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REMINDER: Special Issue: Research and Methods in the Study of Social Protest: Towards a Crossdisciplinary Dialogue

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Deadline for *abstracts*: **15th July 2013**

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Suggested Themes:

- Overviews of the methods and theoretical apparatuses used within a specific research tradition or discipline
- Examples of case studies, with strong considerations on the methodological issues raised by applied research
- Historical analysis on the spectrum of methodologies adopted in the broad field of social protest research
- Critical discussions of theoretical, epistemological and methodological issues in a discipline/research tradition
- Critical discussions on the multidisciplinary endeavour
- Other topics relevant to the methodological process in researching social protest, and express, diffuse this research.

Although we welcome interdisciplinary papers, work conducted within the boundaries of a single discipline is suitable for Contention. Due to the multidisciplinary audience of Contention, authors should however put efforts in explaining key terms and concepts so that these can be understood across disciplines. Papers should be formatted following the [usual requirements](#).

1) Anniversary Symposium on the Works of Toni Morrison

Södertörn University, English Department, Stockholm, Sweden: 18th – 19th

October 2013

Deadline for abstracts: **10th June 2013**

Abstracts (300 words) and a short bio (50 words) should be emailed to morrisonssymposium2013@yahoo.se

Registration deadline: 20th July 2013

[Registration form](#)

Keynote speaker:

Dr. Mariangella Palladino, University of Coimbra

Suggested Themes:

- Biblical Themes and Spirituality in the Works of Toni Morrison
- Celebrating Black Community in Morrison's Novels
- Critical Approaches to Toni Morrison's Latest Novels
- Ethics in Morrison's Fiction
- Representations of Making and Consuming Food in Morrison's Fiction
- Reclaiming African American History in Morrison's Novels
- Teaching Morrison - Didactic Perspectives
- The Impact of Morrison's Work on Other Works of Literature
- The Representation of the Body in Morrison's Fiction
- Toni Morrison's Literary Heritage

Conference Organisers:

Kerstin Shands, Professor of English, Södertörn University, Stockholm (Sweden)

Giulia Grillo Mikrut, PhD Candidate, University of Queensland (Australia)

Contact: morrisonssymposium2013@yahoo.se

2) Revolt and Revolution

Inter-Disciplinary.net, Athens, Greece: 4th – 6th November 2013

Deadline for abstracts: **14th June 2013**

Abstracts (300 words, details on website) should be emailed to both organising chairs

[Booking form](#)

Suggested Themes for Papers, Workshops & Performances:

- Resistance today including Occupy Wall Street
- Reactionary revolts including the TEA Party and anti-immigration movements

- The neoliberal revolution, challenges to capitalism and the enclosure of the commons
 - Postcolonial politics: resistance, revolt and revolution
 - The politics and ethics of revolt and revolution
 - The Arab Spring and its aftermath
 - The role of citizens and non-citizens (including refugees, foreign workers and travellers) play in shaping such politics?
 - Revolutions in art, media and institutions
 - Revolutionary change in movements around sexuality, gender and subcultures
 - Power, discourse and language of resistance
- Technological revolutions, piracy and the network society.

Organising Chairs:

[James Arvanitakis and Martin Fredriksson](#)

[Rob Fisher](#)

The conference is part of the *Probing the Boundaries* programme of research projects. It aims to bring together people from different areas and interests to share ideas and explore various discussions which are innovative and exciting. All papers presented at the conference will be eligible for publication in an ISBN eBook. Selected papers may be developed for publication in a themed hard copy volume.

