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### Dear RC47 Members,

The IV ISA Forum is fast approaching. Unfortunately, it will not take place in Porto Alegre, but we are really looking forward to meeting all of you and having lively discussions online. In this issue of our Newsletter you will find some key information about the RC-47 participation in the IV ISA Forum of Sociology, including our highlights, practical information and the full program. RC-47 will host or co-host 30 sessions, including 6 joint sessions and 2 common sessions with other RCs. In total, 202 authors will participate in our program during six days (February 23-28, 2021) with 120 papers. Following our policy of encouraging the participation of students, precarious academics and researchers from the Global South, we awarded 13 Registration Grants for 50% discount or free registration to the ISA Forum. For the allocation of the grants, we considered geographic, gender, race and class inequalities. Most beneficiaries came from Latin America, Africa and Asia (9). Students and activist-scholars from the United States, Canada and Portugal received the other four. Nine identified themselves as 'she/her/hers' and four as 'he/him/his'.

You will also find in this newsletter a report on activities developed over the past two years (2019-2020), including events promoted or co-organized by RC47 (lectures series, conferences, webinars and seminars), publications (our editorial project Open Movements and books supported by RC47), among others initiatives. Our committee has been especially active since the beginning of the pandemic, thought-provoking the debate on social movements in this complex historical moment. An important sign of the RC47 has also been forging bridges between the Global North and the Global South. We invite everyone to carefully read this issue of the newsletter and to actively participate in our events. If you are not yet a member of RC47, join us!

Greetings,

**Breno Bringel**  
*President, ISA RC 47*

**Chris Chan**  
*Editor, RC47 Newsletter Social Classes and Social Movements*

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RC47 will host or co-host **30 sessions** in the IV ISA Forum of Sociology, including 6 joint sessions and 2 common sessions with other RCs, notably the RC07 (Futures Research), RC12 (Sociology of Law), RC22 (Sociology of Religion), RC40 (Agriculture and Food), RC48 (Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change), RC56 (Historical Sociology), as well as one joint session with the Thematic Group - TG03 (Human Rights and Global Justice).

In addition to the ordinary sections, we call your attention to the following **special sections**:

**RC47 OPENING SESSION: Social Movements and Contemporary Societal Challenges (Tuesday, 23 February 2021, 09:00 - 10:30 (Brazilian time, GMT – 3))**

*This RC47 Opening Session will discuss the main topic of the IV ISA Forum of Sociology (Challenges of the 21st Century: Democracy, Environment, Inequalities, Interseccionality) from a social movements perspective.*

**Chair:**

**Breno BRINGEL**, State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Presentations:**

**Social Movements and Socioecological Transitions**

**Boaventura de SOUSA SANTOS**, University of Coimbra, Portugal

### Protest, polarization and the pandemic

**Sabrina ZAJAK**, German Center for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM), Germany

### Social Movements and Alter-Activism in an Authoritarian World

**Geoffrey PLEYERS**, FNRS/UC Louvain & College de Études Mondiales, France

### From Rebellion of the Poor to Revolution of the People?

**Kate ALEXANDER**, University of Johannesburg, South Africa

### **RC47 MEETING (GENERAL ASSEMBLY): (Thursday, 25 February 2021, 16:00 - 17:30 (Brazilian time, GMT – 3))**

The RC-47 General Assembly will be a key opportunity to share (and know more about) the activities and initiatives of our Research Committee during the last period (see also below in this Newsletter our 2019-2020 Report), as well as to plan what we will do in the next two years. Please save the date. You are all invited to join us even if you are not a RC-47 member.

#### **Chair:**

**Breno BRINGEL**, State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

### **DEMOCRACY, INEQUALITIES, INTERSECTIONALITY: A TRIBUTE TO MARIELLE FRANCO (Thursday, 25 February 2021, 17:45 - 20:00 (Brazilian time, GMT – 3))**

(Common Session endorsed by RC 05 Racism, Nationalism, Indigeneity and Ethnicity, RC 25 Sociology of Language, RC 29 Deviance and Social Control, RC34 Sociology of Youth, RC47 Social Classes and Social Movements, RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change, RC53 Sociology of Childhood, RC56 Historical Sociology, ALAS & CLACSO)

Marielle Franco was a 38-year old Brazilian sociologist, a single mother, a defender of human rights and a local councillor of the city of Rio de Janeiro. She was murdered on March 14th 2018. Ever since, she has become a global symbol of a struggle against racist, colonial, hetero-patriarchal domination and police violence and for social justice, human rights and democracy. Her life as a black woman from the favelas shows that intersectionality is not only a theoretical concept. It is a daily life experience for millions of women living in slums all over the world, suffering from racism, patriarchal and economic discriminations. As a single-mother, black, homosexual and politically active woman that lived in a favela, she also shows how paths of personal and collective emancipation find their roots in daily life experience, communities, feminist conviction as well as in social policy and in the right to higher education. Her life also exemplifies the importance of opening careers of sociology beyond the middle and higher class. Sociology played indeed a major role in this

path towards emancipation, as she attended classes in her favela and then graduated at the university. She kept acting as a sociologist, a social activist and a political actor until the end, as she was in charge of a report on military violence in Rio's favelas, which is the most probable reason of her assassination.

### **Session Organizers:**

**Lucia RABELLO**, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

**Geoffrey PLEYERS**, FNRS/UC Louvain & College de Études Mondiales, France

### **COLLECTIVE CONVERSATION: SHARING NEW RESEARCH ON SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, GLOBAL JUSTICE AND THE PANDEMIC**

**(GENERAL ASSEMBLY): (Friday, 26 February 2021, 09:00 - 10:30**

**(Brazilian time, GMT – 3)**

This session has a special format: a collective conversation. All ISA Forum participants interested are invited. This is a joint initiative between RC-47 (Social Classes and Social Movements) and TG03 (Human Rights and Global Justice). Its main objective is to share new/ongoing research on social movements and global justice during the pandemic in an informal and convivial space, seeking to minimize the impacts of the absence of a face-to-face meeting. We expect to identify common research topics and agendas, gaps and possibilities for joint research and collaborations. In sum, this is a space for collective debate. Take a coffee with us and bring your latest book or publications to share with all of us.

### **Chair:**

**Breno BRINGEL**, State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Aide ESU**, University of Cagliari, Italy

### **ANOTHER WORLD IS (STILL) POSSIBLE: THE FUTURE OF GLOBAL MOVEMENTS AND THE PANDEMIC (Friday, 26 February 2021, 17:45 - 20:00 (Brazilian time, GMT – 3)**

(Common Session endorsed by RC44 Labour Movements, RC47 Social Classes and Social Movements, and RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change)

In January 2001, the city of Porto Alegre hosted the first World Social Forum. The meeting was thought as a counterweight to the World Economic Forum and neoliberal globalization and it implemented the slogan of the Via Campesina: "Globalize the Struggle, Globalize the Hope". The Forum gathered four times in Porto Alegre (2001, 2002, 2003, 2005), the latest edition gathering over 170.000 people from 132 countries, with the slogan "Another world is possible". Now in times of pandemic, questions of mobilization for global justice, tolerance and deep democracy - as raised by the World Social Forum before - is probably more important than ever. This panel will discuss, if another world is still possible. What

are the new challenges but also opportunities for building of a global movement in the 21st century since the pandemic?

**Chair:**

**Sabrina ZAJAK**, German Center for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM), Germany

**Presentations:**

**Challenges Facing New Generations of Global Social Movements**

**Breno BRINGEL**, State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**The Great Transition of the WSF: Where to go? Reflections from Feminisms.**

**Gina VARGAS**, Flora Tristan Centre, Peru

**Shrinking Democratic Spaces during the Pandemic: A Study of Nepal**

**Uddhab P PYAKUREL**, Kathmandu University, Nepal

**The Pandemic Is a Battlefield**

**Geoffrey PLEYERS**, FNRS/UC Louvain & Coll. Etudes Mondiales, Belgium

**Politics of Representation and the Challenges with of the Pandemic**

**Teivo TEIVAINEN**, University of Helsinki, Finland

**The World Social Forum in a New Era of Global Challenges**

**Carmina MAC LORIN**, University of Montreal, Canada

**AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS: Social Movements and Politics in a Global Pandemic**, edited by Breno Bringel and Geoffrey Pleyers. Bristol: Bristol University Press, 2021 (Saturday, 27 February 2021, 10:45 - 12:15 (Brazilian time, GMT – 3))

*The COVID-19 pandemic has deeply shaken societies and lives around the world. This book reveals how the pandemic intensifies socio-economic problems and inequalities across the world, whilst offering visions for a better future informed by social movements and public sociology. Bringing together experts from 27 countries, the authors explore the global echoes of the pandemic and the different responses adopted by governments, policy makers and activists. The new expressions of social action, and forms of solidarity and protest are discussed in detail, from the Black Lives Matters protests to the French Strike Movement and the Lebanese Uprising. This is a unique global commentary on the current crisis and the contemporary world. Further information on the publisher's website: <https://bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/social-movements-and-politics-in-a-global-pandemic>*

**Chair:**

**Sari HANAFI**, American University of Beirut and ISA President



## ISA Forum Plenary Sessions

In addition to the RC47 program, social movements and a sociology rooted in a dialogue with social movements will be at the core of most plenary and semi-plenary sessions of this Forum, organized by the former president of RC47 and current Board Member, **Geoffrey Pleyers**. We thank Geoffrey for all his efforts in organizing this fantastic Forum and invite RC47 members to also follow all plenary sessions, especially the Opening Plenary with **Boaventura de Sousa Santos, Rita Segato, Ashish Kothari and Jean-Louis Laville** as keynote speakers.

The opening session will be live streamed and widely accessible on the ISA website even for non-registered participants (a small fee will be required to attend the other 800 panels of the Forum: 20USD for students, 50 SD for researchers to have access to all the panels)

**Opening Plenary Session: Global Challenges during and after the Pandemic: Democracy, Environment, Inequalities and Intersectionality (Tuesday, 23 February 2021, 12:30 - 15:45 (Brazilian time, GMT – 3))**

### **Organizer and Chair:**

**Geoffrey PLEYERS**, FNRS/UC Louvain & Collège Études Mondiales  
ISA Forum President and former RC47 President

### **Presentations:**

#### Welcome Address

**Sari HANAFI**, American University of Beirut, Lebanon & ISA President

#### Welcome address: Global Sociology in the Pandemic and Beyond

**Geoffrey PLEYERS**, FNRS-CriDIS/UCLouvain & CEMondiales, Belgium

#### The Utopia of Democracies or the Democracy of Utopias

**Boaventura DE SOUSA SANTOS**, University of Coimbra, Portugal

#### The Pandemic: Trigger and Scanner of Possible Futures

**Rita SEGATO**, University of Brasilia, Brazil

#### Radical Ecological Democracy: Towards a Sustainable and Equitable Pluriverse

**Ashish KOTHARI**, Kalpavriksh, India

#### The South-North dialogue: an opportunity for a critical sociology, a future for democracy

**Jean-Louis LAVILLE**, Collège d'Études Mondiales, France

## A Message from Geoffrey Pleyers, RC47 Board Member and ISA Forum President

This IV ISA Forum of Sociology will be our first virtual Forum, with over 800 sessions, more than 3,000 papers and the participation of sociologists from 125 countries. This Forum will be a unique opportunity to gather our research results and analyses of the extraordinary time we live and study, of its impact on individuals and societies and on four global challenges it has intensified: **democracy, environment, inequalities and intersectionality.**

During six days, hundreds of panels will explore the world in the pandemic and the world that may come out of it based on research grounded in the field and topics of the ISA Research Committees, Working and Thematic groups. Young researchers and experienced scholars from different regions of the world will expose their analyses of societies and sociology in the pandemic. Leading scholars from different continents will share their perspectives in the Forum's Opening and Closing Plenaries: Michael Burawoy, Isabel Casimiro, Manuel Castells, Ashish Kothari, Rita Segato, Boaventura de Sousa Santos and Jean Louis-Laville. This Forum will also be an opportunity for our global community to pay tribute to three of our most distinguished colleagues to which special panels are dedicated: Immanuel Wallerstein, Erik Olin Wright and Marielle Franco.

