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## PROGRAMME

### **Sunday, 15 September**

19:00-21:00 Welcome *aperitivo* – Rifrullo Cafe' in Via di San Niccolo' 55r

### **Monday, 16 September**

**Location: Theatre, Badia Fiesolana**

9:00-9:30 **Registration**

9:30-10:00 **Welcome Address and Introduction to the Summer School**  
Donatella della Porta (COSMOS - European University Institute) and Alice Mattoni (COSMOS - European University Institute)

10:00-12:00 Keynote Speech  
**Methodological Pluralism in Social Movement Research**  
Donatella della Porta (COSMOS - European University Institute)

12:00-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-17:00 **Paper presentations and discussions**  
Jorge Saavedra: *Finding methods, in the study of the Chilean student movement*

Discussants: Alice Mattoni  
Cindy Morillas

Julia Hofmann: *Transnational Trade Union Action*

Discussants: Alice Mattoni  
Ryan Welch

### **Tuesday, 17 September**

**Location: Sala Triaria, Villa Schifanoia**

9:00-12:00 **Social Network Analysis: How and When in Social Movement Research?**  
Manuela Caiani (Institute for Advanced Studies of Wien)

12:00-13:00 **Office Hours** – Manuela Caiani (Institute for Advanced Studies of Wien)

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-17:00 **Paper presentations and discussions**  
Malin Holm: *Understanding the Success of Online Opposition: the Swedish Antifeminist Movement in New Media*

Discussants: Manuela Caiani

Eva Klambauer

Chandra Russo: *Embodied Emotions: Allies Forging Collective Identity on the Migrant Trail*

Discussants: Manuela Caiani  
Maria Teresa Cappiali

**Wednesday, 18 September**

**Location: Sala Triaria, Villa Schifanoia**

9:00-12:00 **Ethnographic approaches and co-research with activists**  
Francesca Forno (University of Bergamo)

12:00-13:00 **Office Hours** – Francesca Forno (University of Bergamo)

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-17:00 **Paper presentations and discussions**  
Mari Kuukkanen: *Investigating social movement dynamics with multi-sited ethnography: a case study of anarchist involvement in a Finnish anti-nuclear movement*

Discussants: Francesca Forno  
Maria-Therese Gustafsson

Joost De Moor: *The internal and external motivations of lifestyle activist. An in-depth analysis of how political contexts affects activists' motivations for participation in lifestyle movements*

Discussants: Francesca Forno  
Alberto Cossu

**Thursday, 19 September**

**Location: Sala Triaria, Villa Schifanoia**

9:00-12:00 **Interviewing Activists**  
Lorenzo Bosi (COSMOS - European University Institute)

12:00-13:00 **Office Hours** – Lorenzo Bosi (COSMOS - European University Institute)

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-17:00 **Paper presentations and discussions**  
Regina Becker: *European Protest and Responsiveness. An analysis of the German Euro crisis protests*

Discussants: Lorenzo Bosi  
Moritz Sommer

Cindy Morillas: *Interviewing contentious and conservative student*

*activists in Cameroon*

Discussants: Lorenzo Bosi  
Jorge Saavedra

**Friday, 20 September**

**Location: Sala Triaria, Villa Schifanoia**

- 10:00-12:00      Keynote Speech  
**Modes of coordination of collective action**  
Mario Diani (University of Trento and ICREA-UPF Barcelona)
- 12:00-14:00      Lunch break
- 14:00-17:00      **Paper presentations and discussions**  
Eva Klambauer: *Protesting on Behalf? Abolitionist anti-prostitution campaigns by the pop-feminist group FEMEN between emancipatory claims, patronizing narratives and contested symbolism*
- Discussants: Phillip Ayoub  
Malin Holm
- Maria Teresa Cappiali: *How do Migrants Define Political «Integration»? A Study of the Critical Redefinition of Inclusiveness by Migrants Participating in the Italian Left*
- Discussants: Phillip Ayoub  
Chandra Russo

