experiences varieties of contradictory trends in the manifestations of social movements. These contradictions are delineated in the form of conflicting positions on radicalization and institutionalization of ideologies, and secularization and primordialisation of mobilizations, globalization and localization of issues, solidarity and fluidity in identity, consolidation and fragmentations in social movement organizations. These have been furthered by the proliferation and usage of the new and social media in the collective mobilizations. The social forces at grass roots, which have emerged to be resilient and reflexive through their increasing mobility, interconnectivity, access to ICTs, new and social media now form new alliances in social movements cross cutting the boundaries of pre-existing social collectivities of caste, class, peasant, farmers, workers, tribes, and indigenous people etc. As against these back drops this session aims to address the following questions: What have the emerging forms of these new alliances at the grass roots? How do the essential primordial categories form alliance with the socially constructed categories? How the resurgence of nativity does intersect with multicultural foundations at the grass roots? How do the localized alliances get interlinked with the alliances taking place at the wider levels of the society? How issues of ethnicity and nationality are interpreted at the grass roots by constructing new alliances? Why the issues of interests get prevailed over identity or the vice versa while forming an alliance in collective mobilization? How does social media help construct new alliances at the grass roots?

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17:30-19:20

Responding to the Far-Right: Contemporary Feminist Movements,

## Mobilizations, Protests, and Collective Actions.

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Language: English

Over the past few years, many far-right political groups have proliferated in the West. The rise in anti-immigrant, islamophobic, racist, and sexist calls from these groups has galvanized women's marches and feminist movements around the world. Case in point: The day after the inauguration of President Donald Trump, women's marches were held all over the world to challenge the political values he promotes to instead call for the rights of women, LGBTQ, immigrant, and racialized communities. This panel examines the feminist movements and collective actions that have (re)emerged since 2015 amid the growth of far-right politics.

Topics can include:

- Alliances between feminist movements and other movements (i.e. anti-war, anti-globalization, disability rights movements)
- The role of social media in contemporary feminist movements.
- The relationship between local and global feminisms.
- Creative methods of feminist protest
- Comparisons with earlier feminist movements and collective action
- What emotions are generated through contemporary feminist movements, protests and mobilizations?

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08:30-10:20

Emotions and Collective Actions in Contexts of Violence and Crime: Social Movements Responses to Violent Absence and Ambiguous Loss

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It is widely documented that emotions and collective actions can develop processes of memory, recognition and solidarity between victims in environments of violence. Also, it is well acknowledged that actions of violence such as kidnapping and enforced disappearances induce extreme suffering inside communities because of the uncertainty and the incapacity of families to find closure and come to terms with the disappearance of their loved ones, creating processes of ambiguous loss.

In this session we would like to explore and compare socio-historical evolutions of victims' organisations of violence, crime and armed conflict around the world. The aim is to analyse how the relationship between emotions and collective actions developed by victims' social movements can impact upon dimensions of social recognition, trust in justice, and solidarity. Particularly, in this session we want to comprehend how victims' groups claim human rights in the public sphere in response to processes of violent absence and ambiguous loss in contexts of high levels of violence and crime.

We invite theoretically driven or empirically grounded papers addressing the following topics:

- Theoretical reflections regarding the relationship between emotions and collective actions developed by victims' social movements.
- Initiatives that are examining how constructions of cultural memory, social recognition and civic solidarity influence collective actions in contexts of high levels of violence and crime.
- Cases studies of victims' organisations of violence, crime and armed conflict.
- Examples of collective actions developed by victims' groups regarding kidnapping, extrajudicial executions and enforced disappearances.

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10:30-12:20

Social Movement Theory Beyond Developmentalism

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This session debates developmentalism in social movement theory. Social movement theory, implicitly or otherwise, defines the movement by its developmental epoch. Periodisation commonly constructs 'leading edge' movements in the socio-economic heartlands, as 'new', relegating the rest. With the globalization of development crises – from climate crisis to financial crisis – development ideology has become politicized, for all societies. The 'developed' world has itself become the key site of global development problems, while late industrialisers now claim a role as drivers for alternative social models. Increasingly, social movements can gain a key role in challenging and transforming developmentalist models and ideologies. In this context, movement projects can circulate and find new traction across global divides – from occupy the squares, to climate justice. With transnationally-defined social and ecological crises, social movement theory can find new scope and relevance by engaging with critiques of developmentalism. What might this add to our understanding of social movements? What possibilities may this open-up, especially for strengthening Southern theory of movements? What may be its epistemological assumptions or methodological biases? And where, in terms of places and social forces, may it have most application and purchase?

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## Sharing Society: The Impacts of Collaborative Collective Action II

Friday, 20 July 2018: 15:30-17:20

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Language: English

In recent decades we have witnessed a progressive weakening of the moderating role that the welfare state was performing on inequalities and social imbalances in the context of technologically advanced societies, which is assuming the gradual abandonment of mutuality, of social bonds that used to guarantee mutual support and interaction structures capable of making precarious life bearable. How important is to seek collective responses, and what effects and meanings shared practices and collaborative actions have for participants and society?

