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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, Lake Constance, Germany: **29th May – 1st June 2013**

Registration deadline: **5th May 2013**

Registration form on website

Key speakers include:

[Joost Berkhout](#), University of Amsterdam
[Jan Beyers](#), University of Antwerp
[Anne Binderkrantz](#), Aarhus University
[Raj Chari](#), Trinity College Dublin
[Lisa Dellmuth](#), Stockholm University
[Andreas Dür](#), University of Salzburg
[Pia Eberhardt](#), Corporate Europe Observatory
[Rainer Eising](#), Ruhr-Universität Bochum
[Danica Fink Hafner](#), University of Ljubljana
[Justin Greenwood](#), Robert Gordon University
[Beate Kohler](#), Mannheim Centre for Political Research
[Beth Leech](#), Rutgers University
[William Maloney](#), University of Newcastle
[Anne Rasmussen](#), University of Leiden

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

Costs:

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

You can opt for the reduced conference fee of **70 €** if you do not intend to attend the three conference dinners included. For this, please tick the relevant box in the registration form.

All fee-paying participants will receive an invoice after registration is completed.

Chaired by **Patrick Bernhagen**, Zeppelin University

Co-chaired by **Daniel Naurin**, Gothenburg University

2) Protests as Events / Events as Protests

<http://protestsandevents.wordpress.com/2012/11/16/hello-world/>

International Centre for Research in Events, Tourism and Hospitality (ICRETH), Leeds

Metropolitan University, Leeds, UK: **12th June 2013**

Registration at

http://onlinestore.leedsmet.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&prodid=204&deptid=4&catid=2

Keynote Speaker:

Dr Paul Chatterton, Reader in Cities and Social Change, University of Leeds

“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.

As well as academic papers we are looking to work with activist groups to integrate, into the symposium programme,

a series of activist led workshops; the aim of which will be to produce an eBook based on workshop materials.

The symposium will feature parallel paper sessions and activist’s led workshops.

The symposium conveners are Dr **Ian Lamond**; Professor **Karl Spracklen** and Professor **Kevin Hannam**.

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or Dr Ian Lamond on +44 (0)113 -812 3816 or email to I.Lamond@leedsmet.ac.uk

Deadline for papers passed, attendance still possible.

3) Im/mobilizing In/equalities: Migration and Marginality in Times of Crisis

Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology Central European University, Budapest, Hungary: **27-28 June 2013**

Annual Graduate Conference

Deadline for abstracts: Sunday, **5th May 2013**

Abstracts (200 words) should be emailed to imin.ceu@gmail.com

A limited number of bursaries will be available to participants, please let us know if you would need to be considered for this when sending the abstract.

Keynote Speakers:

Sandro Mezzadra (University of Bologna)

Tom Slater (University of Edinburgh)

Panel I: (Re)bordering and (De)bordering: Producing New Immobilities:

We invite papers which explore, but are not limited to, the following questions:

- What are the relations between migration policies and migrant subjectivities in contemporary Europe and beyond?
- In which ways do transnational institutions manifest themselves in the everyday lives of migrants?
- What are some of the subversive strategies used by migrants in order to resist imposed immobility and what can that tell us about changing political configurations?
- What methodological innovations can be developed to capture the complex interrelations between the different scales on which the governance of mobilities is played out?
- How does the emergent politics of xenophobia and populism fold into forms of protest against the criminalization of movement, and what discursive battles are at stake here?
- How do discourses and policies concerning the hierarchization of migration in various European and non-European contexts interlock in ways that contradict or mirror European experiences?

Panel II: The Production of Urban Marginality: A Relational Understanding of Restructuring

We are particularly interested in papers which explore the following questions:

- How marginalized communities try to cope with the intensifying process of polarization, deprivation and with the various forms of austerity
- The ways in which urban movements have been altered and new kinds of political voices and practices have emerged together with the changing political subjectivities of inhabitants themselves living in “ghettos”, “abandoned spaces” and other “zones of exception”

- The process through which urban governance has started to transform after 2008 in a response to the crisis
- The ways in which criminalizing and penalizing policies are gaining importance, and the ways in which policy makers are using and abusing discourses of fear and crime in an era of advanced marginality
- The particular forms of interaction between „the state” and „marginalized communities” with special respect to the actors who are mediating between the different levels.
- The process of rescaling urban marginality, particularly in the framework of EU policies/projects

4) AND NOW KILL US ALL. THE CHALLENGES OF MOBILIZATIONS AGAINST CORRUPTION AND ORGANIZED CRIME

<http://anticorrp.eu/calendar/call-for-papers-and-now-kill-us-all.-the-challenges-of-mobilizations-against-corruption-and-organized-crime>

National Conference of the Italian Political Sciences Association - Florence **12-14**

September 2013

Deadline for abstracts: Wednesday, **15th May 2013**

Abstracts should be emailed to alice.mattoni@eui.eu and francesca.forno@unibg.it

Paper proposals should consist of author(s) name, academic affiliation and institutional address; title and abstract of the paper to be presented. They are glad to accept proposals both in Italian and English.

