

# Call for Papers

*Social Movement Politics and Positive Emotions: Concepts and Latin American Cases*  
**Edited Volume Project on Political Emotions**

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**Purpose:** To explore the role of *positive emotions* conceptually and empirically in social movement activism in Latin American cases.

Social movement scholarship recognizes that movement mobilization takes place in phases. These phases are respectively accompanied by a variety of emotions. The initial and decline phases are typically associated with *negative emotions*. The initial phase of a movement is commonly connected to emotions that are associated with issues of (in)justice. In this phase anger, moral outrage, fear, hate, and indignation are central to the emergence of movement dynamics, often functioning as activator or catalyst emotions. During the decline phase sadness, mistrust, despair, and despondency play key roles in movement exhaustion and often play a part in movement de-mobilization. Once a movement gains recognition and momentum in civil society, however, *positive emotions* predominate. Hope, pride, joy, enthusiasm, trust, and solidarity fuel enthusiasm for activism. These and similar *positive emotions* maybe said to be connected to the “pleasure of agency” in political mobilization (Wood 2001: 272; see also Ariza 2021; and Teló 2019).

The phases of mobilization and their respective emotions, vary in their connections. The same emotion, for example, can be found in more than one phase, and it will interact in different ways given the context in which it plays a role. Our project sets out to explore the role and interactant effects of *positive emotions*. We aim to study them in Latin American cases: their nature, impact on self and group concepts, role in mobilization dynamics, and interactant effects with *negative emotions* across and within mobilization phases. Much of the literature on political emotions focuses on *negative emotions* and their singular effects. Because there is no book that solely focuses on the theoreticization and cases of positive emotions and its interactant effects, our project aims to fill this gap. The research focus on emotions, including political emotions, has recently gained momentum in Latin America (Ariza, 2021). Our project, as such, will be part of a market niche that is now flourishing, making it an opportune effort.

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## Themes:

We seek papers that focus on any of the following themes/topics connected to positive emotions in Latin American cases:

- Mobilizational contexts: the emerging, sustaining, and/or declining stages
- Singular emotions (e.g., hope, pride, joy) and mobilizational dynamics
- Emotional interaction in mobilizational dynamics or movement settings
- Emotional Contagion
- Emotional Diffusion
- Emotions in Framings
- Movement culture
- Movement solidarity
- Dynamics of contention
- State Repression or conflict with adversaries.
- Social movement continuity
- Social movement consequences
- Pleasures of mobilization
- Psychosocial benefits of mobilization

## Deadline:

Please send a 200-300 word abstract by **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022** to:

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