We are looking for different case studies of collaborative collective action and its effects in practices, bonds, structures and mobilizations that transform contemporary societies. The aim of the session will be to present different examples of forms and experiences of collective actions with a lower degree of structuring and organization than social movements, but which have a strong collaborative component and try to respond to collective challenges.

This proposal moves away from the concept of collaborative economy and seeks experiences that are developed in the field of mutual aid, solidarity, the defense of citizenship rights, not only to do-it-yourself but rather to do-it-with others, actions that reject competitiveness and are grounded in the concept of collective intelligence (the collective is able to solve a problem that the individual cannot solve separately) and win-win attitudes. The cases can belong to the following areas: housing, politics and governance, science, technology, ecology, consumption, urbanism, art, culture, communication, support and care, health, food, heritage, spirituality, open culture, 'making and tinkering'.

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Methodological Challenges in Social Movements Research

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Language: English

At the third Isa Forum of Sociology in Vienna (2016) researchers coming from different regions of the world, and with very different research approaches, tried to find common ground perspectives in social methods and practices in order to analyse social movements in contemporary times. This panel go on the way of the above providing fruitful debates focused on methodological reflections regarding new approaches and practices asking both theoretical and empirical grounded cases of study.

Following the most recent tendencies of conceptualising social movements, one of the aims of the panel is to debate actual trends in constructing and designing research questions in order to address the social movements' research field. Every methodological choice has to intervene with ontological, normative and theoretical positions, dealing with methodological debates and finding new trends to overcome opposite positions. The panel aims to open a reflection on how to make easier the integration of different methods and methodological practices and overcome methodological struggles between the qualitative and quantitative approach.

We invite to present theoretically driven or empirically grounded papers addressing the following main topics, among others:

- (1) New conceptual and theoretical thinking about methods and methodological techniques in studying social movements;
- (2) Methodological reflections regarding new approaches and practices;
- (3) Construction of empirical research data addressing new

methodological approaches, but also about the use of old/traditional methods in the analysis of new collective spaces.

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Saturday, 21 July 2018

08:30-10:20

Rise of the Ultra-Right and Young People

Saturday, 21 July 2018: 08:30-10:20

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Language: English

Since 2008 we have witnessed significant increases in popular support for ultra-right populism especially amongst young people. The Identitarian a pan-European socio-political movement, started in France in 2002 as a ultra-right youth movement now has active chapters in Germany, Austria, Denmark, Poland, Lithuania, Slovenia and Italy. Young people provide much of the leadership and the rank-and-file membership in the English Defence League: with 72% of their active supporters under 30. In Germany, support by young people for the ultra-right populist parties grows: Alternative for Germany was the first choice of 26% of voters aged 18-24 in the regional Saxony-Anhalt elections held in 2016. Added to this are ultra-right populist websites and use of other social media to promote and rebrand far right politics. New media has been particularly effective in recruiting, communicating and mobilising action in various forms (eg trolling, Denial of Service Attacks and street protest etc).

We invite contributions based on research that offers insight into the appeal of ultra-right populism to young people. Paper may help develop an understanding of the meanings young people give to this kind of politics and its implications for the future. We also invite contributions that consider how democratic cultures might best respond to this



development. What are the limits of such politics within a democratic polity? Is it possible to transform such adversarial politics into what Mouffe called agonistic politics, and if so how might that be achieved?

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Activism and Collective Action in the Post-Occupy Era

Saturday, 21 July 2018: 10:30-12:20

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Language: English

This session examines the new manifestations and continued dynamics of social movements in the post-Occupy era. After an intense wave of occupation protests worldwide, rather than coming to a standstill, activism and collective action have moved from the streets into other social and political domains. While some of the former activists have shifted their arena of contention to institutional politics, others have experimented emancipatory practices through the development of alternative organizations and social enterprises. These include but are not limited to the rise of youth politicians and their grassroots supporters, post-movement cinema and art, self-governed communities and online groups, as well as other popular forms of citizen action in different regions. In order to analyze these current trends, this session solicits papers to explore activism and collective action in the post-Occupy era. We would like to address the following research questions:

What are the major activities, actors, causes, and features of activism and collective action that emerged in the post-Occupy era? And what are their relationships to the earlier wave of occupation movements?

What are the conditions and mechanisms under which they develop? And how far do they have the capacity to shape social orders and political realities?

How should we conceptualize the theoretical and methodological implications of the recent developments? And what are the roles played by social media and digital technologies in these processes?

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12:30-14:20

Different Facets of Urban Unrest – Untangling Urban Collective Action

Saturday, 21 July 2018: 12:30-14:20

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Language: French and English

Urban transformations usually spur several forms of social mobilization in response. These may be very diverse in form and content, ranging from fierce defences of residents' rights through art collectives and food-cooperatives to neighbourhood-beautification groups. Contemporary urban movements give voice to quite different conceptions of the urban environment, combining with variable emphasis the aspiration to participate more intensely in local planning with the focus on the autonomous building of alternative realities, in order to counteract the money-not-people-driven city investments. As in other contentious areas, civil society actors address urban issues through variable combinations of advocacy and service provision, of down-to-earth problem solving and political representation.