**Monday, 23 September**

**Location: Theatre, Badia Fiesolana**

- 9:00-12:00      **Discourse and Frame Analysis In-depth Analysis of Qualitative Data in Social Movement Research**  
Lasse Lindekilde (Aarhus University)
- 12:00-13:00      **Office Hours** – Lasse Lindekilde (Aarhus University)
- 13:00-14:00      Lunch break
- 14:00-17:00      **Paper presentations and discussions**  
Viviana Asara: *The Indignados movement. Framing the crisis and democracy*
- Discussants: Lasse Lindekilde  
Jacob Abellan
- Alberto Cossu: *Mobilizing Art: A Theoretical Inquiry on the Role of Aesthetics in Social Movements*
- Discussants: Lasse Lindekilde

Joost De Moor

**Tuesday, 24 September**

**Location: Theatre, Badia Fiesolana**

- 9:00-12:00      **Surveying protesters: methods, caveats, results**  
Massimiliano Andretta (University of Pisa)
- 12:00-13:00      **Office Hours** – Massimiliano Andretta (University of Pisa)
- 13:00-14:00      Lunch break
- 14:00-17:00      **Paper presentations and discussions**  
Priscilla Alamos: *Causes and mechanisms of the mass mobilization in the overthrow of authoritarian political regimes in Middle East and North Africa: A comparative study using QCA and process-tracing technique*
- Discussants: Massimiliano Andretta  
Youssef El Chazli
- Ryan Welch: *Can We Take Their Word for It? Assessing the Validity of Survey Data for Political Dissent Research*
- Discussants: Massimiliano Andretta  
Julia Hofmann

**Wednesday, 25 September**

**Location: Theatre, Badia Fiesolana**

- 9:00-12:00      **Protest event analysis and claim analysis**  
Sven Hutter (University of Munich)
- 12:00-13:00      **Office Hours** – Sven Hutter (University of Munich)
- 13:00-14:00      Lunch break
- 14:00-17:00      **Paper presentations and discussions**  
Moritz Sommer: *The discursive government of protest*
- Discussants: Sven Hutter  
Regina Becker
- Marie Skoczylas: *Occupying Social Movement Understandings and Outcomes*
- Discussants: Sven Hutter  
Najat El Hani

**Thursday, 26 September**

**Location: Hotel San Gallo Palace, Via Lorenzo il Magnifico 2**

- 10:00-12:00      Keynote Speech  
**Varieties of models and methods to study demonstrations and individual participation to it**  
 Olivier Fillieule (University of Lausanne)
- 12:00-14:00      Lunch break
- 14:00-17:00      **Paper presentations and discussions**  
 Jacobo Abellan: *The housing movement in Spain: the case of the district of Carabanchel, Madrid*
- Discussants: Philip Balsiger  
 Viviana Asara
- Maria-Therese Gustafsson: *Social conflicts and demands for the radicalization of democracy in the context of the uneven reach of the state*
- Discussants: Philip Balsiger  
 Mari Kuukkanen

**Friday, 27 September**

**Location: Hotel San Gallo Palace, Via Lorenzo il Magnifico 2**

- 9:00-12:00      **Online tools and digital methods for the study of mobilizations**  
 Lorenzo Mosca (University of Roma Tre)
- 12:00-13:00      **Office Hours** – Lorenzo Mosca (University of Roma Tre)
- 13:00-14:00      Lunch break
- 14:00-17:00      **Paper presentations and discussions**  
 Youssef El Chazli: *Emerging dispositions? Analysing Individual Perceptions During “Transformative Events”*
- Discussants: Lorenzo Mosca  
 Priscilla Alamos
- Najat El Hani: *Activists do not fall from the sky. The globalization of on- and offline activism and human security within Rabat’s 20 February Movement*
- Discussants: Lorenzo Mosca  
 Marie Skoczylas
- 17:00-17:30      Concluding remarks  
 Donatella della Porta (European University Institute) and Alice Mattoni (COSMOS – European University Institute)
- 20:00-22:30      Farewell Dinner at the Trattoria Acquacotta in Via dei Pilastrini 51r

## CLASSES AND MATERIALS

Monday, 16 September

### Methodological Pluralism in Social Movements Research

DONATELLA DELLA PORTA

Social movement studies have grown enormously in the last few decades, spreading from sociology and political science to other fields of knowledge, as varied as geography, history, anthropology, psychology, economics, law and others. With the increasing interest in the field, there has been also an increasing need for methodological guidance for empirical research. This presentation will introduce to main methodological trends in social movement studies. It suggests that some of its main characteristics as a field of knowledge favoured the development of methodological pluralism, with a dialogue between different epistemological approaches and frequent triangulations of methods.