The pandemic has stressed how deeply interdependent we have become and accentuated the need of a more global sociology. Epistemologies of the South and intersectional perspectives on democracy, ecology and social justice are more than alternative options for sociology in the 21st century. There are at its core and have deeply transformed it. Opening more spaces for our colleagues from the Global South has been a central goal in this Forum. We are particularly pleased to host semi-plenary sessions set up by the Brazilian Sociological Society with the Porto Alegre Local Organizing Committee, by the Latin American Sociological Association and by the Latin American Council of Social Sciences, and that the president of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa will join us in the closing session.

**Geoffrey Pleyers**  
**President of the IV ISA Forum of Sociology**  
**ISA RC47 Past President (2014-2018)**

## IV ISA Forum of Sociology (II): practical information

### Session Access

All sessions will be held online using *Zoom*. You will need access to the Internet and a computer (if presenting) or a tablet/mobile phone to join. Make sure to **download the latest version of Zoom** on your device before the conference. We recommend using headphones for sessions where you'll be speaking to improve audio and cut down on the chance of any feedback issues. Presenters and attendees will access the links to the Zoom meetings via the online program (coming soon). You will be required to login using your email address and registration ID number. You will receive an email message with your login information prior to the conference.

### Roles & Expectations

**All session participants (presenters, discussants, chairs, panellists)** must log in to the Zoom meeting for their session **20 minutes early**. There will be a technician waiting for you to assist with any issues or questions you may have. This will be your time to troubleshoot problems and practice screen sharing before the session begins. To view a summary of your roles in the meeting, click on "My Meeting Roles".

As a **Presenter**, you will:

- Present live, share your screen for the duration of your presentation (if you have presentation slides), and turn your camera on.
- If you are unable to present live, submit your pre-recorded presentation in advance to be played during the session by the session chair.
- Participate in discussion and respond to audience questions at the end of the session.

As a **Chair**, you will:

- Introduce each speaker before their presentation.
- Help guide discussion by calling on people to speak and monitoring the Zoom chat for questions to pose to the speakers live.
- Play pre-recorded presentations uploaded by presenters who are unable to present live (you will receive an email notification with instructions if any are uploaded for your session).
- Keep track of time, make sure the session does not exceed its scheduled end time.

## Best Practices

- Mute your microphone when not speaking
- If you are permitted to turn on your webcam, please do so.
- Turn it off if you are having trouble with your Internet connection or you are asked to do so because others are having trouble.
- If you have not already uploaded a photo for your Zoom profile, please do. That way, if you have to turn off your web cam, people will still see an image of you.
- Avoid lighting from the side or behind you, this will cause your face to be shaded or blocked

## Session Recordings

All sessions will be recorded and posted for viewing within one week after the conference. Recordings will be made available in the online program for registered attendees only, you will be required to log in using your email address and registration ID to access them. We are still trying to see if there is any possibility to live stream some of our sessions at the [RC47 YouTube channel](#).

## Time Zone

By default, all times will display in your local time zone (the time zone your computer or device is set to). You have the option to switch to viewing in the meeting time zone (BRT, GMT-3) by clicking on the time zone button at the top of the page. Please make sure that you are accessing the program with your login and local time in order to don't get confused with the time!

## Zoom Technical Support and Tutorial

There will be technical support available in all Zoom meetings during the conference. Look for the participant named *ConfexTech Support* and contact them using the chat feature if you need assistance. The tech will be responsible for starting and ending the Zoom meeting, assisting with technical problems and questions during the session, and assigning Zoom Co-host privileges to the session Chairs. For further information on how to access sessions and manage the program you can watch the tutorial below:

[ISA Zoom Webinar Training](#)

## RC47 Program at the IV ISA Forum of Sociology

### **IV ISA Forum program:**

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2020/meetingapp.cgi>

### **RC47 program:**

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2020/meetingapp.cgi/Symposium/613>

### **PROGRAM SUMMARY (BRAZILIAN TIME: GMT-3):**

#### **TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2021**

##### **09:00 - 10:30**

**RC47 Opening Session: Social Movements and Contemporary Societal Challenges**  
(Chair: Breno Bringel)

##### **10:45 - 12:15**

**Movements, Intersectionality, and Politics of Liberation in the Global North and South**  
(Chair: Sabrina Zajak)

##### **16:00 - 17:30**

**Digital Activism in Post-2008 Protest Movements**  
(Chair: Paolo Gerbaudo)

##### **17:45 - 19:15**

**¿Qué Fue de la Primavera Indignada? Movimientos Juveniles y Resistencias Globales (2010-2020)**

(Chair: Carles Feixa & Frank Nilton Marcon)

**Imagining the Future: Social Movements, Political Imaginaries and New Utopias**  
(Chair: Camilo Tamayo Gomez, Joint Session with RC48)

## **WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2021**

**09:00 - 10:30**

**The City and the Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Resistance Against the Marketization of Space**

(Chair: Guya Accornero)

**10:45 - 12:15**

**Social Movements and Protests Against Neoliberal Politics in the Global South**

(Chair: Antje Daniel)

**14:15 - 15:45**

**From “Alternative Spaces” to Counterpower: Promoting Post Capitalist Livelihoods through Prefigurative Politics**

(Chair: Ana Margarida Esteves)

**16:00 - 17:30**

**A New Sociological Paradigm for XXI Century Social Movements and Conflicts**

(Chairs: Kevin McDonald & Daishiro Nomiya, Joint Session with RC48)

## THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2021

**09:00 - 10:30**

Precarity, Subjectivity and Collective Actions

(Chairs: Daniele di Nunzio & Chris Chan)

Social Movements As Protagonists of New Agrifood Markets Part I

(Chair: Paulo Niederle, Joint Session with RC40)

**10:45 - 12:15**

Mobilization of Rights: Uses and Legal Strategies of Collective Actors and Social Movements

(Chair: Cristiana Losekann)

**14:15 - 15:45**

Far-Right Alter-Activism? the Development of (New) Far Rights Around the World

(Chair: Antonio Alvarez-Benavides)

**16:00 - 17:30**

RC47 Meeting (General Assembly)

**17:45 - 20:00**

Democracy, Inequalities, Intersectionality: A tribute to Marielle Franco

(Chairs: Lucia Rabello de Castro & Geoffrey Pleyers, Common Session with RC05, RC25, RC29, RC34, RC48, RC53, RC56, ALAS & CLACSO)

## FRIDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2021

**09:00 - 10:30**

The Changing Dynamics of Political Solidarities

(Chair: Aldrey Iscaro)

Collective Conversation: Sharing New Research on Social Movements, Global Justice and the Pandemic

(Chairs: Breno Bringel & Aide Esu, Joint Session with TG03)

**10:45 - 12:15**

Social Movements and Solidarity Economy: New Confluences in Research and Action

(Chair: Jean-Louis Laville)

**14:15 - 15:45**

Represión y Luchas Por Derechos

(Chair: Carolina Vestena)

**16:00 - 17:30**

Women on the Move: New Activisms in the Contemporary Feminist Wave

(Chairs: Camila Ponce & Marina Larrondo)

Religions, Social Movements and Politics Circulation, Production and Politics of Knowledge in the “Christianisms of Liberation” and Its Adversaries

(Chair: Caroline Sappia, Joint Session with RC22)

**17:45 - 20:00**

Another World Is (still) Possible: the Future of Global Movements and the Pandemic

(Chair: Sabrina Zajak, Common Session with RC44 and RC48)



## **SATURDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2021**

**09:00 - 10:30**

**Alter-Activists in the Contemporary World: Rethinking Autonomy and Institutionalization**

(Chairs: Flavia de Faria & Eleonora Garzia)

**Social Movements, Contentious Politics, and the Imagination of Alternative Futures. Part II**

(Chair: Markus Schulz, Joint Session with RC07 and RC48)

**10:45 - 12:15**

**Learning from the Brics Countries: Social Movement Theories and Cross-Cultural Comparison**

(Chair: Mischa Gabowitsch)

**Author Meets Critics: Social Movements and Politics in a Global Pandemic, Edited By Breno Bringel and Geoffrey Pleyers. Bristol: Bristol University Press, 2021**

(Chair: Sari Hanafi)

**14:15 - 15:45**

**Social Movements, Contentious Politics, and the Imagination of Alternative Futures. Part I**

(Chair: Markus Schulz, Joint Session with RC07 and RC48)

**16:00 - 17:30**

**Understanding the Criminalization of Struggles for Rights in Comparative Perspective**

(Chair: Marie-Christine Doran, Joint Session with RC12)

## **SUNDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2021**

**10:45 - 12:15**

**Generación y Activismos Juveniles**

(Chair: Carles Feixa)

**14:15 - 15:45**

**Social Movements and Intersectionality**

(Chair: Renata Motta)

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**09:00 - 10:30**

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#### **Session Organizer and Chair:**

**Breno BRINGEL**, State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

#### **Presentations:**

##### Social Movements and Socioecological Transitions

**Boaventura de SOUSA SANTOS**, University of Coimbra, Portugal

##### Protest, polarization and the pandemic

**Sabrina ZAJAK**, German Center for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM), Germany

##### Social Movements and Alter-Activism in an Authoritarian World

**Geoffrey PLEYERS**, FNRS/UC Louvain & College de Études Mondiales, France

##### From Rebellion of the Poor to Revolution of the People?

**Kate ALEXANDER**, University of Johannesburg, South Africa

**10:45 - 12:15**

### Movements, Intersectionality, and Politics of Liberation in the Global North and South

This panel calls for an intersectional analysis of mobilization, looking at gender, class and migration under global capitalism. Intersectionality as a concept and analytical tool takes into account the nexus of several social categories that determine the position of both individuals and groups in the social structure. Marginalization of individuals and groups is linked not only to their social class but also to race, gender, age or citizenship status. Like all aspects of one's life, livelihood chances are determined not by the singular class axis but is enabled or circumscribed by other constituent identities. Thus, an intersectional framework beyond reductionist class analysis is important to map marginalities within movements often rendered invisible under the homogenized class category. This session intends to look into various forms of struggle for equality, aiming at transforming hierarchical social relations and reducing intersectional discrimination; politics of liberation, being weaved together by black, colonized and subaltern women, or unrecognized

migrant workers; and multiple forms of critique as practice at multiple sites of the Global South and North. At the same time, it addresses contributions discussing intersectionality as practices of coalition-formation and relationship building among various (marginalized) groups as well as modes of resistance against intersectional discrimination and exploitation.