Chairs: [Francesca Forno](#) and [Alice Mattoni](#)

Discussant: [Donatella della Porta](#)

In particular, they are interested in papers that:

- 1) explore the organizational patterns, forms of protest, mobilization of resources, communication/mediation practices, and/or contentious discourses that civil society and social movement actors develop when mobilize against corruption and organized crime
- 2) explain the outcomes of civil society and social movement actors mobilizations against corruption and organized crime, with particular attention to the outcomes at the level of policy making at the local and national level
- 3) discuss the methodological challenges that the study of such mobilizations, that span from high-risk and high-visibility protests to high-risk and low-visibility actions, imply for scholars approaching them.

They welcome papers employing qualitative, quantitative or mixed-methods approaches.

Comparative studies, contrasting different mobilizations, different countries, and/or different periods of time are also welcome.

5) Pirating the Popular - Conference on Popular Culture and World Politics

<http://pcwp6.jmk.su.se/conferences/3-pcwp>

Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden : **13th & 14th September 2013**

Popular Culture and World Politics Conference

Deadline for abstracts: Sunday, **1st June 2013**

Abstracts should be emailed to abstractspcwp@statsvet.su.se

The conference has the possibility to subsidize several scholars located at universities in the MENA region working on the themes of relevance to the conference. This requires an abstract. Notification on a subsidy grant will be send out by August at latest.

Registration form on website

The general theme Pirating the Popular covers a broad range of practices concerning the complex, dubious and dynamic nature of popular culture in world politics. We welcome proposals for papers, panels, performances and screenings addressing the many different aspects of world politics and popular culture that are evoked by the metaphor of piracy.

Keynote Speakers:

Elisa Kreisinge (Culture Pirate, US)

Siva Vaidhyanathan (Robertson Family Professor University of Virginia, University of Virginia, US)

Conference conveners:

Michele Micheletti (Lars Hierta chair of political science) michele.micheletti@statsvet.su.se

Kristina Riegert (Professor of Media and Communication Studies) kristina.maj.riegert@ims.su.se

6) (Mis)understanding political participation

<http://www.ecrea-symposium.ifkw.uni-muenchen.de/index.html>

ECREA sections Communication & Democracy and Gender & Communication, LM Universität München, Munich, Germany: **11-12 October 2013**

Deadline for abstracts: Wednesday, **15th May 2013**

Abstracts to be submitted [here](#)

Keynote Speakers:

Bart Cammaerts (LSE)

We invite paper and panel proposals from a wide range of disciplines (media and communication studies, cultural studies, gender studies, sociology, political sciences etc.) related to the central theme of the conference, including (but not limited to) the following topics:

- Mediatization of political participation and civic engagement
- Media practices and mediation of political participation, engagement and protest
- Relationships between national media systems and participation

- NGOs, mainstream media and social media
- Media representations of engagement, protest and new masculinities
- Feminist protest and new media
- Intersectionality and media
- Gay and lesbian rights, the queer movement and the media
- Issues of surveillance and data privacy
- Digital divides, hierarchy and marginalisation in civic engagement
- Historical accounts of mediatisation of participation and engagement

For further information, please contact

Dr. Cornelia Wallner on +49-89-2180-9400 or email to ecrea-symposium@ifkw.lmu.de

7) Social Justice and the City – CFP for Hong Kong Conference

<http://progressivegeographies.com/2013/04/16/social-justice-and-the-city-cfp-for-hong-kong-conference/>

*Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University, on **4th – 6th December, 2013***

In Memory of Neil Smith, Who Had Devoted His Life to Social Justice

Deadline for abstracts: Friday, **31st May 2013**

Abstracts to be sent to to Wing-Shing Tang (wstang@hkbu.edu.hk)

It is intended to publish some of the papers in a monograph.