#### Compulsory readings

Della Porta, D. (2008) Comparative analysis: case-oriented versus variable-oriented research. In: Della Porta, D. and Keating, M.I (eds.) *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Sciences*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp.198-222.

Tarrow, S. (1995) Bridging the quantitative-qualitative divide in political science. *American Political Science Review* 89(2), 471-474.

#### Suggested readings

Della Porta, D. (forthcoming) Methodological practices in social movement research: an introduction. In: della Porta, D. (ed.) *Methodological practices in social movement research*.

Klandermans, B., Staggenborg, S. and Tarrow, S. (2002) Conclusion: blending methods and building theories in social movement research. In: Klandermans, B. and Staggenborg, S. (eds.) *Methods of social movement research*, University of Minnesota Press, pp.314-350.

**Tuesday, 17 September**

## **Social Network Analysis: How and When in Social Movement Research?**

**MANUELA CAIANI**

Social network analysis has been considered as particularly interesting for social movements, which are networks whose formal characteristics have been referred to in the development of theories of collective behavior. The network analysis approach enables the researcher to emphasize the meso level of social analysis, filling the gap between structure and agency, and connecting the micro and macro dimensions of social movements. This lesson aims at illustrating this method, offering empirical examples on how to apply social network analysis in social movement research. In the introduction it will give an overview of the theoretical background of SNA, discussing the main characteristics, as well as the advantages and challenges of this approach. The issues of the research design and conceptualization when adopting SNA will be discussed alongside the differences between social network data and the 'conventional' sociological data. In the second part, the main dilemmas in the sampling and data collection will be addressed. Case studies of applied research will be used (e.g. extreme right networks in Europe and the USA) to illustrate empirically how to use this method, at a micro-meso and macro levels of analysis.

### **Compulsory readings**

Manheim, J. et al (2005) *Empirical Political Analysis: Research Methods in Political Science* (Sixth Edition). Longman, Ch.13.

Diani, M. (2003) 'Leaders' Or Brokers? Positions and Influence in Social Movement Networks. In: Diani, M and McAdam, D. (eds.) *Social Movements and Networks: Relational Approaches to Collective Action*, Oxford University Press, pp.105-122.

### **Suggested readings**

Marin, A. and Wellman, B. (2010) Social Network Analysis: An introduction. In: Carrington, P. and Scott, J. (eds.) *Handbook of Social Network Analysis*, London: Sage, pp.11-25.

Diani, M. (2003) Networks and Social Movements: A Research Programme. In: Diani, M and McAdam, D. (eds.) *Social Movements and Networks: Relational Approaches to Collective Action*, Oxford University Press, 299–318.

Cinalli, M. and Füglistner, K. (2008) Networks and Political Contention over Unemployment: A Comparison of Britain, Germany and Switzerland. *Mobilization* 13, 259–276.



**Wednesday, 18 September**

**Ethnographic approaches and co-research with activists**

**FRANCESCA FORNO and CRISTINA GRASSENÌ**

Ethnography is a powerful research method for understanding how people turn grievances into public claims, organize collective action, and sustain participation over time. Doing ethnographic research means to capture the social meanings and activities of people in naturally occurring settings. Although commonly understood as anthropology's hallmark methodology, the ethnographic method is used across many different disciplines, alongside anthropology, sociology, cultural studies, economics, religious studies, geography, history etc. This seminar will explore modes of inquiry and analysis that characterize the practice of ethnography. Special attention will be devoted to the various phases of ethnographic work, from strategies for gaining access to the fieldwork and for collecting data, to writing/representing one's findings and ethical issues. A discussion of specific case studies based on recent ethnographic research work on social movement organizations aiming at promoting critical consumption as a way to address contemporary social and economic problems will further illuminate the intersubjective dimensions of ethnographic research.

**Compulsory readings**

O'Reilly, K. (2008) *Key Concepts in Ethnography*. Sage, London.