### **Session Organizers:**

**Sabrina ZAJAK**, German Center for Integration and Migration Research, Germany

**Supurna BANERJEE**, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India

**Sarah MOTTA**, Newcastle Business School, Australia

**Chair: Sabrina ZAJAK**

### **Presentations:**

**Global Inequalities Among Feminisms and Processual Intersectionality**

**Ilse LENZ**, Ruhr University, Germany

**Dalit Women, Western Classrooms and Travelling Theories**

**Radhika GOVINDA**, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

**Tackling Environmental Inequalities in Post-Revolutionary Tunisia. Actors Struggles and Challenges.**

**Mounir SAIDANI**, El Manar University, Tunis, Tunisia

**Allowing Rural Difference to Make a Difference: The Brazilian Marcha Das Margaridas**

**Renata MOTTA** and **Marco Antonio dos Santos TEIXEIRA**, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

**Equivalent Positions? Framing Intersectionality in the LGBT+ Movement in Uruguay**

**Jimena PANDOLFI**, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de la República, Uruguay

**16:00 - 17:30**

**Digital Activism in Post-2008 Protest Movements**

From popular protests to the resurgence of the women's movement in recent years, new identities have been communicated via posts and memes, and new platform-centred organization practices have even experimented. What is the character of these digital activist practices and how do they reflect the dilemmas of our digital present. This panel invites abstracts on the evolution of digital activism in the new protest movements of the post-2008 era. It is interested in digital practices

of various recent movements, looking both at the emergence of new forms of resistance against the alt-right and the mobilisation of new demands on issues such as climate change, poverty, women's rights and many others. If back in 2011 at the time of the Occupy wave, digital activism still seemed like a novelty, by this day it has become one of the most familiar ways in which activists communicate and organise. Memes, political Facebook pages, and Twitter storms are key tactics used by activists to express their demands, represent social problems and mobilise their base.

### **Session Organizer and Chair:**

**Paolo GERBAUDO**, King's College London, United Kingdom

### **Presentations:**

#### **Ephemeral Media and Collective Memory: Activists at a Temporal Interface**

**Paola SARTORETTO**, The Institute of Latin American Studies, Stockholm University, Sweden and **Markus LUNDSTRÖM**, Stockholm University, Sweden

#### **Media-Movement Relations in the Anti-Austerity and Post-Austerity Movement in Portugal and Their Consequences**

**Guya ACCORNERO**, ISCTE-IUL Portugal

#### **Digital Practices and the Emergence of the Indignant Citizen**

**Natalia MIRANDA**, CriDIS / UCLouvain, Belgium

#### **Offline and Online Intertwined. an Ethnographic Approach to the Use and Impact of Digital Media in the 2016 High School Occupation Movement in Rio De Janeiro.**

**David AMALRIC**, EHESS Paris - Centre d'étude des mouvements sociaux, France

### **17:45 - 19:15**

#### **¿Qué Fue de la Primavera Indignada? Movimientos Juveniles y Resistencias Globales (2010-2020)**

Las trayectorias y subjetividades de las juventudes del siglo XXI son marcadas por su diversidad y por sus diferentes posibilidades de expresión identitaria. El contexto neoliberal, la crisis del capitalismo y las reconfiguraciones en los modos de producción del mundo del trabajo tienen repercusión impactante para las realidades juveniles. Esta sesión recibirá trabajos que realizan discusiones teóricas y metodológicas sobre/con las juventudes contemporáneas, a partir sus formas de participación y resistencia, e investigaciones empíricas que buscan ampliar la comprensión de estos fenómenos en la actualidad.

### Session Organizer(s):

**Carles FEIXA**, University Pompeu Fabra, Spain

**Maurício PERONDI**, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

**Frank Nilton MARCON**, Universidade Federal de Sergipe, Brazil

**Chair: Frank Nilton MARCON**

**Discussant: Jose SANCHEZ GARCIA**, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain

### Presentations:

**New Modes of Youth Political Action and Democracy in the Americas: Chile, México, Colombia, Québec**

**Marie-Christine DORAN**, University of Ottawa, Canada and **Ricardo PEÑAFIEL**, Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada

**Jóvenes y Acción Colectiva En Brasil y América Latina: Multiplicidad De Actores y Formas De Protesta**

**Paulo CARRANO**, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil and **Ana BRENNER**, State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ), Brazil

**El Espacio de los Jóvenes Estudiantes Como Coproductores de Políticas Públicas: Las Ocupaciones Escolares de 2015 y los Consejos de Escuelas Secundarias en el Estado de São Paulo.**

**Mirza LARANJA** and **Rita de Cássia ALVES OLIVEIRA**, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil

**Jóvenes Activistas En Brasil: Protestas Recientes (2013-2018), Redes Sociales y Memorias**

**Sue IAMAMOTO**, **Rani TELES** and **Luciano PITA**, Universidade Federal da Bahia, Brazil

### 17:45 - 19:15

**Imagining the Future: Social Movements, Political Imaginaries and New Utopias**  
(Joint Session with RC48)

This session will focus on Social Movements from the Global South and the way that new civil society initiatives are imagining novel alternatives to address the future. From queer Utopian theoretical frameworks to cosmopolitan perspectives, this session would also discuss issues around power, global dynamics and social interactions. As a result, this session will explore debates around post-colonial politics and state-building and developmental issues.

### Chair:

**Camilo Tamayo GOMEZ**, Birmingham City University, UK

## **Presentations:**

Repensando Los Movimientos Societales En Bolivia y América Del Sur:  
Continuidades, Rupturas y Desafíos De La Acción Colectiva y En La Relación/  
Tensión Con El Estado

**Pabel LOPEZ FLORES**, Postgrado en Ciencias del Desarrollo, CIDES-UMSA,  
Bolivia; Instituto de Estudios de América Latina y el Caribe, IEALC-UBA, Argentina

Imagining the Future with the Tropicalists

**Juliana DEMARTINI BRITO**, University of Cambridge, Brazil

Cosmopolítica Andina y Futuros Pluriversales

**Alberto ARRIBAS LOZANO**, Maynooth University, Ireland

Global Dynamics and Local Interactions? Shaping Alternative Visions in Land  
Conflicts in Argentina

**Anja HABERSANG**, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany

**WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2021**

**09:00 - 10:30**

**The City and the Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Resistance Against the Marketization of Space**

Inequality has been globally on the rise for several decades. At the urban scale, the increasing marketization of space strengthened social and economic division, exclusion, displacement and forced mobility, further deepening inequality in turn. The global crisis, and afterwards the rebound of real estate and tourism, accelerated this process in many countries, intensifying dynamics of gentrification and touristification. Usually considered as a Northern problem, gentrification is now spreading throughout the globe and in the Global South, multiplying housing crises, with their corollary of degradation of life condition of those citizens who, already in an extremely weak condition, would instead need more protection. In this regard, it is significant that several southern cities, including Luanda, Rio de Janeiro, Santiago de Chile, rank among the world's most expensive in terms of housing, with monthly rents averaging the equivalent of yearly GDP per head. However, all these dynamics have not been passively suffered by citizens, who opposed them in many ways: from open struggles to different forms of everyday resistance that, often hidden, have actually shown their effectiveness in rebalancing the original inequality of power in the city's appropriation. These 'weapons of the weak' are the object of this panel, which welcomes proposals addressing the fight for the right to the city, with specific interest in collecting experiences from understudied countries, such as Black Africa, and focusing on open and organized struggles as well on 'hidden' forms of resistance.

**Session Organizers:**

**Guya ACCORNERO**, ISCTE-IUL, Portugal

**Simone TULUMELLO**, ICS, University of Lisbon, Portugal

**Chair: Guya ACCORNERO**

**Presentations:**

**“The Neighbourhood Is the New Factory”. Urban Social Movements and the Recomposition of Class in the Global City**

**Sarah UHLMANN**, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

**On the Move in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area: An Ethnography of the “Caravana Pelo Direito à Habitação”**

**Jannis KÜHNE**, ISCTE-IUL & FCSH UNL, Portugal



**Armed with Words: The Resistance of Street Merchants to the Gentrification Process of the Historic Center of Mexico City.**

**Vicente MOCTEZUMA MENDOZA**, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Mexico

**The Space Produced By the Undesirables in Porto Alegre (Brazil)**

**Maria Ceci MISOCZKY**, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil and **Guilherme DORNELAS CAMARA**, UFRGS, Brazil

**10:45 - 12:15**

**Social Movements and Protests Against Neoliberal Politics in the Global South**

In many parts of the global South, the 2008 global financial crisis provided an acceleration of ongoing contentious politics. Yet discussions of the so-called post-2010 'global' protest wave have largely excluded the experiences of the south or sought to analyze the experiences of the south in comparative perspective. Nearly a decade after the self-immolation of Tunisian street vendor Mohamed Bouazizi, an event on African soil, that provided the impetus for protests that would inspire the 'Arab Spring' and beyond many other protests against neoliberal capitalism, it is time to reflect on the nature of collective action in disruptive times. This panel seeks contributions that consider transnational networks and resistances against neoliberal politics in the global South. It seeks to answer: How are politics against neoliberalism embedded in social movement practice and politics? To what extent are social movements drawing on repertoires of past collective action, global waves of resistances or developing new ones? How do activists in the global South adopt, reject or reinterpret transnational waves of resistances? How do they affect local activism? Therefore, we want to address the connections, disconnections and interrelations of collective actions, their genealogy, their transnational interlinkages and local adaptations or ambiguity between neoliberal politics and collective action.

**Session Organizers:**

**Antje DANIEL**, University of Vienna, Austria

**Carin RUNCIMAN**, University of Johannesburg, South Africa

**Eva GERHARZ**, Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany

**Chair: Antje DANIEL**

**Presentations:**

**Revolution without Revolutionaries, Revolutionaries without Revolution: Ideas and Outcomes in Egypt and South Africa**

**Kate ALEXANDER**, University of Johannesburg, South Africa

Revisiting Anti-Systemic Movements in the Global South: Struggles Against Exploitation and Struggles Against Exclusion

**Chungse JUNG**, Binghamton University, USA

Peasant Movements and the Latin American Left in the 2000s: Beyond the Autonomy-Cooptation Dichotomy

**Efe Can GURCAN**, Istinye University, Turkey and **Hayriye ERBAS**, Ankara University, Turkey

Contradictions of Capitalism and Distributive Conflict. June 2013 in the Light of an “Integrated Protest Approach”

**Andréia GALVÃO**, Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil and **Luciana TATAGIBA**, Unicamp, Brazil

**14:15 - 15:45**

From “Alternative Spaces” to Counterpower: Promoting Post Capitalist Livelihoods through Prefigurative Politics

How do social movements promote prefigurative political projects that balance the realization of post capitalist livelihoods, while at the same time engaging with previously existing economic, cultural and institutional structures? This panel invites presentations which illustrate processes by which prefigurative political projects become counterpower through the “co-production” of networks of trust and collaboration across different social groups and institutional environments, leading to the diffusion of “socio-ethical and counter-cultural practices” experimented with, enacted and coordinated within “alternative spaces”.

