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CALL FOR SESSIONS

RC18. Theme: Collective action beyond conventional political participation

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Political disenchantment across the world is a widely documented phenomenon. Pundits and scholars alike have analyzed the decline of electoral participation and the withdrawal of citizens from traditional channels of political participation such as political parties. At the same time, since 2011 particularly, there has been an upsurge of non-routine forms of political participation such as social movements. These have put into question the functioning of both democracy (and lack thereof) and the neoliberal economy, and engaged with institutional politics in various ways. While the scholarly literature has analyzed electoral abstention, the decline of political parties and civil society organizations, and the rise of protests, less attention has been put on other forms of collective action that go beyond conventional and non-routine political participation.

Beyond normative perspectives on what forms of participation democracies require, this panel welcomes contributions that analyze new modes of political participation, emerging political actors, and ways in which people engage politically that blur the boundaries between conventional and non-routine political participation. In particular, we aim at discussing how new mechanisms of political engagement co-exist and transform traditional ones. We welcome papers focusing on, but not limited to, the following themes:

- Protest participation without organization affiliation
- Riots
- Political participation among historically underprivileged people
- How the state promotes and / or exclude certain forms of political participation
- Left-wing and right-wing “movement-parties”
- Left-wing and right-wing populism

Paper abstracts (500 words max) should be sent to:

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