Lichterman, P. (2002) Seeing structure happen: Theory-driven participant observation. In: B. Klandermans and S. Staggenborg (eds), *Methods of Social Movement Research*. University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, pp.118–145.

Aiello, L.C. (2010) Engaged Anthropology. Diversity and Dilemmas: Wenner Gren Symposium Supplement 2, *Current Anthropology*, 51(S2), S203-S226.

**Suggested readings**

Adler, P.A. and Adler, P. (1987) *Membership Roles in Field Research*. Sage, London.

Emerson, R.M., Fretz, R.I. and Shaw, L.L. (1995) *Writing Ethnographic Fieldnotes*. Chicago University Press, Chicago.

Herzfeld, M. (2007) Deskillling, 'dumbing down', and the auditing of knowledge in the practical mastery of artisans and academics: an ethnographer's response to a global problem. In: Harris, M. (ed.) *Ways of knowing: new approaches in the anthropology of experience and learning*. Berghahn, Oxford, pp.91–110.

Snow, D.A., Burke Rochford, E.Jr., Worden, S.K. and Benford, R.D. (1986) Frame alignment processes, micromobilization, and movement participation. *American Sociological Review* 51, 464–481.

**Thursday, 19 September**

## **Interviewing Activists**

**LORENZO BOSI**

Interviewing activists is among the most central methods social movement scholars use in their scientific researches. It is used in order to gain information from activists on why for example individuals join social movements or on how these emerge, develop and decline. Through an examination of different social movement studies that employ interviews with activists, we will discuss different types of interviews (structured, unstructured and semi-structured), sampling and coding methods, ethical issues, potential problems associated with this research method and how to deal with these issues. Finally, the aim of this lesson is practically oriented to introduce how to conduct great interviews with activists, gain the most out of their analysis and writing up.

### **Compulsory readings**

Blee, K. M. and Taylor V. (2002) Semi-Structured Interviewing in Social Movement Research In: B. Klandermans and S. Staggenborg (eds), *Methods of Social Movement Research*. University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, pp. 92-117

della Porta, D. (1992) Life histories in the analysis of social movement activists. In: Diani, M., and Eyerman, R. (eds), *Studying Collective Action*. Sage, London, pp. 168–193.

Smith J.A. (1995) Semi-Structured Interviewing and Qualitative Analysis In: Smith, J. A., Harré, R., & Van Langenhove, L. (eds.) *Rethinking methods in psychology*, Sage, London, pp. 9-26

### **Suggested readings**

Bosi, L. (2012) Explaining Pathways to armed Activism in the Provisional IRA, 1969-1972 *Social Science History*, 36 (3): 347-390.

White, R. (2007) 'I'm not too sure what I told you the last time': Methodological notes on accounts from high-risk activists in the Irish Republican movement. *Mobilization* 12 (3): 287–305.

**Friday, 20 September**

**Modes of coordination of collective action**

**MARIO DIANI**

In this lecture I present a view of social movements as a distinct mode of coordination of collective action, that emerges out of multiple interactions between independent yet strongly bounded actors. Drawing upon organizational theory, the concept of “modes of coordination” refers to the ways in which actors, promoting collective action within a given organizational field, allocate resources and define their own boundaries. Decisions regarding resource allocation and practices of boundary definition may be located primarily within specific formal organizations or informal groups, or involve negotiations between multiple actors within fields. Likewise, the cognitive and emotional investments associated with boundary definition may focus on specific groups/organizations, or extend to field level. Different combinations of these basic mechanisms yield a typology which enables us to differentiate between ‘social movement’ and other modes of coordination, of a coalitional, sub-cultural, or organizational type.

**Compulsory readings**

Diani, M. (2011) Social Movements and Collective Action In: Carrington P. and Scott J. (eds) *The Sage Handbook of Social Network Analysis*, London, Sage, pp. 223–235.

Diani, M. (2013) Organizational Fields and Social Movement Dynamics.” In: van Stekelenburg, J. Roggeband, C. and Klandermans B. (eds) *The Future of Social Movement Research: Dynamics, Mechanisms, and Processes* Minneapolis, MN, University of Minnesota Press.