**Session Organizer and Chair:**

**Ana Margarida ESTEVES**, ISCTE - IUL, Portugal

**Presentations:**

Rethinking the Creative Economy: A Post-Capitalist Response to Creativity-Based Development

**Abby TEMPLER RODRIGUES**, Missouri State University, USA

Struggle for Memory As a Tool of Resistance: The Cases of the Removal and Horto Museums in Rio De Janeiro

**Taísa SANCHES**, Pontifical Catholic University Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Solidarity and Struggle in Contemporary World: Agenda and Daily Life of the Homeless Workers Movements

**Luisa SOUTO**, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

### Identitarian Activism, Everyday Life and Resistances

**Paulo Edgar RESENDE**, Pontific University of São Paulo (PUC/SP), Brazil and  
**Valéria BARROS**, University of Vila Velha, Brazil

### Social Movements, Alter-Hegemony and Experimental Production of Other Possible Worlds from Local and Regional

**Carlos Rafael REA RODRIGUEZ**, UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE NAYARIT, Mexico

**16:00 - 17:30**

### A New Sociological Paradigm for XXI Century Social Movements and Conflicts (Joint Session with RC48)

The classic sociological paradigm involves including the tension between analyses that privilege structure and analyses that privilege action. Its principle components are Durkheim's structuralism, Weber's rational action and Pareto's elitism and the struggle between elites. XX Century Social movements studies were connected to this classical paradigm to analyze both working class movements and new social movements. The post-modernist theory and the post-colonial studies as well the post-western studies suggest themselves as new analytical patterns opposing classical sociological paradigm focused essentially on explaining the structure of the nation state in Europe in the industrial era. These theories really represent new paradigmatic models to explain today global society? Do postmodern, post-colonial or post-western analyses can explain the social and cultural meanings of social movements like Arab Springs, Occupy Wall Street or Umbrella Movement? We invite to propose theoretical and empirical studies on the issue.

#### Session Organizers:

**Antimo Luigi FARRO**, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

**Kevin McDONALD**, Middlesex University, UK

**Daishiro NOMIYA**, Chuo Univeristy

**Chairs: Kevin McDONALD & Daishiro NOMIYA**

#### Presentations:

### New Conflicts, Social Movements and Forms of Collective Action in Brazil Post 2013 and New Theoretical Approaches

**Maria da Gloria GOHN**, University of Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil

### The Residential Is Personal and Political: Experiences of Social Movements for Housing in London and Rio De Janeiro.

**Taísa SANCHES**, Pontifical Catholic University Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The Crowd and the Logic of Action of Contemporary Movements

**Paolo GERBAUDO**, King's College London, United Kingdom

New Sociological Paradigm

**Antimo Luigi FARRO**, Sapienza University Of Rome, Italy

Vision Pathways: How Value Frames and Collective Identity Co-Shape

Imaginations of the Future

**Birthe SOPPE**, University of Innsbruck, Austria and **Nadine ARNOLD**, University of Lucerne, Switzerland

**THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2021**

**09:00 - 10:30**

**Precarity, Subjectivity and Collective Actions**

Flexibilization, fragmentation and digitalization are the main drivers of the world of work with non-unique impacts. Contemporary age offers new opportunities for the individuals in relation to their working experiences, considering the increasing importance given to autonomy, cooperation, knowledge and creativity in the working life. On the other side, there are many challenges due to the commodification and exploitation of humans and environmental life. At global level, logic of market seems to impose itself on the individual's dignity and rights as worker and citizen, leading to a crisis of democracy and of the subjective affirmation. In this scenario, there are many paths of self-affirmation and many forms of collective actions, in order to deal with the processes of fragmentation, flexibility, inequality and precariousness of the daily life and of the social contexts. What are the processes of subjectivation and desubjectivation in relation to the working experiences in the contemporary age? What are the workers' collective actions to cope with these processes and how the individuals are involved? This panel will gather empirical and theoretical contributions, encouraging a multidisciplinary approach to the debate. Main attention will be given on the issues of workers' dignity, class formation, the networks of collective actions, the meaning of the workers movements in relation to the wide social movements, the comparative analysis.

**Session Organizer:**

**Daniele DI NUNZIO**, Fondazione Di Vittorio, Italy

**Chairs: Daniele DI NUNZIO & Chris CHAN**,  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Presentations:**

**Ambivalent Middle Classes: Rebellion or Consumption? Cases of Portugal and Brazil**  
**Celi SCALON**, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and **Elísio ESTANQUE**, University of Coimbra, Portugal

**Hong Kong's Anti-Extradition Bill Movement and Neoliberalism: Why Is Class Formation Unlikely Despite Class Grievances and General Strikes?**

**Chun Wing LEE**, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong and **Chi Keung Charles FUNG**, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

**Occupational Communities and the Democratization of Startup Culture**

**Alberto LUSOLI**, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Labor Movements in the Flexible and Digital Economy: Workers' Subjectivity and Adaptive Networks of Trade Union Action

**Daniele DI NUNZIO**, Fondazione Di Vittorio, Italy

History, Objectivity and Subjectivity in the Class Struggle inside the Brazilian Press

**Germano MOLARDI**, UFRGS, Brazil

**09:00 - 10:30**

Social Movements As Protagonists of New Agrifood Markets Part I

(Joint Session with RC40)

Social movements have become protagonists in the restructuring of the agrifood system. This is not only due to the criticism they build of the oligopolization and financialization of food markets. Increasingly, the social movement's repertoires of action also include the construction of new organizational structures and institutional devices, from which they seek to disseminate political and moral principles that question the idea of food as a pure commodity or financial asset. This process of political construction of markets reveals that, rather than an impersonal and abstract structure that operates with a universally preconceived logic, they are concrete social arenas where the visible hands of different actors compete to organize relations and economic practices according to their interests and values. This session proposes a dialogue of approaches from the sociology of agriculture, social movement theories, public policies analysis, and economic sociology, with the aim of understanding how different social movements – from the traditional agrarian movements to the new food consumption collectives – are building social and political engagement to support civic food markets. The session is interested in discussing conceptual approaches such as alternative food networks, food movements, food democracy, food citizenship, prosumers and prosumerism, and other concepts used to describe such politicization of food production, marketing and consumption. It also invites works that critically debate this issues taking into account dynamics of inclusion and exclusion in terms of class, race, gender, citizenship, that is, the emancipatory possibilities of such social movements.

**Session Organizers:**

**Paulo NIEDERLE**, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

**Camila PENNA**, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

**Simin FADAE**, University of Manchester, UK

**Renata MOTTA**, Freie Universitat Berlin, Germany

**Chair: Paulo NIEDERLE**

**Discussant: Camila PENNA**

## **Presentations:**

**Brazilian Agrarian Movements and New Politic Arenas: MST and MPA's Urban Food Markets**

**Jennifer TANAKA**, CPDA/UFRRJ, Brazil and **Fátima PORTILHO**, UFRRJ - Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro - Brazil, Brazil

**The Role of Women in Agrifood Markets: Contributions from the Marcha Das Margaridas**

**Marco Antonio dos Santos TEIXEIRA**, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

**Social Movement Organizations and Food Markets: The Meetings and Mismatches in Brazil and Chile**

**Estevan MUÑOZ**, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil

**Buycott y Boycott Alimentario. Nuevas Formas De Participación Política En España**

**Isabel GARCIA ESPEJO** and Amparo NOVOVAZQUEZ, Universidad de Oviedo, Spain

## **10:45 - 12:15**

**Mobilization of Rights: Uses and Legal Strategies of Collective Actors and Social Movements**

In this session, organized with the support of the Institute for Rights and Social Movements - IPDMS, Brazil - we want to promote the debate on the perspectives of mobilization of rights and legal strategies by social movements. More specifically, we want to discuss how collective actors mobilize rights, use legal strategies, advocacy, and strategic litigation in order to foster their demands, to politicize social question or to influence the shaping of public policies. Proposals regarding concrete experiences and theoretical reflections on different types of social movements (such as popular, feminist, environmental, LGBT and queer, black, or urban/rural movements are especially welcome). At the same time, we also would like to open space for proposals which deal with the oppressive aspect of the law, it means, which analyses forms of criminalization and control of social movements, e.g., labeling then as “terrorist groups”, or also forms of legal persecution against activists which support migrants and other social movements. Both theoretical works and empirical research are welcome.

## **Session Organizers:**

**Carolina VESTENA**, University of Kassel, Germany

**Luiz Otávio RIBAS**, IESP-State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Chair: Cristiana Losekann,**  
Federal University of Espirito Santo, Brazil

**On Transgressive Court Cases, Lawyers and Social Movements**

**Helena FLAM,** University of Leipzig, Germany

**Environmental Justice and the Ethnic Politics of Legal Mobilisation in Malaysia**

**Wei Lit YEW,** Yale-NUS College, Singapore

**The Role of Law in the Struggle Against Eviction. the Case of NYC's Lower East Side.**

**Guya ACCORNERO,** ISCTE-IUL, Portugal

**Advocacia Popular (people's lawyers) and Transnational Legal Activism: Conceptual and Methodological Notes in Light of the Epistemologies of the South**

**Cecilia SANTOS,** University of San Francisco, USA and **Flavia CARLET,** Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

**Social Mobilization and Legal Institutions: Complex Relations in Times of Austerity Crisis**

**Carolina VESTENA,** University of Kassel, Germany

**14:15 - 15:45**

**Far-Right Alter-Activism? The Development of (New) Far Rights Around the World**

(Chair: Antonio Alvarez-Benavides)

*At the beginning of the 2010's decade, a series of new social movements arose around the world. With different objectives and in different contexts, they all share the claim for more social justice, dignity and democracy. New formations and political parties, new ways of understanding and to make politics appear from the creativity, subjectivity and hope of these movements. Nevertheless, at the end of the decade the outlook is quite worrying. Far-right is leading the Government of USA, Brazil, Hungary, etc, and has grown and expanded all over America and Europe. The claims for social justice have been replaced by politics against diversity, sexual freedom and gender equality. Far-right is using some of the tools and strategies of the progressive social movements. They have even formed new social movements and parties that give aid for national people. They actively and creatively reclaim their specific rights (or privileged) at demonstrations, in cultural encounters, in the local, international and digital sphere, attracting more and more people. In this session we aim to answer the following questions: which are the reasons behind taking part of this kind of collective actions? Which kind of subjectivities are being developed in these movements? Which identities are susceptible to be attracted by the alt-right discourses? Which are the similarities of these alt-rights and the post-2010 progressive social movements and the political formation and transformations born from them?*

**Session Organizers:**

**Antonio ALVAREZ-BENAVIDES,** JYAY City University of New York, US



**Emanuele TOSCANO**, University Guglielmo Marconi, Italy  
**Ruben DIEZ GARCIA**, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain

**Chair: Antonio ALVAREZ-BENAVIDES**

**Presentations:**

**Alt-Right: An Experience Movement**

**Kevin MCDONALD**, Middlesex University, United Kingdom

**Contesting Accommodations: Far-Right and Conservative Protests Against Asylum Seekers in Germany**

**Verena STERN**, Bielefeld University, Germany

**'Respect to National Will': Populist Mobilizations in Turkey**

**Selin Bengi GUMRUKCU**, Rutgers University, USA

**The Political Polarization in Brazil and the New Right's Publishing Strategy**

**Leonardo DA SILVA**, CEBRAP, Brazil

**16:00 - 17:30**

**RC47 Meeting (General Assembly)**

Join us to know more about the activities and initiatives of our Research Committee during the last period (see also below in this Newsletter our 2019-2020 Report), as well as to plan what we will do in the next two years.

