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1) CFP: Second Interdisciplinary Conference on Social Protest 2014 – Deadline Extended

****Please share with colleagues and friends****

Updates, further details and full submission details:

<http://contentionjournal.org/taisp2/>.

Many thanks for all of the submissions already received. Following a number of requests we are pleased to announce that we have extended the submission deadline for the 2nd Interdisciplinary Conference on Social Movements to the 28th February 2014. To submit your proposal, please send an email and an abstract (300-500 words) to taispconference@gmail.com.

The conference features two keynote speakers, Professor Bert Klandermans (VU University Amsterdam) and Professor Jane Wills (Queen Mary University), both of whom are recognised as world leading experts in social protest and political behaviour.

The conference, sponsored by the Social Psychology Section of the BPS and the Barry Amiel & Norman Melburn Trust, is held at the University of Kent in the beautiful city of Canterbury on the 28th and 29th of March.

The conference will also host the official launch the Interdisciplinary Network for Social Protest Research (INSPR).

2) CFP: Home |less: Postgraduate Interdisciplinary Conference

For updates follow: homelessconference2014.wordpress.com/

On the most literal level we can understand the home as a physical construction which allows for an enclosed, inner space, that provides shelter and protection to an individual or individuals.

Although the form that homes take may vary over the world, the needs they fulfil and the range of feelings they evoke are universal: protection, comfort, warmth, safety and privacy. In addition to these basic needs, the concept of home plays a pivotal role in constructing and shaping the individual identity both at a personal and a social level.

If each human being is defined by his or her home, what are the implications of being without a home? What does it mean to be homeless? What are the social problems connected to physical, spiritual and emotional lack or loss of one's home? And how do ideas of homelessness, like ideas of home, change across time and space?

The centrality of home to discourses of identity, social policy, and culture means that homelessness has implications beyond the spatial, impacting on the political, psychological and ecological spheres, among others. Consequently, any examination of homelessness demands a multidisciplinary approach.

This Postgraduate conference, jointly organised by 3 schools of the University of Kent, aims at exploring the topic of homelessness across disciplines and fields of study. We therefore welcome 250-words abstracts for 20-minute papers and posters (research, art or photography) from all academic disciplines, including architecture and urban planning, sociology, politics, human geography, the arts, literature, history, philosophy, social psychology and ethnobotany. We particularly welcome contributions from postgraduate students and early-career researchers.

Topics may include but are not limited to:

- Home and the city: homelessness in urban spaces
- Home and the polis: policies and politics of homelessness
- Home and society: social integration and group dynamics
- Representing homelessness: literature, cinema and the arts
- Ecological implications of homelessness
- Cultural memory, diaspora, exile and identity
- Architectural responses to homelessness: shelters and ephemeral constructions

Please submit abstracts for papers or posters, complete with a short biographical note, to kent.homeless.2014@gmail.com by 31 March 2014. Please include the words "Homeless Submission" in the subject of your email.

Successful applicants will be informed by mid-April.

Selected papers will be published in a special issue of *Contention: The Multidisciplinary Journal of Social Protest* (contentionjournal.org), dedicated to the conference.

If you have any queries or would like to have more information, please feel free to contact us at kent.homeless.2014@gmail.com

3) Conference CFP: Youth Activism and Resistance Conference

For Updates follow: <http://youthactivismconference.weebly.com/>

From regular newspaper proclamations of a 'lost generation' of politically apathetic and disengaged youth, to government initiatives to inculcate a sense of citizenship and civic duty amongst school-age children, the picture of young people's relationship with politics is somewhat troubled. Meanwhile, low voter turnout and decreasing trust in politicians are considered to contribute to disenchantment with the formal political system.

Yet in spite of this negativity the last decade has seen an increase in young people's participation in community and social movement activism. From the Arab Spring uprisings and student protests in the UK, Chile and Canada, to women's resistance to sexual violence across Africa and Asia, young people have been at the heart of the most prominent movements for social change. Such episodes have opened up the discussion of young people's political participation and engagement, and highlighted areas that would benefit from greater scholarly focus. In particular, the need to broaden definitions of participation and recognise the ways in which young people's practices can be read as political. For the purposes of this conference 'youth' is defined as under the age of 30.

This conference seeks to provide a space for reflection on recent events and consideration of future directions for young people's political mobilisation and participation. It will provide the opportunity for postgraduate students to showcase their research and engage in scholarly debate that considers the sociological aspects of young people's activism and resistance.

The organisers emphasise the importance of academics engaging directly with young people and the need to speak with them rather than for them. As such in addition to papers from postgraduate students the conference will bring together a group of self-identified young activists from a range of campaigns for a roundtable discussion addressing the problems and potentials of young people's activism.

Applications for 10-15 minute paper presentations addressing the theme of youth activism and resistance are invited from Master's and PhD students. Suggestions for topics include, but are not limited to:

- Political socialisation and 'coming to' politics
- Intergenerational alliances of resistance
- Responses to austerity
- Problems and potentials of educating for engagement
- Riots and politicised violence
- Privilege and intersectionality in youth movements
- Challenging narratives of apathy and disengagement
- Contemporary feminist activism
- Embodying resistance
- Citizenship and participation
- Methodological approaches to researching activism

We are limited to inviting a maximum of 30 delegates. There are spaces available for up to 16 presenting delegates who should apply with a 250-word abstract and a brief biographical note. Non-presenting delegates are welcome and we ask that they submit a 250 word summary of their current research. Details of all delegates will be included in the conference programme.

Applications should be sent to the organisers Rose Holyoak (reh28@le.ac.uk) and Oli Williams (osw1@le.ac.uk). The deadline for applications is 5pm on Monday 31st March.

Conference registration fee includes lunch, refreshments and wine reception. £10 BSA Members, £25 Non-BSA Members.