Mische, Ann. (2011) Relational Sociology, Culture, and Agency. In: Carrington P. and Scott. (eds) *The Sage Handbook of Social Network Analysis*, London, Sage, pp. 80–97.

**Suggested readings**

Carroll, W. K., and Ratner, R. S. (1996). Master Framing and Cross-movement Networking in Contemporary Social Movements *Sociological Quarterly* 37 (4): 601–625.

Diani, M. and Bison I. (2004) Organizations, Coalitions, and Movements *Theory and Society* 33 (3-4): 281–309.

Mische, A. and Pattison, P. (2000) Composing a Civic Arena: Publics, Projects, and Social Settings *Poetics* 27: 163–194.

Powell, W. W. (1990) Neither Markets nor Hierarchy: Network Forms of Organization *Research in Organizational Behavior* 12: 295–336.

Saunders, C. (2007) Using Social Network Analysis to Explore Social Movements: A Relational Approach *Social Movement Studies* 6: 227–243.

**Monday, 23 September**

**Discourse and Frame Analysis  
In-depth Analysis of Qualitative Data in Social Movement Research**

**LASSE LINDEKILDE**

Formulated initially as a theoretical critique of the dominant resource mobilization perspective, scholars of social movements began in the early 1980s to pay attention to the cognitive mechanisms by which grievances are interpreted, given direction and consensus around the goals of political activism is constructed and mobilized. New and more linguistic, cognitive and discourse sensitive methodological approaches to the study of social movements developed. These approaches to the in-depth study of qualitative data in the area of social movement studies will be the focus of this session. More specifically, the session will introduce two approaches – discourse and frame analysis – which are closely related techniques based on similar ontological and epistemological assumptions, but which can serve different purposes in the tool kit of social movement scholars. The session will provide consecutive comparison of and introduction to the two approaches. Further, the session will provide a road map to the development and implementation of research designs using the two techniques, including discussions of definitions and aims of the methods, conceptualization and theoretical implications, sampling and data collection, and extensive examples of data analysis and data presentation.

**Compulsory readings**

Lindekilde, L. (2013 forthcoming) Discourse and Frame Analysis: In-depth Analysis of Qualitative Data in Social Movement Research in *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*, Donatella della Porta (ed.).

Noakes, J. A. and Johnston H. (2005) Frames of Protest: A Road Map to a Perspective In: Johnston H. and Noakes J. A. (eds.) *Frames of Protest: Social Movements and the Framing Perspective*. Lanham, Rowman and Littlefield, pp. 1-29

Fairclough, N. (2002). Critical discourse analysis as a method in social scientific Research In: Wodak R. (ed.) *Methods of Critical Discourse Analysis*. London, Sage, Pp. 121-138.

**Suggested readings**

Benford, R. D. and Hunt S. A. (2003) Interactional Dynamics in Public Problems Marketplaces: Movements and the Counterframing and Reframing of Public Problems In: Holstein J.A. and Miller G. (eds.) *Challenges and Choices: Constructionist Perspectives on Social Problems*, New York, Aldine de Gruyter, pp. 153-186

Donati, P. R. (1992) Political Discourse Analysis In: Diani M. and Eyerman R. (eds.) *Studying Collective Action* London, Sage, pp. 136-168

Fairclough, N. (1992). *Discourse and Social Change*. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press.

Gamson, W. A. (1988) Political Discourse and Collective Action In: B. Klandermans, B., Kriesi H. and Tarrow S. (eds.), *From Structure to Action: Comparing Social Movement Research Across Cultures*, *International Social Movement Research* 1. Greenwich, CT: JAI Press, pp. 219-244

Snow, D. A, et al. (1986). Frame Alignment Processes, Micromobilization, and Movement Participation”, *American Sociological Review* 51(4): 464-481.

