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1) Influencing EU Politics: Mobilization and Representation of European Civil Society

http://www.zu.de/deutsch/lehrstuehle/politikfeld/eu_conference.php

Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen, Germany: 29th – 1st of June 2013

Deadline for abstracts: Friday, **15 March 2013**

Registration: <http://www.zu.de/deutsch/registration-conference.php>

Abstracts should be emailed to Patrick.Bernhagen@zu.de

The conference will provide a forum for intense and structured exchange about ongoing research on the role of non-state actors in EU politics. It will bring together leading scholars and young researchers to discuss work in progress and identify future research needs. A number of analytically distinct but empirically related dimensions of interest group involvement in the EU's multi-level political system will be targeted:

- populations of interest groups in the EU and the member states
- professionalization of European civil society groups
- strategies for influencing political decision making
- strategic framing of policy issues
- effective influence on EU policy outcomes
- the intersection of interest groups and political parties
- political advocacy of European bureaucracies
- prospects and challenges for the effective regulation of European interest representation

Call for Posters:

The organizers invite original poster presentations on the topics listed in the conference description above. Submissions are limited to one poster abstract per author. Abstracts should be in English and their length should not exceed 2000 characters. Please note that:

- All submitted abstracts will be peer-reviewed by at least two reviewers
- Authors of accepted posters will be expected to arrange printing and transportation of their posters by themselves, but might be eligible for full or partial conference grants covering other conference costs (see further below)

Costs:

The conference fee is 170 €. This includes catering during the conference, dinners and the conference pack.

A small number of full conference grants (covering travel, accommodation, dinners, lunches, coffee breaks and conference fee) are available for early career researchers* presenting a poster. If the number of selected posters exceeds the number of available grants, grants will be awarded on the basis of the best submissions as identified by the Scientific Advisory Committee.

A small number of partial conference grants (covering accommodation, dinners, lunches, coffee breaks and conference fee) are available for early career researchers* attending the conference. To apply for a partial grant, send your CV and a one-page proposal outlining your current

research interests and their relevance to the conference theme by 15th March 2013 to Patrick.Bernhagen@zu.de

Notifications to selected authors and grantees will be sent out by 22th March 2013.

**An early career researcher is someone who at the time of the application has not been in an established position for more than 5 years. Therefore, graduate students, post-doctorate researchers and lecturers within 5 years of appointment would be amongst those included in this definition.*

Chaired by Patrick Bernhagen, Zeppelin University
Co-chaired by Daniel Naurin, Gothenburg University

For a list of key speakers, please follow the link above.

2) Talking about protest. Oral history methodology in social and political movements research

http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/ias/current/networks/oralhistory/julyconference/

Institute of Advanced Studies, Warwick, UK: 6th July 2013

Deadline for abstracts: Sunday, **14 April 2013**

Please send abstracts of 150-200 words to andrehajek@gmail.com

This one-day conference will engage with the politics of protest from a methodological perspective, focusing on the challenges, advantages and pitfalls of personal testimony and oral history sources in research on social movements and contentious politics at large.

The conference builds on an interdisciplinary seminar held at the University of Warwick in February 2011, entitled 'Challenging dominant discourses of the past: 1968 and the value of oral history'. The proceedings of this seminar - recently published in the journal [Memory Studies \(Vol. 6.1\)](#) - will be presented during the conference which, however, extends the focus of research beyond the 1960s and 1970s.

Its aim is to bring together researchers of both historical and contemporary social movements coming from a variety of disciplines (history, sociology, anthropology, cultural studies, memory studies, etc), on the one hand, and scholars of contentious politics and resistance more generally. The topic may be approached from both a practical and a thematic angle.

We invite people to submit proposals for presentations of 20-25 minutes. Papers should discuss **the challenges/problems/additional value of oral history methodology** in this type of research or present **the outcomes of oral history interviews** that have been performed as part of a research project.

Topics may include, but are by no means limited to:

- the (dis)composure of individual and collective identities during the oral history interview
- the impact of external factors (e.g. sexuality, class, age and ethnicity) on the formation of subjectivities during the oral history interview
- the inter-subjective relation between narrator and listener
- ethics and legal issues
- talking about delicate topics such as political violence and sexual discrimination
- mutual trust and reliability
- authority and 'possessive' memory
- individual/collective silences and competition

- intergenerational memory/transference of memories of protest
- the implementation of oral history research on contentious politics

3) Reconfiguring Anti-Racism: Tolerance, Harmony, Inclusion or Justice?

<http://www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/ccg/events/conferences/13-anti-racism/images/call-for-papers.pdf>

Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia: 9th – 10th of December 2013

Deadline for abstracts: Friday, **17 May 2013**

Please send an abstract of up to 200 words and a 100 word bio per author to Ms Cayla Edwards citglob@deakin.edu.au

This conference will bring together scholars who study anti-racism, intercultural or race relations across a diverse range of disciplines and geographical regions.

Selected presenters will be invited to contribute to either a monograph or a special issue in a relevant journal.

Papers should address one of the following multidisciplinary themes:

- Individual and institutional anti-racism
- Anti-racist collective action and social change
- Conflict resolution and intercultural understanding
- Alter-racist citizenship and cosmopolitanism

To register your interest in attending, or to receive updates on registration and event news please contact Cayla Edwards (details above)

For a list of key speakers and convenors, please follow the link above.