[3\) Citizen of the World: The Use and Abuse of Thomas Paine c.1809-2009](#)

People's History Museum, Manchester Metropolitan University, Institute of Humanities and Social Science Research, Manchester, UK: *28th – 30th November 2013*

Deadline for abstracts: **14th June 2013**

[**Abstracts**](#) (200 words) and a one-page CV should be emailed to the organisers

Suggested Themes:

- Paine in biography
- Paine's political legacy on the Left and Right
- Paine in memory and commemoration
- Paine in public history, heritage and education
- Paine as world citizen
- Paine beyond America, Britain and France
- Paine, religion and 'free-thought'

Organisation:

[Sam Edwards](#)

[Marcus Morris](#)

4) Traveling Whiteness: Interchanges in the Study of Whiteness

University of Turku, Turku, Finland: 18th – 19th October 2013

Deadline for abstracts: **15th June 2013**

Abstracts (250 words) and a short bio (150 words) should be emailed to travelingwhiteness@gmail.com

Keynote speakers:

Dr. Mike Hill - University at Albany-SUNY

Dr. Philomena Essed - Antioch University

Suggested Themes:

- Social Constructions of Whiteness
- Identity Formation and Whiteness
- Race, (Anti-)Racism, and Whiteness
- Ideologies and Discourses of Whiteness
- Class, Social Inequalities and Whiteness
- Gender, Sexuality, and Whiteness
- Spaces/Places of Whiteness
- Representational Whiteness
- Legislation and Whiteness
- Sporting Whiteness

Conference Organisers:

Dr. Benita Heiskanen - Turku Institute for Advanced Studies and Cultural History

Ph.D. Candidate Aleksi Huhta - General History

Dr. Suvi Keskinen - Sociology

Dr. Lotta Kähkönen - Gender Studies

Dr. Johanna Leinonen - Turku Institute for Advanced Studies and General History

Contact:

Conference Coordinator [Aleksi Huhta](#)

5) Edward W. Said: Public Intellectual, Cultural Critic, Activist. One Day Symposium

Department of Media, Film & Communication, University of Otago, New Zealand: 2nd October 2013

Deadline for abstracts: **1st August 2013**

Abstracts (250 words) and a short bio should be emailed to said-conference@otago.ac.nz

Registration deadline: 20th September 2013

RSVP to mfco@otago.ac.nz

As a tribute to Edward Wadie Said, the Department of Media, Film & Communication, University of Otago, New Zealand, will be hosting a one-day symposium and invites contributions from any field to discuss various aspects of Edward Said's work.

Keynote speaker:

Professor Vijay Mishra - Murdoch University, Australia

Convenors:

Dr. Vijay Devadas

Dr. Brett Nicholls

6) Radical Left Wing Movements in the Baltic Sea Region and Eastern Europe

Södertörn University, School of Social Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden: 24th – 26th January 2014

Deadline for abstracts: **27th August 2013**

Abstracts (1-2 pages), overview of research interests and former publications to radical_left_conference2014@sh.se

Registration deadline: 25th October 2013

Registration via Email containing an overview of research interests and earlier research.

Keynote speaker:

Donatella della Porta - European University Institute, Florence, Italy

Luke March - Deputy Director of the Princess Dashkova Russia Centre, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Suggested Themes:

- The political role of radical left groups: their interplay with new social movements and more institutionalized actors on the left (such as political parties and trade unions), as well as their direct or indirect impact on general public debate, agenda setting and decision-making (including the state's use of counter-measures against these groups).

- The impact of differences in Political Opportunity Structures, national historical experiences, and protest cultures between countries and regions on the development of the radical left in these countries.
- The role of specific ideas of democracy and political change for radical left groups' and activists' political visions/goals as well as movement-internal practices/repertoires of action.
- The uses of culture and media in radical left groups, including the impact of/on subcultures, music, alternative media, social media, etc.
- The social movement organizations, networks and activists of the radical left in the countries of the Baltic region (i.e., the countries bordering the Baltic Sea), but also more broadly in the countries of Eastern Europe and Scandinavia.
- The radical left in contemporary perspective, and/or with a focus on the developments of this political context during the last decades (especially since the decisive years of 1968 and 1989).

Conference Organisers:

Magnus Wennerhag, Christian Fröhlich, Grzegorz Piotrowski and **Adrienne Sörbom** – are part of the research project **“Anarchists in Eastern and Western Europe – a Comparative Study”**. The project is based at Södertörn University and funded by The Foundation for Baltic and East European Studies, Sweden.