This conference is interested in papers that focus on one or more of the following sub-themes:

- (1) Interrogates the concept of social justice in light of cities around the world;
- (2) Elaborates the possible intertwining of high-density development and social justice;
- (3) Interrogates the current urban research method on social justice;
- (4) Decipher the processes and patterns of social justice in individual cities; and
- (5) Compares and contrasts cases of social justice across various spatial scales: between the advanced and the developing cities; between cities in two different continents; between two cities within the same continent; between two cities within one part of the same continent; and between cases within the same city.

For further information, please contact

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8) *Special issue: Statactivism: State Restructuring, Financial Capitalism and Statistical Mobilizations*

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<http://www.francoangeli.it/riviste/sommario.asp?IDRivista=152>

Deadline for abstracts: Sunday, **16th June 2013**

*Our target publication date is **May 2014** (vol. 7, no. 2). The extension limit is 8,000*

words, including notes and references.

We welcome in particular:

- Robust comparative investigations with precise references to political and institutional contexts.
- Researches that shed light on the role that techniques, statistical nomenclature, graphic representation, statistical categories, scales of definition of indicators, and so on, play in contentious mobilizations.
- Researches that, discuss theories of collective action and contentious politics starting from empirical results on stactivism.
- Papers analyzing how data are collected and used in contentious performance to claim for rights in workplace as well in administration.
- Researches comparing stactivism in different professional sectors.
- Comparisons with other kinds of mobilization (among others, those opposing to quantification as such).
- Research on mobilizations against rankings and/or for alternative indicators.
- Research exploring the local-transnational nexus, studying local forms of stactivism with extra-local political goals, as well as networks of stactivists in global campaigning.
- Explanations of mimetic diffusion of practices of getting around and bending the rules of evaluation.
- Longitudinal researches explaining the invention and the use of indicators to describe and explain inequalities, and the criticism against traditional developmental indicators.

Articles should concentrate on the conceptual and explanatory dimensions, not only on the descriptive one.

9) Special issue: Online Collective Action and Policy Change

Policy & Internet

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/poi3.v5.1/issuetoc>

10) CfP: “Social movements and political protest in times of austerity”

XVII SISP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Please find below a call for papers for a panel on “Social movements and political protest in times of austerity” at the next annual conference of the Italian association of political science in Florence. See <http://www.sisp.it/conference> for more. The deadline for paper proposals is **May 15, 2013**. Paper proposals should be submitted by e-mail to the Panel Chair. The proposal should indicate the name and surname, SISP affiliation and address, a title and a short abstract.

Best wishes,
Marco Giugni and Maria Grasso

Title: Social movements and political protest in times of austerity

Chairs: **Marco Giugni** (University of Geneva) and **Maria Grasso** (University of Sheffield)

Abstract

Among the consequences of the economic crises that strikes Europe since 2008 is the rise of social movements and protest activities against the crises and especially against the ways in which European government are dealing with it. Protest movements and events such as the *Indignados* and the Occupy Movement have received a great deal of attention in the media and the popular imaginary in recent times. In this context, this panel aims to provide a rigorously-researched, evidence-based set of research papers on the relationship between austerity and protest. The underlying assumption of the panel is that the current crisis not only has brought to the fore new movements and protests, but is also leading to a change in the very features of such movements and protests, including a blurring of the boundaries between “old” and “new” movements as well as between “grievance-driven” and “opportunity-driven” protests.

What is the relationship between economic crises and protest behavior? Does the experience of austerity, or economic hardship more broadly defined, create a greater potential for protest? Does “austerity” change the underlying motivations for engaging in protest? What is the role of social class for the emergence of protest in the context of economic crises and/or as a reaction to austerity measures? What is the role of political institutions in the process of grievance formation? How do the answers to the above questions and the other research questions examined by the papers in this proposed special issue challenge commonly held views of the relationship between economic crises and austerity, on one hand, and social movements and protest, on the other?

More specifically, we welcome papers addressing one or more of three crucial, long-standing debates in scholarship in political sociology, social movement studies, and related fields: (1) the effects of economic hardship on protest and social movements; (2) the role of grievances and opportunities in social movement theory; (3) the distinction between “old” and “new” movements. The proposed papers should engage with these three key debates and should provide a basis for challenging some of the commonly held views of political sociologists and social movement scholars on all three counts. Both theoretical and empirical papers are welcome, but evidence-based analyses will be prioritized. Comparative analyses are particularly welcomed.