**17:45 - 20:00**

**Democracy, Inequalities, Intersectionality: A tribute to Marielle Franco** (Common Session with RC05, RC25, RC29, RC34, RC48, RC53, RC56, ALAS & CLACSO)

Marielle Franco was a 38-year old Brazilian sociologist, a single mother, a defender of human rights and a local councillor of the city of Rio de Janeiro. She was murdered on March 14th 2018. Ever since, she has become a global symbol of a struggle against racist, colonial, hetero-patriarchal domination and police violence and for social justice, human rights and democracy. Her life as a black woman from the favelas shows that intersectionality is not only a theoretical concept. It is a daily life experience for millions of women living in slums all over the world, suffering from racism, patriarchal and economic discriminations. As a single-mother, black, homosexual and politically active woman that lived in a favela, she also shows how paths of personal and collective emancipation find their roots in daily life experience, communities, feminist conviction as well as in social policy and in the right to higher education. Her life also exemplifies the importance of opening careers of sociology beyond the middle and higher class. Sociology played indeed a major role in this path towards emancipation, as she attended

classes in her favela and then graduated at the university. She kept acting as a sociologist, a social activist and a political actor until the end, as she was in charge of a report on military violence in Rio's favelas, which is the most probable reason of her assassination.

### **Session Organizers:**

**Lucia RABELLO**, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

**Geoffrey PLEYERS**, FNRS/UC Louvain & College de Études Mondiales, France

**Chair: Lucia RABELLO**

### **Presentations**

**The Life and Struggles of Marielle Franco.**

**Lia DE MATTOS ROCHA**, Universidade Estadual do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Intersectionality As an Everyday Life Experience. Marielle's Life and Struggles**

**Mônica FRANCISCO**, sociologists and councilor; Marielle's former advisor.

## FRIDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2021

**09:00 - 10:30**

### The Changing Dynamics of Political Solidarities

This session deals with the changing dynamics of political solidarities, including progressive, conservative, religious and liberal transnational practices, and the character and sustainability of solidarity among activists/movements.

#### Session Organizers:

**Rana SUKARIEH**, York University, Canada

**Gulay KILICASLAN**, York University, Canada

**Aldrey ISCARO**, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Chair: Aldrey ISCARO**

#### Presentations:

##### Activist Proofs: Three Big Challenges for Building Transnational Solidarity Today

**Livia ALCANTARA**, State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

##### Transnational Solidarities and Trajectories for Sustainable States

**Gilles VERPRAET**, University Paris Ouest Nanterre, France

##### Resisting the Militarization of Territory Beyond the Environmental and Health Protection: The No Muos Movement in Sicily

**Federica FRAZZETTA** and **Gianni PIAZZA**, University of Catania, Italy

##### Solidarity in Movement: Trajectories and New Learnings

**Emil Albert SOBOTTKA**, Pontifical Catholic University at Porto Alegre, Brazil

**09:00 - 10:30**

### Collective Conversation: Sharing New Research on Social Movements, Global Justice and the Pandemic (Joint Session with TG03)

This session has a special format: a collective conversation. All ISA Forum participants interested are invited, especially RC-47 (Social Classes and Social Movements) and TG03 (Human Rights and Global Justice) members. Its main objective is to share new/ongoing research on social movements and global justice during the pandemic in an informal and convivial space, seeking to minimize the impacts of the absence of a face-to-face meeting. We expect to identify common research topics and agendas, gaps and possibilities for joint research and collaborations.

### **Session Organizers:**

**Aide ESU**, University of Cagliari, Italy

**Sabrina ZAJAK**, German Center for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM), Germany

**Breno BRINGEL**, State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Chairs: Breno BRINGEL & Aide ESU**

**10:45 - 12:15**

### **Social Movements and Solidarity Economy: New Confluences in Research and Action**

And if practices were ahead of theories? Indeed, in the field there are multiple links between social movements and solidarity economy, but dialogues between specialists in both areas remains too rare. This mutual ignorance is no longer sustainable. Like the social actors, researchers in social and solidarity economy have a lot to learn from those who dedicate themselves to social movements studies and vice versa. The separation between these two areas of study is due to an historical Western-centrism installed in social sciences. It is possible to emancipate from it by a sociology of emergences and by an epistemology of the south. A first step to go in this direction is to revisit the conceptions of solidarity, economy and movement. Rethinking these categories also highlights the importance of institutionalization processes whose complexity has to be studied beyond the simplifying schemes through which they have often been interpreted. Therefore, this panel seeks to explore new hybridizations encouraging a creative research program involving case studies from different continents as well as theoretical proposals.

### **Session Organizer and Chair:**

**Jean-Louis LAVILLE**, Collège d'Etudes Mondiales, France

### **Presentations:**

#### **Reciprocity As a Key Structuring Element of Solidarity-Based Economies and Collective Action**

**Luiz GAIGER**, Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos, UNISINOS, Brazil

#### **Feminist Solidarity Economy and Social Movements: The Experience of the Association of Women in Solidarity Economy of São Paulo**

**Beatriz CARRASCOSA VON GLEHN SCHWENCK**, Universidade Federal de São Carlos, Brazil

¿Qué Hacen Los Movimientos Sociales Cuando Dejan La Escena? Una Contribución Analítica Sobre Latencia y Trabajo Desde El Sur e La Economía Solidaria

**Monika DOWBOR**, Universidad de Vale do Rio dos Sinos, Brazil, **Adriane FERRARINI**, UNISINOS, Brazil and **Gustavo OLIVEIRA**, Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos, Brazil

585.4 The Advocacy Action of Solidarity Economy Actors in the Italian Case  
**Emanuele POLIZZI**, University of Milano Bicocca, Italy

Interrogações Sobre As Reconfigurações Dos Movimentos Sociais No Brasil: Da Gramática Dos Direitos à Economia Solidária

**Fabio SANCHEZ**, Universidade Federal de Sao Carlos, Brazil

**14:15 - 15:45**

Represión y Luchas Por Derechos

*This panel, which will be held in Spanish, continues the debates initiated in the RC-47 panel **Mobilization of Rights: Uses and Legal Strategies of Collective Actors and Social Movements** deepening the discussion on repression and the struggles for rights.*

**Session Organizer:**

**Shruti TAMBE**, Savitribai Phule Pune University, India

**Chair: Carolina VESTENA**,  
University of Kassel, Germany

**Presentations:**

En Defensa Del Derecho a Protestar: Paz Sin Voz, No Es Paz, Es Miedo

**Ana PENIDO**, Instituto TRicontinental de Pesquisa Social, Brazil and **Suzeley MATHIAS**, UNESP, Brazil

Mobilisations Et Contrôle Social Répressif Entre Lieux De Lutte Dans La Ville Du Rio De Janeiro

**Brena DE ALMEIDA**, Puc-Rio, Brazil

De Víctimas a Defensoras: Estrategias De Mujeres Víctimas En El Nuevo Contexto De Justicia De Transición En Colombia

**Andrea LEON AMAYA** and Joaquim Leonel ALVIM, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil

“Life on the Move” Narratives: A Study of the Gypsy Struggle Processes for Rights in Brazil

**Phillipe SILVA**, Universidade Estadual de Goiás, Brazil

## Political Action for the Implementation of the Ombudsman's Office within Brazilian Public Defender's Offices

**Vinícius DA SILVA**, University of Ottawa, Canada, **Elida DOS SANTOS**, Forum Justiça, USA and **Rosane Maria LAVIGNE**, Forum Justiça, Brazil

**16:00 - 17:30**

## Women on the Move: New Activisms in the Contemporary Feminist Wave

The feminist movements became increasingly present in the last decade around the world, through different slogans such as the #NiUnaMenos hashtag in Latin America, the #MeToo denouncing abuses in the film industry in North America, and also its french version called #BalanceTonPorc. In 2018 a feminist student movement in Chile also emerged in the universities, and the Argentinean “pañuelazos” were also present in the struggle for a safe and free abortion. This is how in March 8th 2019, massive strikes took place across the globe claiming for rights and the end of the patriarchy. Taking into consideration this broad context, this panel discusses new forms of activism present in contemporary feminist mobilizations, their global character and their relationship with preceding women's movements.

### Session Organizer(s):

**Camila PONCE LARA**, Universidad Católica Cardenal Silva Henríquez, Chile

**Marina LARRONDO**, IDES - CONICET, Argentina

**Nora GARITA BONILLA**, University of Costa Rica, Costa Rica

**Chair: Marina LARRONDO**

### Presentations:

#### Feminist Solidarities and Coalitional Identity: The Popular Feminism of Marcha Das Margaridas

**Renata MOTTA**, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

#### Women's Movements and Gestational Surrogacy: Frames and Strategies of Mobilization in the Global North and South.

**Daniela BANDELLI**, LUMSA University, Italy

#### Feminist Strikes in Spain: Alliances and Ongoing Disputes for Social Change

**Tayrine DIAS**, UOC, Spain

#### Rising Against the Radical Right: New Feminist Wave in Central-Eastern Europe

**Mina BAGINOVA**, Charles University Prague, Czech Republic

**16:00 - 17:30**

**Religions, Social Movements and Politics Circulation, Production and Politics of Knowledge in the “Christianisms of Liberation” and Its Adversaries** (Joint Session with RC22)

Since the structuring of the sociology of religions, various networks of researchers and organizations have been set up to enrich and develop research on the religious in contemporary societies. In this panel, we will welcome contributions devoted to the genealogy and topicality of the articulation of knowledge productions and the constitution of scientific networks related to religion, with a particular interest for the actors of liberation theologies in the South and North of the planet, in a historical perspective (from the middle of the 20th century) as well as in contemporaneous actors. In this context, we will receive contributions analyzing the impacts of both reactionary and progressive religious networks on social movements, political campaigns and parties in the second half of the 20th century and during the 2010's.

*At the intersection of the sociology of science, the sociology of networks and globalization, and the sociology of religions, we will also look at trajectories, collaborations and networks of actors (including researchers), in order to understand how these linkages are places of decision and power. Particular attention will be paid to 1) the concepts and authors used by these scholars and networks; 2) the links between religious institutions, political parties and the production of knowledge in the social sciences of religions. The organizers will publish a thematic issue of Social Compass, International journal in Sociology of Religion, open to the papers presented in this panel.*

**Session Organizer(s):**

**Olivier SERVAIS**, UCLouvain, Belgium

**Caroline SAPPIA**, UCLouvain, Belgium

**Chair: Caroline SAPPIA & Sébastien Antoine**,  
Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil

**Presentations:**

**La Fédération Internationale Des Instituts De Recherches Sociales Et Socioreligieuses (FERES) En Amérique Latine : Mise En Réseaux Et Développement**

**Caroline SAPPIA**, UCLouvain, Belgium

**The Articulation between Liberation Christianity and Environmentalism in Leonardo Boff and His Current Religious Opponents in Brazil**

**Renan William DOS SANTOS**, University of São Paulo, Brazil

Social Movements, Activist Knowledge(s), Academic Knowledge(s). Circulations and Memories in Liberationist Catholicism in Argentina

**Veronica GIMENEZ BELIVEAU**, CONICET, Argentina and **Marcos Andrés CARBONELLI**, CEIL- CONICET, Argentina

Child's Pastoral As the Largest Brazilian Catholic Organization and the Issues of Its Institutional Adaptations

**André SOUZA**, Federal University of São Carlos, Brazil

Religion, Gender and Politics in Brazil: The Case of the Ministry of Women, Family and Human Rights in Bolsonaro's Government

**Janine TREVISAN**, IFRS Bento Gonçalves, Brazil and **Eduarda DEMARCHI**, IFRS, Brazil

**17:45 - 20:00**

Another World Is (still) Possible: the Future of Global Movements and the Pandemic (Common Session with RC44 and RC48)

In January 2001, the city of Porto Alegre hosted the first World Social Forum. The meeting was thought as a counterweight to the World Economic Forum and neoliberal globalization and it implemented the slogan of the Via Campesina: "Globalize the Struggle, Globalize the Hope". The Forum gathered four times in Porto Alegre (2001, 2002, 2003, 2005), the latest edition gathering over 170.000 people from 132 countries, with the slogan "Another world is possible". Now in times of pandemic, questions of mobilization for global justice, tolerance and deep democracy - as raised by the World Social Forum before - is probably more important than ever. This panel will discuss, if another world is still possible. What are the new challenges but also opportunities for building of a global movement in the 21st century since the pandemic?