Snow, D. A. and Benford R. D. (1988) Ideology, Frame Resonance, and Participant Mobilization In: B. Klandermans, B., Kriesi H. and Tarrow S. (eds.), *From Structure to Action: Comparing Social Movement Research Across Cultures*, *International Social Movement Research* 1. Greenwich, CT: JAI Press,pp. 197-217

**Tuesday, 24 September**

**Surveying protesters: methods, caveats, results**

**MASSIMILIANO ANDRETTA**

Mainstream social movements studies have especially focused on macro and meso-level analyses, theorizing about social movements as a whole, identity formation, and explaining them as as products of social transformations (Touraine 1978, Melucci 1996), investigating the complex network structures in relation with strategies and identities (Diani and McAdam 2003), enhancing the crucial role of organizations in mobilizing people into collective action (McCarthy and Zald 1987) and studying series of protest events in a political approach perspective (Tilly 1978, 1986; Tarrow 1989). On the other hand, mainstream political science has explored the issue of political participation, including also non-conventional participation, by especially relying on surveys to general populations (Milbrath and Goel 1977, Barnes and Kaase, et al., 1979, Topf 1995, Dalton 1996, Norris 2002, and others). By looking at both social movements and political participation studies, one can find several problems that inhibit a full understanding of individuals who get involved in collective action. Social movements studies by under-exploring the individuals as units of analysis lose a lot of information on who actually get involved in collective action, why they do, who they are, and what mechanisms bring them into collective action. General surveys lose the control on meso-level units to contextualize their results. The individuals they refer to are “isolated from its environment” and are asked about questions about which may have little interest and little information (Fillieule and Blanchard 2006). Surveying individuals during a process of mobilization, allows researchers to contextualize their results, to answer unexplored questions about individual participation and to collect data with more quality. In this lecture we will discuss the methodology and some of its caveats, suggest devices to overcome some of the latter and discuss some of the results that have been achieved by its practice.

**Compulsory readings**

Andretta M. and della Porta, D. (forthcoming) Surveying Protesters: Why and How, in della Porta D. (ed.), *Social movement studies and methodological pluralism*

della Porta, D. (ed.) 2009, *Another Europe*, London, Routledge, chapter 4.

van Stakelenburg, J., Walgrave, S., Klandermans B. and Verhulst, J. (2012) Contextualizing Contestation: Framework, Design and Data. *Mobilization* 17(3): 249-62

**Suggested readings**

della Porta, D. (ed.) 2009, *Another Europe*, London, Routledge

della Porta, D., Andretta, M., Mosca L. and Reiter, H. (2006) *Globalization from below*. Minnesota. Minnesota University Press.

Eggert, N. and Giugni. M. (2012) Homogenizing "Old" and "New" Social Movements: A Comparison of Participants in May Day and Climate Change Demonstrations” *Mobilization* 17(3): 335-48.

Fillieule, O. and Blanchard P. (2008) Individual Surveys in Rallies (INSURA). A new Eldorado for Comparative Social Movement Research. Political Science Working Papers Series, University of Lausanne, N. 35

Saunders, C., Grasso, M. Olcese, C., Rainsford E. and Rootes, C. (2012) Explaining Differential Protest Participation: Novices, Returners, Repeaters, and Stalwarts. *Mobilization* 17(3): 263-80.

**Wednesday, 25 September**

**Protest event analysis and claim analysis**

**SWEN HUTTER**

Protest event analysis, as a type of quantitative content analysis, is a key methodological innovation in social movement research. This session gives an overview on the development of the method and focuses especially on the challenging 'how-to-do' questions faced by every protest event study. Apart from classic studies that rely on protest events as their coding unit, the session deals also with newer approaches that turn to alternative coding units by either covering a broader set of units (e.g., political claims or core sentences) or by disentangling a single protest event into smaller components.

**Compulsory readings**

Koopmans, R. and D. Rucht (2002) Protest Event Analysis In: In: B. Klandermans and S. Staggenborg (eds), *Methods of Social Movement Research*. University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, pp. 231-259.

Koopmans, R. and P. Statham (1999) Political Claims Analysis: Integrating Protest Event and Political Discourse Approaches *Mobilization* 4: 203-221.

**Suggested readings**

Earl, J., A. Martin, J. D. McCarthy and S. A. Soule (2004) The use of newspaper data in the study of collective action *Annual Review Of Sociology* 30: 65-80. (good introduction to the selection bias of newspaper data)

Davenport, C. (2010). *Media Bias, Perspective, and State Repression*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Introduction and Chapter 1) (introduction to another perspective on the question of selection bias, the so-called Rashomon effect)

Franzosi, R. (2010). *Quantitative Narrative Analysis*. London: Sage. (Chapters 1 and 2) (good introduction to approaches that focus on a more general coding unit than protest events)

Walker, E. T., A. W. Martin and J. D. McCarthy. (2008) "Confronting the State, the Corporation, and the Academy: The Influence of Institutional Targets on Social Movement Repertoire." *American Journal of Sociology* 114: 35-76. (good example of a quantitative study that relies on protest event data)



**Thursday, 26 September**

**Varieties of models and methods to study demonstrations  
and individual participation to it**

**OLIVIER FILLIEULE**

Demonstrations are without a doubt the most common form of political expression, more so in democratic nations — where its legitimacy competes, relatively happily, with more conventional forms of participation such as the vote — than in non-democratic countries, where demonstration accompanies attempts to revolt and overthrow. In this lecture I offer a sociological and historical analysis of this political mode of action, based on a critical evaluation of the various methods and technics that have been used to study such a complex phenomenon. Beyond a classic interrogation on the place of demonstration in the repertoire of contemporary action and political struggle, I will show how one can also analyse the demonstrators themselves, providing us with insight into their passions and convictions.

**Compulsory readings**

Fillieule, O. (2012) The independent psychological effects of participation in demonstrations, *Mobilization* 17(3):489-502.

Olivier F. and B. Philippe (2010) Individual Surveys in Rallies (INSURA): A new tool for exploring transnational activism?" In: Teune S. (ed), *Transnational Challengers How Activism beyond Borders Changes the Face of Protest*, Oxford and New York, Berghan Books, pp. 186-210.

Olivier F. and della Porta D. (2010) Policing Social Protest , In: Snow et al. (eds), *The Blackwell Companion to Social Movement*, Oxford, Blackwell, pp. 217-241

**Suggested readings**

*Mobilization, an International Journal* , [Volume 17, No. 3: September 2012](#), Klandermans, B. Guest Editor: Special Issue On The Dynamics Of Street Demonstrations

Olivier F. and D. Tartakowsky (2008), *la Manifestation De Rue*, Paris, Presses De Science Po, Coll. Contester [English edition (2012) *Street Demonstrations*, Winnipeg, Fernwood Publishing]

Casquete J. (2006) The Power Of Demonstrations In: *Social Movement Studies*, 5 (1): 45-60.

Schweingruber, D. and C. McPhail. (1999) A Method For Systematically Observing And Recording Collective Action In: *Sociological Methods And Research*, 27: 451-498

Bennani-Chraïbi, M. and O. Fillieule (2012) Pour Une Sociologie Des Situations Révolutionnaires. Retour Sur Les Révoltes Arabes In : *Revue Française De Science Politique*, 62(5-6): 767-796 (English Version Soon Available On Rfsp English)

**Friday, 27 September**

**Online tools and digital methods for the study of mobilisations**

**LORENZO MOSCA**

Despite the growing role of new media in mobilizing protest and even changing its logic, the reflection on online methods in studying activism, protest and social movements has been quite limited until now. There are few recent books which address, at least partially, the topic. However, it is worth underling that the more recent handbooks on social movement studies do not take into account the issue of online methods *per se*. The present chapter thus aim to fill this gap in the literature. While social movement studies have not devoted great attention to online methods, there are plenty publications in the social sciences that provide useful insights when reflecting on online methods for studying social movements. Some focus on specific techniques (i.e. digital ethnography) while other address both quantitative and qualitative online methods. This lesson will address the following issues: (a) methodological problems related to archiving online data; (b) an overall picture on online methods for researching social movements; (c) a particular focus on specific methods (i.e.) online survey and digital ethnography.

**Compulsory readings**

della Porta D and Mosca L (2009) Searching The Net: Websites' Uses In The Global Justice Movement. *Information, Communication & Society*, Vol. 12(6), Pp. 771-792

Stein L. (2009), Social Movement Web Use In Theory And Practice: A Content Analysis Of Us Movement Websites, *New Media & Society*, Vol. 11, Pp. 749-771.

Mosca L. (2010). From The Streets To The Net? The Political Use Of The Internet By Social Movements. *International Journal Of E-Politics*, Vol. I(1), Pp. 1-21

**Suggested readings**

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