At the same time, despite this diversity, urban actors often perceive themselves, and are perceived by external observers, as part of (relatively) specific urban movements. This session will explore the common themes in urban mobilisation, underlying the variety of topics and strategies characterizing collective action fields. We welcome papers analysing the mechanisms (relational as well as cultural) through which urban initiatives and actors may get coordinated, generating local, national or even global platforms for urban change. We are particularly

interested in papers exploring the extent to which broad interpretative frames like “right to the city” have facilitated the linking of various forms of urban mobilization under common identities and consolidated distinct urban collective action networks. We invite participants to explore how their specific cases relate to global ideas such as “right to the city”, drawing conclusions that can be relevant to a wider international audience.

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14:30-16:20

Resistances and Emotions in Repressive Contexts.

Saturday, 21 July 2018: 14:30-16:20

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Language: English and Spanish

This session aims to discuss how emotions triggered by violence and repression affect collective action and forms of resistance.

Women, black and indigenous people, local grassroots groups, workers, migrants and students, among others, are facing violence in their everyday political activities. Threats, including dead threats, assassinations, disappearances, harassments, including racial and sexual harassment, physical and psychological violence perpetrated by police officers, soldiers, criminal groups, and other actors, can have a strong emotional impact, which can influence activists' life and their political practices and strategies.

In this session we would like to discuss the experience of people resisting violence and repression, focusing on the effects of emotions in their political activities and how do emotional strategies to face repression work.

In particular, we would like to discuss:

- How people manage their fear of repression, powerlessness and strain in order to avoid burnout;
- What activists feel towards those harass or repress them;
- How do activists express or manage feelings toward their opponents and authorities;
- How do activists manage (suppress, channel or evoke) their anger, indignation, outrage, and even hatred, in order not to suffer more repression.

In this session we will gather empirical and theoretical contributions focusing on the role of emotions in resistances that are developed in repressive contexts, encouraging a multidisciplinary approach to the debate. We therefore invite academics, researchers and students from all around the world to contribute to one of the topic discussed in this session.

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Proposals will be selected by the Scientific Committee. Participants will be selected following a peer-review process and on the basis of scientific excellence of their proposal, but a fair balance between different regions and areas of social movements research will also be considered.

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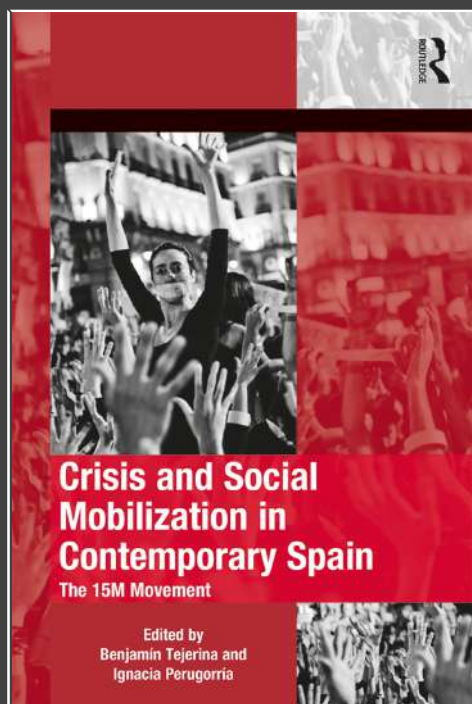
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## Part 1: What Makes Us Move?

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Our world today is not only a world in crisis but also a world in profound movement, with increasingly large numbers of people joining or forming movements: local, national, transnational, and global. The dazzling diversity of ideas and experiences recorded in this collection capture something of the fluidity within campaigns for a more equitable planet. This book, taking internationalism seriously without tired dogmas, provides a bracing window into some of the central ideas to have emerged from within grassroots struggles from 2006 to 2010. The essays here cross borders to look at the politics of caste, class, gender, religion, and indigeneity, and move from the local to the global.

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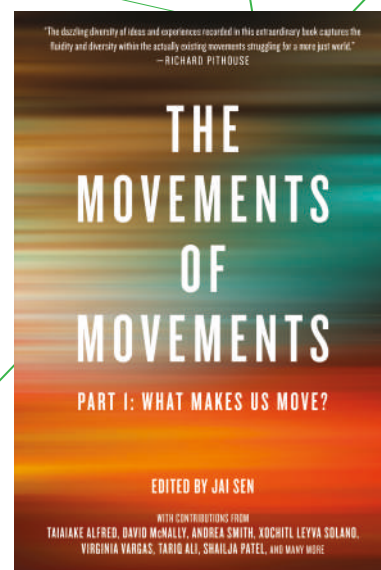
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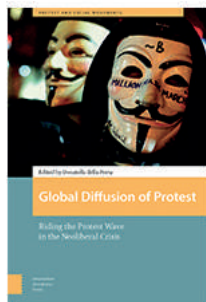
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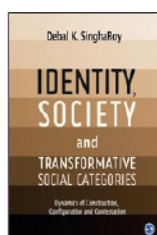
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