**Chair: Sabrina ZAJAK**,

German Center for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM), Germany

**Presentations:**

Challenges Facing New Generations of Global Social Movements

**Breno BRINGEL**, State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The Great Transition of the WSF: Where to go? Reflections from Feminisms.

**Gina VARGAS**, Flora Tristan Centre, Peru

Shrinking Democratic Spaces during the Pandemic: A Study of Nepal

**Uddhab P PYAKUREL**, Kathmandu University, Nepal



The Pandemic Is a Battlefield

**Geoffrey PLEYERS**, FNRS/UC Louvain & Coll. Etudes Mondiales, Belgium

Politics of Representation and the Challenges with of the Pandemic

**Teivo TEIVAINEN**, University of Helsinki, Finland

The World Social Forum in a New Era of Global Challenges

**Carminda MAC LORIN**, University of Montreal, Canada

## SATURDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2021

**09:00 - 10:30**

### Alter-Activists in the Contemporary World: Rethinking Autonomy and Institutionalization

*Many movements around the world reveal some aspects of an alter-activist culture. Their perception of social change is based on participation, the multiplicity of “other possible worlds”, the horizontality of social relationships and the defense of diversity. It is through these modalities that actors question the issues that concern the social order, designing alternatives for possible futures at the same time. Over the past two decades, from Spain to Brazil, from Istanbul to Moscow, from Quebec to Japan, a global wave of protest movements has occupied public spaces to demand more democracy and participation. Alter-activist movements share a critical view of institutions as they exist. What are their strategies to avoid centralization or internal prioritization? What forms of decision-making and internal organization are possible to bypass the much criticized institutional verticalization? This panel would focus on the relationship between movements, actors and institutions. If movement, on the one hand, far from institutions risk isolation, on the other hand, those who come closer to them are faced with the risk of reproducing their structural logics. A total rejection of institutions is part of a prefigurative and daily activism exploring alternatives to global capitalism. It is the feelings of rejection of institutions that make individuals act and provoke the desire for an alternative life. Contemporary protest movements that are reconfiguring themselves through an institutional rupture and the reappropriation of institutions are to be explored, considering that the two modalities of action are both mixed within an alter-activist culture.*

#### **Session Organizers and Chairs:**

Eleonora GARZIA, Université Paris V, Sorbonne, France

Flavia DE FARIA, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France

#### **Making the Decisions. the Construction of the Decision-Making Process, in a Social Movement of Argentina.**

**Francisco LONGA**, CONICET / IDIHCS / UNLP, Argentina

#### **“A Movement in Movement”: Rethinking the Links between Alter-Activism and Institutional Politics**

**Alexandra KASSIR**, EHESS, France

#### **“Should We Call Ourselves Feminist and Anti-Racist ?”: Intra-Collective Conflicts between Alter-Activist Culture and “Classic” Activism in Environmental Struggles**

**Louise BOLLACHE**, EHESS, France

## «Protagonisme» Et Autonomie : Les Défis De L'auto-Organisation Dans Le Mouvement Des Occupations Lycéennes De 2016 à Rio De Janeiro

**David AMALRIC**, EHESS Paris - Centre d'étude des mouvements sociaux, France

**09:00 - 10:30**

### Social Movements, Contentious Politics, and the Imagination of Alternative Futures. Part II (Joint Session with RC07 and RC48)

*The ISA Research Committees RC07, RC47 & RC48 are co-hosting two Sessions on social movements, contentious politics, and the imagination of alternative futures. The recent rise of retrotopian politics and authoritarian leadership across world regions (Bolsonaro, Duterte, Erdoğan, Orban, Trump, among others) has uncovered a widespread disenchantment with narrowly conceived liberal democracy. This lends heightened urgency to better understand the radical imagination and creative efforts of social movements to overcome the confines of the social and institutional status quo. The aim of this session is to bring theoretical approaches, empirical case-studies, and historical comparisons of different settings and regions, South and North, into a fruitful dialogue. Abstractly formulated, the questions may include (but are not limited to): How do social movements invent, articulate, and engage with alternative visions of the future? Why do the horizons of imaginable futures expand or shrink at certain times and places? How do visions relate to social interests, identities, ideologies, solidarities, repertoires, values, and innovative agency? What led to the current political polarization, and how does it impact political alternatives and the prospects for a better world? How do social movements appropriate or invent media for disseminating and deliberating about their visions? How do assumptions about the achievability of desirable futures shape contentious politics and influence the outcomes of social movement struggles? What are the appropriate methods to engage with these visions and their dynamics? And what upcoming tasks should be high on the research agenda?*

#### **Chair:**

**Markus SCHULZ,**

Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Germany

#### **Presentations:**

##### Engaged Ecological Citizenship

**Josephine DIONISIO**, University of the Philippines Diliman, Philippines

##### Between Agency and Structure: How Human Rights Theory Helps Understand Social Movements in Brazil

**Angela PAIVA**, PUC-Rio, Brazil

Politics As Imagining Future: The Political Imaginaries of Istanbul's Professionals in the Gezi Protests and Beyond

**Gamze EVCIMEN**, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA

Constituting Democracy, Democratizing Constitutions: Lessons from a Global Comparative Analysis of Democracy Movements, Social Movement Strategy, Constitutional Change, and Democratization (1974-2001)

**Ben MANSKI**, University of California Santa Barbara, USA

**10:45 - 12:15**

Learning from the Brics Countries: Social Movement Theories and Cross-Cultural Comparison

This panel present empirical research on protest and social movements in BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) and, more general, in the Global South, as well as state responses to them. The main goal is to highlight if (and how) these processes can contribute to a renovation of the conceptual apparatus of Western social movements studies. We especially welcome papers that discuss cases from more than one BRICS country, and those that feature a productive engagement with existing approaches to cross-cultural comparison, such as Philip McMichael's notion of 'incorporated comparison', Gillian Hart's 'relational comparison', the multi-sited ethnography developed by Michael Burawoy and others, or the comparative cultural sociology of critique fleshed out by Laurent Thévenot, Michèle Lamont and others.

**Session Organizer and Chair:**

**Mischa GABOWITSCH**, Einstein Forum, Germany

**Presentations:**

Higher Education Policy Protests in Turkey and Brazil: Targets and Alliances

**Didem TURKOGLU**, NYU Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Green Protests in the Shadow of Authoritarian Rule: Boundary-Spanning Contention in China and Malaysia

**Wei Lit YEW**, Yale-NUS College, Singapore

Social Movement in Authoritarian Regimes - a Strategic Action Field Approach

**Ngai Ming YIP**, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong and **Yang ZHENG**, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

From Dissident Culture to Transnational Civil Society in Eastern Europe?

**Micha FIEDLSCHUSTER**, York University, Canada

Living with Nature Peacefully in Political Conflict: The Interaction between Taiwanese and Mainland Chinese Environmentalists

**Felix Sai Kit NG**, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

**10:45 - 12:15**

Author Meets Critics: Social Movements and Politics in a Global Pandemic, Edited By Breno Bringel and Geoffrey Pleyers. Bristol: Bristol University Press, 2021

(Joint Session with RC56)

*The COVID-19 pandemic has deeply shaken societies and lives around the world. This book reveals how the pandemic intensifies socio-economic problems and inequalities across the world, whilst offering visions for a better future informed by social movements and public sociology. Bringing together experts from 27 countries, the authors explore the global echoes of the pandemic and the different responses adopted by governments, policy makers and activists. The new expressions of social action, and forms of solidarity and protest are discussed in detail, from the Black Lives Matters protests to the French Strike Movement and the Lebanese Uprising. This is a unique global commentary on the current crisis and the contemporary world. Further information on the publisher's website: <https://bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/social-movements-and-politics-in-a-global-pandemic>*

**Chair: Sari HANAFI**,

American University of Beirut and ISA President

**Panelist:**

**Ana Esther CECEÑA**, UNAM, México

**Alexis Cortés**, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chile

**14:15 - 15:45**

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### **Session organizers:**

**Breno BRINGEL**, State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Markus SCHULZ**, Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Germany

**Liana Maria DAHER**, University of Catania, Italy

**Chair: Markus SCHULZ**

### **Presentations:**

**From Social Movements to Social Change: A Better World Better be Likley**

**Lauren LANGMAN**, Loyola University of Chicago, USA

### **After Populism**

**Jan P. NEDERVEEN PIETERSE**, University of California at Santa Barbara, USA

**Forging a Diagonal Instrument for the Global Left: The Vessel**

**Christopher CHASE-DUNN**, Sociology, University of California-Riverside, riverside, CA, USA and **Rebecca ALVAREZ**, New Mexico Highlands University, USA

**Re-Thinking Democracy from below and to the Left**

**Ines DURAN MATUTE**, University of California Los Angeles, USA

**From the Indignados to Hong-Kong Pro-Democratic Movement : What Slogans of One Decade of Youth Protests Tell Us about Generational Aspirations**

**Cécile VAN DE VELDE**, Université de Montréal, Canada

### **16:00 - 17:30**

**Understanding the Criminalization of Struggles for Rights in Comparative Perspective** (Joint Session with RC12)

The criminalization of struggles for rights –or simply political dissent- is increasingly becoming a powerful tool used by governments in so-called democracies to restrict civil and political rights and legitimize use of State violence against rights defenders, under the cover of anti-terrorists or war on drugs operations. There are common elements in these situations where States criminalize throughout new laws and

measures that render illegal democratic behaviors such as public demonstrations, and by using discourses that target activists –sometimes with morality-based accusations- and thus expose them to further violence. Yet, criminalization also implies specific forms of violence and intimidation imposed to women who are targeted by “systematic practices of sexual violence as a means to deter protest” (IHRC, 2017). Young people, Indigenous and Afro-descendants –among others- are also criminalized in specific ways that deepen structural violence. In response, criminalized groups respond by dynamic and diversified resistances: in Latin America for example, many Indigenous and Afro-descendant rights defenders recur to judicial contestations, protest, artistic performances but also form large alliances with other sectors of society in order to overcome criminalization practices by exposing their contradictions to democracy. In doing so, these alliances choose to fight over the meaning of democracy itself and propose new innovative meanings and practices that expose authoritarian elements of current democracies and challenge them. This panel aims at constructing a comparative analysis of both the impacts of criminalization as a global phenomenon and the resistance strategies of current struggles for rights against criminalization over the world.