4) A European Youth Revolt in 1980/81?

<http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/termine/id=21262>

Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis, Amsterdam, Netherlands: 15th – 17th of May 2014

Deadline for abstracts: Friday, **01 June 2013**

Proposals for 25-minute-presentations consisting of a one-page abstract, a short CV and a list of publications should be sent to

Andresen@zeitgeschichte-hamburg.de and bart.vandersteen@gmail.com

Organisers:

- Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis, Amsterdam
- Institut für soziale Bewegungen, Bochum
- Forschungsstelle für Zeitgeschichte in Hamburg, Hamburg

Sparked off by urban conflicts on youth centres and squatted houses, youth revolts unfolded in April/May 1980 in Amsterdam and Zurich, and soon spread to West-Berlin and other West-German cities. Simultaneously, cities such as Copenhagen and Vienna also witnessed a rise of confrontations between youth and the police, while in Great Britain so called ‘race riots’ broke

out in more than thirty cities in the early summer of 1981.

This far from complete enumeration tends to lend weight to the impression that the second youth revolt – as it was often called at the time – was above all a Northern European phenomenon. **Did other European countries also witness an upturn of youth protests in the early 1980s, which was not solely linked to house occupations and structural urban conflicts? Can specific patterns of youth protests be discerned, that rise above nationally focused discourses? Can we speak of an international protest attitude among young people in the early 1980s?**

These questions will be central at this conference, which aims at gaining a European perspective on the 1980/81 youth revolt as well as more in-depth insights into its specific aspects.

The goal of the conference will be to achieve an overview of developments in Europe that moves beyond the descriptions of spectacular confrontations. We aim at embedding the youth revolt of 1980/1981 in a broader context of European post-war history. How can disparities be explained? Were the youth revolts mainly reactions to state repression and police violence, as was often claimed at the time? Or were the protesters' motivations less specific and their actions more generally directed at a society which was deemed rigid and cold? With these questions we hope to uncover new traces, which may lead to a new understanding of the youth revolt.

The effects of the revolts need to be discussed as well. The autonomous movements and squatters of the 1980s can be seen as heirs of the 1980/1981 youth revolts, even though they remained a quantitatively marginal group already at their time. The revolts were also expressions of the search for new forms of socialization and small, manageable social spheres. How did those involved develop after 1980/81, and which effects can be observed nationally and trans-nationally?

Another field of interest are the political and societal reactions to youth's unruliness. Did critical social scientists write sympathetic reports, partly based on their own experiences? Did their expertise and publications influence political decision making, or, for example, change the conduct of the police? How did politics and society react to these challenges?

The contributions should be based on historical source material and embedded in a social-cultural history of post-war Europe. We especially welcome proposals that highlight the following four questions/perspectives:

- Which events and social groups shaped and characterized the youth revolts of 1980/1981?
- Which political programs were articulated or can be discerned? Did these build forth and/or were they taken up by other societal currents?

What were the political and societal reactions to the youth revolts?

- How did these revolts influence or impact more general social developments, if at all?

Conference language is English. Publication of the proceedings is intended

5) Summer School on Methods for the Study of Political Participation and Mobilization

http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/ias/current/networks/oralhistory/julyconference/

European University Institute, San Domenico di Fiesole, Italy: 16th – 27th July 2013

Applicants must email a **cover letter** in which they explain how the Summer School would be

beneficial for their research, a **500-word abstract of their proposed paper**, and a **CV** no later than **15th of April 2013**: to pam.summerschool@gmail.com

Participants will focus on how to analyze present and past forms of grassroots participation activated by social movement and civil society actors at the local, regional and transnational level. More in general, the Summer School aims at disseminating knowledge on how to investigate processes and mechanisms that sustain the active citizens' participation to and mobilization in the realm of politics.

Grassroots participation and radical democracy have been at the center of the public and political debate in 2011 and 2012, when a new wave of contention crossed the entire world: from the Arab countries to North America; from Latin America to European countries. The emergence of a new wave of contention requires scholars to reflect on the research strategies and methodologies that are employed to study grassroots participation and radical democracy. Although there is a considerable amount of research done on how social movements and civil society actors mobilize, specialized literature on how to actually investigate this phenomena is rare, although increasingly necessary with the recent wave of contention that mobilized citizens in the Arab, European and American countries. The Summer School addresses this gap discussing how to apply the most common methods in the social sciences to investigate political participation and mobilization.

The Summer School is open to **20 graduate and master students as well as early career researchers** with a specialized interest in participation and mobilization in different fields of study, including political science, political sociology, political communication, and political anthropology from throughout European and beyond.

Costs:

Full fees for the Summer School are €350 and cover tuition costs, academic materials, lunches at the EUI, welcome aperitivo & farewell dinner, use of library, computing and internet facilities. Fees will not cover travel and accommodation costs, but a list of available accommodations will be circulated well in advance to all registered participants.

The ECPR will offer two Travel and Accommodation grants (€300 each) that will be selected amongst participants.

For more details on requirements, the organising committee and funding, please follow the link above.

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