

Call for Participation

How to study transnational social movements

A networking workshop for social movement researchers

Date: 28-29 September 2011

Place: Campus Haga, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

Workshop description

This workshop is the first major undertaking of the newly founded Centre for Social Movement Research (CSM) at the University of Gothenburg. The aim of this workshop is twofold: networking and reflection on the transnational condition:

Networking: The workshop should be a space for social movement researchers to learn about each other's work, to discover common interests, and to assess opportunities for future collaborations. We want to create an opportunity to exploit the strength of the loose and widely meshed network ties among social movement scholars. While we expect many participants to come from Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and Finland, we also encourage our colleagues from other countries to join us and make the meeting as transnational as possible.

Transnationalism: The theme that will guide us through the workshop is the transnational condition under which especially contemporary social movements operate and which shapes not only the activists but also the perspective of the researchers engaging with them. We want to open a space to reflect on the limits and constraints of this "transnationalism" and to discuss different approaches to the transnational (or even global) dimension. Our keynote speakers will provoke such discussion with their differing approaches to transnational movements.

Keynote speakers

Donatella della Porta (European University Institute): "How to study transnational social movements: A pluralist methodological perspective"

Geoffrey Pleyers (University of Louvain): "Alter-Globalization and global movements: A Tourainian perspective"

Program

The workshop starts at 12:00 on Wednesday, 28 September and ends the following day at 17:00.

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On the first day, we will first engage with our keynote speakers and then move to a more informal setting where every participant will get an opportunity to briefly present themselves and their research interests or current projects. The following dinner then allows for like-minded people to get together for more in depth conversations about their shared interests.

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The second day is dedicated to paper presentations by those participants who want to discuss their work (see below for details). In the concluding session, we will ask the keynote speakers to draw some conclusions from the workshop and jointly discuss results and possible ways forward.

How to participate

There is no participation fee. Tea, Coffee, and Snacks are provided free of charge during the workshop. The conference dinner as well as accommodation and travel costs have to be covered by each participant individually (please note that we cannot provide any travel grants). The workshop language will be English.

If you would like to participate, please register before **15 June 2011** by sending an email with your name, affiliation (if applicable), and your main research interests to Christoph (haug@gu.se). Please put "CSM workshop" in the subject line.

If you would like to present a paper, please state so in your email and include the title and abstract (max 300 words) of your paper. Depending on how many people want to present, we might have to make a selection because of the limited presentation 'slots' available. In any case, we will notify you before 1 July.

We will also circulate practical information regarding accommodation and transport to all registered participants in due time.

Contact

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Website of CSM: http://www.sociology.gu.se/english/research/research_groups/csm/

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