### **Session Organizers:**

**Ricardo PEÑAFIEL**, Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada

**Joao VELLOSO**, University of Ottawa, Canada

**Marie-Christine DORAN**, School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa,

**Chair: Marie-Christine DORAN**

### **Presentations:**

**La Criminalisation De l’Opposition à l’Exploitation Minière Au Guatemala :  
Analyses Croisées**

**Marie-Dominik LANGLOIS**, uOttawa, Canada and **Karine VANTHUYNE**,  
University of Ottawa, Canada

**Gubernamentalidad Extractiva y Enclaves Contrainsurgentes: Responsabilidad  
Social Corporativa y Criminalización En La Colombia Pos-Acuerdo**

**Etienne ROY GREGOIRE**, Faculty of Law, McGill University / Centre for  
Indigenous Conservation and Development Alternatives, Canada

**Criminalization of Land Defenders in Guatemala: Linking Genocidal Violence to  
Contemporary Neoliberal Oppression**

**Camille DENICOURT-FAUVEL**, Sciences Po Paris, France

El Conflicto Por La Tierra: Bloque En El Poder, Violencia Paramilitar y  
Criminalización De La Resistencia En Colombia

**Oscar GUTIÉRREZ**, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales - EHESS, France, **July CALDERON**, Investigadora, Colombia; Secretaría Técnica Indígena, Comisión Nacional de Territorios Indígenas, Colombia and **Andrea BARRERA**, Université de Paris 7, France

Peace That Antagonizes: Reading Peace As Hegemonic Crisis in Post-Accord  
Colombia

**Richard GEORGI**, University of Gothenburg, Sweden



## SUNDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2021

**10:45 - 12:15**

### Generación y Activismos Juveniles

*This panel is the second part of the session ¿Qué Fue De La Primavera Indignada? Movimientos Juveniles y Resistencias Globales (2010-2020)*

**Chair: Carles FEIXA,**

University Pompeu Fabra, Spain

**Discussant: Federico SCHUSTER,**

Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

### Presentations:

Looking for a Place. Youth Activists in Post-2011 Spanish Social Movements: Normalization and 'Good Practices'

**Eduard BALLESTÉ ISERN,** University Pompeu Fabra, Spain

Persistencias y Cambios En Las Formas Del Activismo Juvenil En Movimientos Sociales: Analizando Activismos Juveniles En El Estado Español

**Antonio ALVAREZ-BENAVIDES,** JAY-CUNY / GRESCO-UCM, Spain, **Carmen GALDON CORBELLA,** Independent Researcher/ Feminist Activist, Spain and **Gomer BETANCOR NUEZ,** Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), Spain

Generación, Subjetividad Política y Activismo En El Escenario Posterior Al #YoSoy132 En México

**Maricela PORTILLO,** UNIVERSIDAD IBEROAMERICANA, Mexico

El Retorno Del "Nizam": Política y Movimientos Sociales En El Egipto Post-Revolucionario

**Jose SANCHEZ GARCIA,** Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain

**14:15 - 15:45**

### Social Movements and Intersectionality

*This panel is the second part of the RC-47 session 'Movements, Intersectionality, and Politics of Liberation in the Global North and South'.*

### Session Organizer:

Sabrina ZAJAK, German Center for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM), Germany

**Chair: Renata MOTTA,**  
Freire Universitat Berlin, Germany

**Presentations:**

**Intersectionality and Protest: The Students' Struggles in South Africa**

**Antje DANIEL,** University of Vienna, Austria

**The Italian Feminist Movement and the Challenge of Intersectionality**

**Alina DAMBROSIO CLEMENTELLI** and **Marta PANIGHEL,** University of Genoa, Italy

**Maternity, City and Law: The Interaction of Mothers and Constituted Powers in Rio De Janeiro**

**Fatima Gabriela DE AZEVEDO,** Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and **Laíze Gabriela Benevides PINHEIRO,** Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Super-Diversity and Intersectionality: From Individualism to Collective Identity**

**Daniele PETROSINO,** Università degli studi "Aldo Moro", Italy

### I. EVENTS

Our RC47 2019-2020 events can be split between before and after the pandemic. In 2019 we co-organized 2 conferences in Portugal and Chile and a series of lectures in Germany. After the start of the pandemic, RC-47 was quite active organizing or co-hosting online webinars. Altogether, we had 5 international online events, divided into 15 autonomous sessions. An International Conference scheduled for October 2020 in Dakar (Senegal) was postponed to November 2021 due to the pandemic. Please find the details below.

#### **(I.1) ISA RC47 and Einstein Forum Lectures (Potsdam, Germany, from October 2019 to February 2020)**

The Einstein Forum in Potsdam (Germany) is a small foundation that brings together original thinkers from all over the world to test new with a general audience. Between October 2019 and February 2020 the ISA RC-47 co-organized with the Einstein Forum a series of lectures in Potsdam under the heading “Solidarity in Danger.” Organized by Mischa Gabowitsch. Four members of the RC-47 participated in the program:

##### **Thursday, 30 January, 2020**

Simin Fadaee (University of Manchester): *Social Movements in the Global South: Challenges and Prospects*, Chair: Sabrina Zajak, Bochum

##### **Tuesday, 11 February, 2020**

Breno Bringel (State University of Rio de Janeiro): *Brazil under the Bolsonaro Era: Authoritarian Neoliberalism and Right-Wing Movements*, Chair: Renata Motta, Berlin

For further information:

- Solidarity in Danger [Series](#)
- Einstein Forum [YouTube channel](#)

#### **(I.2) Conference Bridging Social Movement Studies: Forms of Participation and their Study Between North and South - Tribute to Britta Baumgarten (Lisbon, Portugal, October 7, 2019)**

Britta left us early in 2018. She shared research, projects, ideas, beers and dreams with many RC47 members, activists, and social movement scholars from around the world. On October 7, 2019, the Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (ISCTE-IUL), where Britta worked, hosted this meeting in her honour. RC-47 supported the

conference. The topics discussed included new paths in European Social Movement Studies, dialogues between social movement scholars and activists, social movements and new forms of participation across the South and the North. Speakers include Nina Amelung, Ruben Diez Garcia, Guya Accornero, Roberto Falanga, Ana Lucia Sá, Maria Fernandes-Jesus, Ana Margarida Esteves, Breno Bringel and Portuguese activists. Conference organized by our colleague Guya Accornero.

- Further info [here](#)

- A special issue on the topic, edited by Guya Accornero and Breno Bringel, will be published in the journal *Partecipazione e Conflitto*, 14(3), 2021.

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# BRIDGING SOCIAL MOVEMENT STUDIES

## FORMS OF PARTICIPATION AND THEIR STUDY BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH

**HOMAGE TO BRITTA BAUMGARTEN (1975-2018)**

**09h15 • GREETINGS**

Helena Carvalho Director ESPP / ISCTE-IUL  
João Sebastião Director CIES-IUL  
André Freire CIES-IUL  
Christline Auer Friedrich Ebert Foundation Portugal

**10h00 • ROUNDTABLE 1**

**New Paths in European  
Social Movement Studies**  
Nina Amelung University of Minho  
Ruben Diez Garcia University Complutense, Madrid  
Guya Accornero CIES-IUL  
Chair: Maria Fernandes-Jesus CIES-IUL

**10h30 • COFFEE BREAK**

**12h00 • ROUNDTABLE 2**

**Activists Meet Social Movement Scholars:  
Bridging Theory and Action**  
Rita Silva Habita  
Lanka Horstink CAIA  
Ana Fojão Precários Inflexíveis  
Chair: Renato Miguel do Carmo CIES-IUL

**13h00 • LUNCH**

**14h30 • ROUNDTABLE 3**

**Social Movements and New Forms of  
Participation: Interdisciplinary Approaches  
Across the South and the North**  
Roberto Falanga IC3-UL  
Ana Lúcia Sá CIES-IUL  
Maria Fernandes-Jesus CIES-IUL  
Ana Margarida Esteves CEH-IUL  
Chair: Guya Accornero CIES-IUL

**16h30 • COFFEE BREAK**

**17h00 • BOOK PRESENTATION**

**'Protest, Youth and Precariousness:  
The Unfinished Fight against Austerity in Portugal'**  
Oxford-New York Berghahn  
Renato Miguel do Carmo CIES-IUL  
José Alberto Simões FCSH-UNL  
Chair: Joana Azevedo CIES-IUL

**18h00 • CLOSING TALK**

Breno Bringel (ESPUERJ)

**19h00 • EXHIBITION**

**Bridging Social Movements and Social  
Movements Studies between North and South**  
Building II, Floor 0, Exhibition Room

LANGUAGE: PORTUGUESE AND ENGLISH

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**(1.3) Seminario Internacional “#ChileDespertó: movimientos sociales y desafíos constituyentes” (Santiago, Chile, November 26, 2019)** [Workshop #ChileWokeUp: Social Movements and constituent challenges]

One-day workshop held in Spanish. Organized by the ISA RC-47 and hosted by the Universidad Católica Silva Henríquez. Two Board members, Camila Ponce Lara and Geoffrey Pleyers, participated.

**(1.4) ISA RC47 Webinars on Resistance and Social Movements in Times of Coronavirus (April-May 2020)**



**Webinar 1: “Solidarities and collective actions in times of pandemic”:** April 2, 2020. Organized by Sabrina Zajak (Dezim, Germany). Participants: Donatella della Porta (Italy), Breno Bringel (Brazil), Supurna Banerjee (India), Kate Alexander (South Africa), John Krinsky (US), Geoffrey Pleyers (Belgium). Co-organized with Dezim Institute (Berlin, Germany). Recorded session available [here](#) (2,400 views).

**Webinar 2: “Stay home without a home? The right to housing in Covid-19 lockdown times”:** April 16, 2020. Organized by Guya Accornero and Simone Tulumello (University of Lisbon, Portugal). Participants: Guya Accornero (Portugal), Felipe Santos (UK), Giovanni Semi (Italy), Mona Harb (Lebanon), Alex Magalhães (Brazil) and Sam Stein (US). Co-organized with the CIES-ISCTE Monthly Seminar on Social Movements and Political Action (Lisbon, Portugal). Recorded session available [here](#) (507 views).

A report on the session was published in the *Radical Housing Journal*, May 2020, vol.2 (1), 197-201. Download it [here](#).

**Webinar 3: Digital activism in times of pandemic**, May 7, 2020. Organized by Paolo Gerbaudo. Participants: Anastasia Kavada (UK), Mengying Li (China) and Marisa von Bulow (Brazil). Co-organized with the Centre for Digital Culture at King's College London. Recorded session available [here](#) (595 views).