Contact: radical_left_conference2014@sh.se

7) Action – A Limit of Psychoanalysis?

Psychoanalysis and Politics Conference Series, Sunnmøre Folkehøgskule, Ulsteinvik, Norway: 29th July – 5th August 2013

We invite contributions that discuss the potential political role of psychoanalytic thinking and reflections on psychoanalytic understandings of action, activism, ‘engagement’ and ‘neutrality’ within and beyond the frame of the consulting room.

This is an interdisciplinary conference – we invite theoretical contributions and historical, literary or clinical case studies on these and related themes from philosophers, sociologists, psychoanalysts, psychotherapists, literary theorists, historians and others. Perspectives from different psychoanalytic schools will be most welcome.

Registration via Email to moc.liamg@scitilop.sisylanaohcysp

All further details on transport, costs, accommodation etc. as well as recommended literature on the [conference's website](#)

Keynote speakers:

Julia Borossa - Director of the Centre for Psychoanalysis at Middlesex University

Nina Power - University of Roehampton

Conference Organising Committee (Arrkom):

Responsible for the cultural programme: [Solveig Styve Holte](#)

Responsible for the economy: [Haakon Flemmen](#)

Responsible for the information: [Sidsel Pape](#)

8) « [Did anyone say Power?](#) »

Bangor University, Wales, UK: 5th – 6th September 2013

Registration deadline: 31st July 2013

[Registration form](#)

Keynote speaker:

Professor Christina Schäffner- Aston University, Birmingham, UK

Dr. Karen Bennett- University of Lisbon Centre for English Studies (ULICES), Portugal

Professor Luc van Doorslaer- University of Leuven, Centre for Translation Studies (CETRA), Belgium

Professor José Lambert- University of Leuven, Centre for Translation Studies (CETRA), Belgium

Themes:

Theories of Power and Ideology

- Ideology, Power and the different 'Turns' in Translation Studies
- Power and Ideology from different disciplinary Perspectives
- Ideology and Power in relation to History, Theory, Practice and Technology

Discourse in Translation

- Critical Theory and Philosophy
- Capitalist Hegemony
- Political Ideologies
- Subversive and Underground Ideologies

Conference Organisers:

Dr Stefan Baumgarten

Dr Yan Ying

Dr Jordi Cornellà-Detrell

Contact: translationconference2013@bangor.ac.uk

9) Neoliberalism in Turkey: A Balance Sheet of Three Decades

World Economics Association:

Deadline for abstracts: **1st October 2013**

Discussion Forum: 28th October – 14th November 2013

Suggested Themes:

- Macroeconomic policies in the era of globalization and neoliberalism.
- Independent central banking and inflation targeting: political and economic effects.
- Balance of payments issues under the neo-liberal agenda.
- Are financialization and de- industrialization of the economy linked? The case of Turkey
- Fiscal austerity: winners and losers; short and long term effects.
- Labour markets under the neo-liberal agenda. Productivity, labour and new technologies; the new international division of labour; the casualization of labour and its implications for the economy, society and politics in Turkey.
- Income and wealth distribution: changes; impact on the economy and society.
- Wider inequalities including inequalities by gender and regions.
- The role of foreign multinationals and international financial institutions in the Turkish economy.
- The restructuring of the state and its impact on stakeholders from labour to finance capital to manufacturing capital, to small businesses.
- Localization and de-centralization. The role of civil society institutions and conceptualization of “governance” and the “new democracy”.
- Emergence of Islamic conservatism and its relationship with neoliberal policies.
- The dismantling of the welfare state: short and long term impact on education, health care and social infrastructure. Poverty and social exclusion.

Conference Organisers:

[Erinç Yeldan](#) - Professor of Economics and Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences at the Yaşar University

[Özden Birkan](#) - Assistant Professor of Economics at Yaşar University

[Ilker Aslan](#) - PhD student in Political Economy at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland