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1) Protests as Events / Events as Protests

Organised by the International Centre for Research in Events, Tourism and Hospitality (ICRETH), Leeds Metropolitan University

<http://protestsandevents.wordpress.com/>

12th June 2013, Leeds, UK

Call for Participation

We take as our starting point Paul Chatterton's (2006: 260) argument that: "acknowledging that protest encounters are emotionally laden, relational, hybrid, corporeal and contingent, possibilities open up for breaking the silences that divide us and overcoming ontological divisions such as activist and non-activist." This symposium aims to involve conversations between activists and non-activists, as well as academics as activists in order to explore the complex construction of protests as events / events as protests. We propose an innovative coming together of activists and academics to build bridges, initiate debate and develop future research agendas.

The conceptualisation of protests as events and vice versa involves consideration of the temporalities of protests as well as the mobilities that are enacted to bring together an assemblage that may be on the move or fixed at a still point. Protests as Events/ Events as Protests was inspired by a workshop held at the University of Leicester in June 2012 entitled (Re)thinking Protest Camps: governance, spatiality, affect and media.

This call thus seeks papers that focus on one or more of the following topics:

- * Conceptualisations of protests as events
- * The academic/activist interface
- * Timings and rhythms of protests
- * Discursive constructions of protests
- * Protest and political tourism
- * Mobile assemblages and protests
- * Embodiments of protest events
- * Sustaining protests in the face of cultural changes
- * Protests and sports events
- * Critical hospitality and protests
- * Governance and the governmentalities of protest events

We are now seeking proposals for papers for this symposium. Abstracts should be emailed to d.carl@leedsmet.ac.uk and be no more than 300 words. The call is now open and abstracts must be received by 10th March 2013 the very latest.

call for participation: workshops

As part of the Protests as Events Symposium we are interested in incorporating a series of practical workshops for participants interested in developing their skills as activists. There will be opportunities for four workshops throughout the day. Each workshop will last 40 minutes, to include set up and clear up time and be for up to 25 participants. Any group interested in offering a workshop should submit an outline of the activity to d.carl@leedsmet.ac.uk.

2) Rage, Rebellion, Revolution: Different Faces of Social Protest in Literature and Culture

<http://rebellionconference.edu.pl/>

University of Social Sciences, Warsaw, Poland

24 May 2013

The order of the world has always been the outcome of various tensions, ideally followed by agreements. Oscar Wilde argued: "Disobedience, in the eyes of anyone who has read history, is man's original virtue. It is through disobedience that progress has been made, through disobedience and through rebellion." (The Soul of Man Under Socialism, 1891). Forms of opposition can range from extremely violent ones, such as civil wars and revolutions, to more peaceful manifestations of resistance. Legitimization of power is at stake whenever a political or social system is questioned. Often the rhetoric of rebellion relies on the division into "us" and "them." In many cases the issue is successfully resolved by negotiations; in other instances military confrontations between the two groups follow.

Recent years have proved that regardless of various attempts to avoid conflicts, both by states as well as international organizations, opposition is always involved, whether power relations are challenged through individual or collective effort. Nowadays the world is facing major crises and so we are witnessing both violent and nonviolent forms of protest. Martin Luther King recognized the significance of both. Although he himself called only for nonviolent resistance, as he put it: "a riot is the language of the unheard" (Address given in Birmingham, Alabama on December 31, 1963). "Rage, Rebellion, Revolution" conference will welcome papers discussing the two (or more) aspects of social protest outlined above.

The present conference seeks to address various definitions of rebellions and revolutions both in literary and cultural contexts. We hope to provide a forum for scholars of literature, history, sociology and political science. We invite submissions connected with but not limited to the following problems:

- challenge to authorities and officials
- protest against regimes and totalitarian systems
- individual and social protest
- civil disobedience
- terrorism as a political and ideological tool
- (post)colonial rebellion
- utopian and dystopian visions
- anarchism as a form of rebellion
- The Occupy Movement
- the anti-globalization/ alter-globalization movement
- the generation gap, youth (sub)culture and struggle for identity
- sexual revolutions
- feminism
- Children of the Revolution
- media coverage of revolution
- media as a tool of revolution (with emphasis on new media)
- the discourse of rebellion

Proposals for 20-minute papers should be sent to rebellion.conference@san.edu.pl by 17 February 2013. They should include a 200-300 word abstract, along with your name, affiliation and email address.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the conference organizers, Małgorzata Milczarek and Anna Wortman at rebellion.conference@san.edu.pl.

3) Engagement and Participation in Family Support - UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre 6th Biennial International Conference

13 June 2013 - 14 June 2013

Engineering Building at the National University of Ireland, Galway

<http://www.childandfamilyresearch.ie/unesco-child-and-family-research-centre-6th-biennial-international-conference>

The UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre is delighted to announce its 6th Biennial International Conference on Engagement and Participation in Family Support that will be held on 13th & 14th June 2013 in the Engineering Building at the National University of Ireland, Galway.

Family Support requires the involvement of us all – children, parents, volunteers, professionals and politicians – as citizens. The aim of this conference is to view trends, challenges and options relating to citizen's engagement and participation in the field of Family Support. The conference will consider the relevance of citizenship to Family Support, exploring the potential and limitations of community and volunteer led provision, the challenges facing professional worker-citizens in embattled systems, the possibility of participatory structures within service delivery systems, the role of advocacy and protest in Family Support and the overall meaning and value of participation by children and young people for Family Support.

For the first time at its biennial conference, the UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre would like to invite submissions for presentations in parallel sessions. Abstracts are invited from the policy and practice community, as well as the academic community, in relation to the conference themes, which are as follows:

- Citizenship and Family Support
- The Contribution of Volunteers and Communities
- Challenges Facing Professional Worker-Citizens in Embattled Systems
- Participatory Structures
- The Role of Advocacy and Protest
- Participation by Children and Young People

Abstracts should be submitted by 1st March 2013.