**(1.5) Conversatorio Disputas por lo publico y lo común en tiempos de pandemia (April 16, 2020)** [Online Seminar – Struggles around the Public and the Common in times of pandemic]

Online Seminar, held in Spanish, co-organized by the ISA RC47 with the Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO) and the Latin American Sociological Association (ALAS). Organized by Breno Bringel, Geoffrey Pleyers and Pablo Vommaro. Participants: Arturo Escobar (US/Colombia), Kathya Araujo (Chile), Paulo Henrique Martins (Brazil), Montserrat Sagot (Costa Rica) and Paula-Irene Villa (Germany):

- Recorded session available [here](#) (6,906 views)
- A brief report in Spanish can be accessed [here](#)

**(1.6) Conversatorio Viralizar la solidaridad: redes de apoyo mutuo y activismo politico en tiempos de pandemia (May-Augst, 2020)** [Online Seminar Viralizing Solidarity: Mutual Support Networks and Political Activism in Times of Pandemic]

Online Seminar Series, held in Spanish, co-organized by the ISA RC-47 with the National Autonomous University of México (UNAM). Chair: Tommaso Gravante.

**Session 1: May 21, 2020.** Participants: Victoria D'hers (Argentina), Juan Pablo Paredes (Chile), Geoffrey Pleyers (Belgium), Breno Bringel (Brazil) and Mutual Aid Mexico Activists. Recorded session available [here](#)

**Session 2: June 22, 2020.** Participants: Allen Cordero (Costa Rica), Eugenio Sosa (Honduras), Jeane Maritza (Guatemala), Salvador Schavelzon (Brazil). Recorded session available [here](#).

**Session 3: August 13, 2020.** Participants: Simone Gomes (Brazil), Astrid Gutierrez (Mexico), Cooperativa Ama Tu Luna (Argentina), Victoria d'hers (Argentina), Daniela Cáceres (Chile). Recorded session available [here](#).

**Session 4: August 25, 2020.** Participants: Salvador Schavelzon (Brazil), Fatima Monasterio (Bolivia), Beatriz Pedrozia (Colombia), Melquiades Cruz and Raul Romero (Mexico). Recorded session available [here](#).

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**Lunes 22 de junio de 2020**

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10:00 h Costa Rica, Honduras y Guatemala /

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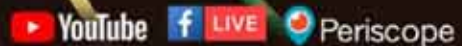
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### **(1.7) Webinar The Sociology of Belarusian Protest (20 August 2020)**

Belarusian voices are few and far between in debates about the recent protests in Belarus. In this webinar, Belarusian sociologists shared their views and analysis of the current protest wave. Among other things, they discussed the role of striking workers; class, gender, and violence; the mobilizing effects of trauma; the impact of urban space; the legacy of previous protests; the role of protest in forging different types of communities; and the ways in which the post-industrial shift and other long-term transformations in Belarusian society have affected its political economy.

Participants: Nelly Bekus, sociologist, University of Exeter (UK); Elena Gapova, sociologist, Western Michigan University, USA / European Humanities University (Vilnius, Lithuania); Aliaksei Lastouski, sociologist, Polotsk State University (Belarus); Alena Minchenia, gender scholar and social scientist, Lund University (Sweden); and Andrey Vozyanov, social anthropologist, European Humanities University (Vilnius, Lithuania) / Minsk Urban Platform. Moderator and organizer: Mischa Gabowitsch, sociologist and historian, Einstein Forum (Germany). Co-organized with the **Einstein Forum** (Potsdam, Germany), Ukraine in European Dialogue Program at IWM, Vienna (**Chronicle from Belarus**), **Democracy Seminar** (Public Seminar / Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, New School for Social Research, New York).



### **(1.8) International Online Seminar Social Movements and Social Change in a Global Pandemic (October-December 2020)**

This international online seminar, coordinated by Geoffrey Pleyers and Breno Bringel, gathered scholars from different continents to analyse the way social movements and popular actors have faced the pandemic in a range of countries. Its main aim was to discuss a global perspective on the current crisis and the way actors may shape the societies that will emerge out of it.



**Session 1: October 8, 2020 | A global sociology in times of COVID-19** (Breno Bringel & Geoffrey Pleyers)

**Session 2: October 22, 2020 | Social movements in a global pandemic** (Breno Bringel & Geoffrey Pleyers)

**Session 3: November 5, 2020 | América Latina: Solidaridad y resistencias durante y más allá de la pandemia** (Montserrat Sagot and Karla Henríquez Ojeda)

**Session 4: November 26, 2020 | Anti-racism and struggle for social justice in the United States** (Bandana Purkayastha and John Krinsky)

**Session 5: December 3, 2020 | Resistances and democratic struggles in Lebanon and South Africa** (Alexandra Kassir and Kate Alexander)

**Session 6: December 17, 2020 | One year after the beginning of the pandemic, where do democracy and social movements stand?** (Lesley Wood and Ashish Kothari)

**(1.9) Point Sud & ISA RC47 Conference Struggles for ‘democracy’ in Africa - Encountering researchers and activists from the Global North and South (Dakar, Senegal – NEW DATES: 16-20 NOVEMBER 2021)**

Social movement research is still predominantly concerned with protest and activism in the Global North. While scholars based in Latin America have pushed the research on Latin American social movements as well as theory building, protests in Africa and their relationship to the theoretical debates in social movement studies have only recently come into focus. The literature on African social movements largely focuses on the so called ‘Arab Spring’ while the ‘African Uprisings’ that took place since the mid 2000s all over the continent received less attention. The existing studies often focus on so called pro-democratic movements that mobilize for regime change or against presidential term amendments. Other movements such as anti-mining movements or protests against large-scale agro-industrial projects, labour movements or organizations mobilizing for women’s rights or the rights of the LGBTQI\* community or recent mobilizations for environmental justice and against the climate crisis are still largely invisible in the social movement literature.

This conference therefore aims to first, bring together researchers from Africa and the Global North to gain a more nuanced picture of the existing empirical knowledge on social movements and protests in Africa and their link to democratization processes. Second, we intend to introduce theories and concepts from the Global South into international research on democratization and social movements. Third, we bring together activists and researchers in order to facilitate an open exchange on the relationship of the academic debate on social movements and the hands-on mobilization of protests.

This international conference was planned to take place in Dakar (Senegal) in October 2020. However, it had to be postponed due to the pandemic. It's expected that the conference will take place at the University Cheikh Anta Diop **from November 16 to November 20 2021.** The Conference is co-organized by Nina-Kathrin Wienkoop, Sabrina Zajak, Antje Daniel, Louisa Prause and Lamine Doumbia and is organized in cooperation with **Point Sud** – Centre de Recherche sur le savoir local. If you want further information, please contact Antje Daniel: [antje.daniel@univie.ac.at](mailto:antje.daniel@univie.ac.at)

## 2. PUBLICATIONS

### (2.1) Open Movements



The Open Movements editorial project was founded in 2015 in a partnership between RC47 and the independent global platform **Open Democracy**. Since then, almost 300 articles have been published by activists and academics from all regions of the world. Open Movements has become an important global platform for public sociology. Although most of our authors are social scientists, the public is much broader and reaches out also activists, journalists and policy-makers.

Since the last ISA World Congress of Sociology in Toronto, Canada, the dynamics of publications have been more episodic. Nevertheless, in the past two years we have published 53 articles, including a special week of articles dedicated to the pandemic and social movements, which have been widely disseminated. We also strengthened our collaboration with the Latin section of Open Democracy, **Democracia Abierta**, and we thank its editor, Francesc Badia, for the partnership.

The latest articles include:

Giuseppe Caruso, Carminda Mac Lorin and Teivo Teivainen, **Foro Social Mundial: activismo global en tiempos de pandemia**

Boaventura de Sousa Santos, **Europe in 2021**

Check all our articles here:

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/openmovements/>

## **(2.2) RC-47 Newsletter**

We have published three issues of our Newsletter during the last two years, edited by Chris Chan, with this new format and design.

## **(2.3) Book - *Alerta Global: políticas, movimientos sociales y futuros en disputa en tiempos de pandemia* (Buenos Aires, 2020)**

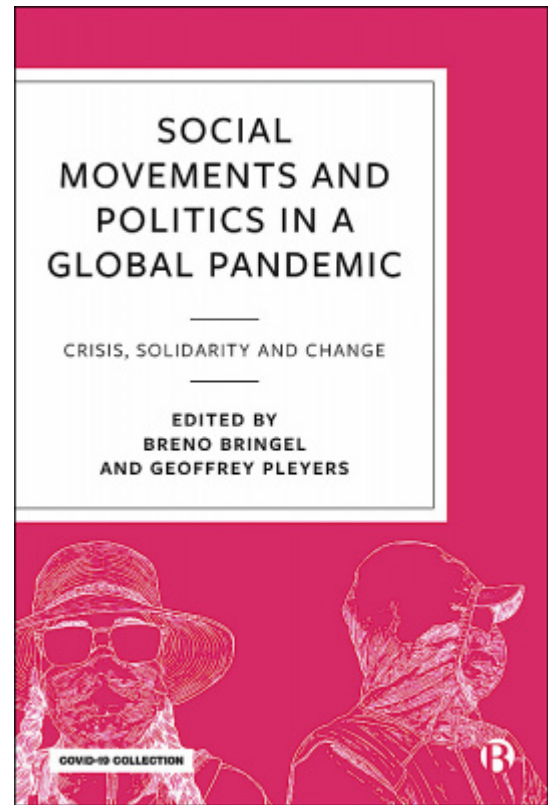
This book, edited by Breno Bringel and Geoffrey Pleyers, was published in Spanish in August 2020 by the Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO) and the Latin American Sociological Association (ALAS). The book featured the analysis of 48 authors from 28 countries, including several RC-47 members and leading sociologists and social movements scholars in the world. In its 434 pages there is a global perspective to the current crisis and the contemporary world, the way in which inequalities are exacerbated and forms of social control are diversified, but also about new forms of solidarity, social movements and paths to renew the critical thought and rethink “other possible worlds”.

- It is available for free download [here](#) (the book has been downloaded about 15,000 times)
- 1,000 printed copies are being sold in the main bookstores in Argentina and other Latin American countries.

## **(2.4) Book - *Social Movements in a Global Pandemic* (Bristol, 2021)**

Revised and updated version of the book published in Spanish. It will be published soon by Bristol University Press (BUP) and Policy Press. All information can be found on the BUP page [here](#). In addition to the printed version, there will also be a free E-book version.

Description: the COVID-19 pandemic has deeply shaken societies and lives around the world. This powerful book reveals how the pandemic intensifies socio-economic problems and inequalities across the world, whilst offering visions for a better future informed by social movements and public sociology. Bringing together experts from 27 countries, the authors explore the global echoes of the pandemic and the different responses adopted by governments, policy makers and activists. The new expressions of social action, and forms of solidarity and protest are discussed in detail, from the Black Lives Matters protests to the French Strike Movement and the Lebanese Uprising. This is a unique global commentary on the current crisis and the contemporary world.



### 3. NEW WEBSITE



A completely remodeled and modern new website is almost ready and will be available online soon. Among the novelties, there is a section dedicated to the RC47 memory, a dynamic interface with our digital platforms (Youtube, Facebook and Twitter), permanent update on our events and initiatives, as well as a blog with the reproduction of articles originally published in Open Movements and other short pieces.

## 4. MEMBERSHIP

RC47 has members, officially registered with ISA, in all regions of the world, forming a truly global community of social movements researchers. In the past two years, we have maintained the number of members, but we would like to expand them considerably over the next period. There are many advantages to being part of the RC47 research network, including access to discounts and fees exemptions on our activities and events. In order to allow more people to join us, mainly students and colleagues from the Global South, we plan at the next General Assembly to reduce membership fees as follows.

*(Dues for a 4-year period)*

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