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# Note from the RC48 President

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Dear Colleagues, Members of RC48

I am pleased to present our first Grassroots newsletter for 2022.

This issue is focused on the special report of the Mid-term Conference of our Research Committee: 'Reinventing the Future: Addressing Social Movement Challenges in A Post-Pandemic World', hosted by The University of Huddersfield (UK) on 21-22 July 2022.

The conference was organized by some members of the RC48 board whom I want to thank for their strong commitment and for the great work that they have done. First, Camilo Tamayo Gomez, University of Huddersfield, coordinated the local organization and took care of the relationships and communications with all invited speakers, presenters, and participants. He was the key person in the event. The cooperation and great involvement of the following participants were equally important: Tova Benski, College of Management Academic Studies, Israel; Benjamín Tejerina, Universidad del País Vasco, Spain; Natalia Miranda, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium; Kaan Agartan, Framingham State University, USA; and David Dueñas-Cid, University of Tartu, Estonia, and Kozminski University, Poland. I heartily thank all the Conference Organizing Committee for their efforts.

This issue aims to report the Mid-Term conference through different documents including the conference programme and the informal impressions and descriptions of those who took part in the event. The conference was a very important step of cooperation among RC48 members and the University of Huddersfield and with other committees involved in the collective action field of research. The conference's key speakers were

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Donatella della Porta, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Italy and Cosmos (Center on Social Movement Studies); Geoffrey Pleyers, University of Louvain and ISA vice president for research; Gemma Edwards, University of Manchester, United Kingdom; Lev Luis Grinberg, Ben-Gurion University, Israel and President of the Israel Sociological Association; and Breno Bringel, State University of Rio de Janeiro and President of the RC47.

The mid-term conference aimed to debate the challenges that social movements faced during the pandemic time and what are they facing in the post-pandemic future. Exchanging perspectives and ideas regarding what is going on regarding social movements' actions in the world was the principal goal of the conference. Discussing new challenges and opportunities for social movements after the pandemic, today, and outlining their role in reinventing the future was extremely exciting and fruitful for sociological research in a world that has radically changed and has produced several consequences in all sectors of social life and in the social movement's protests. The conference schedule and presentations of topics were extremely relevant for the particular times that we are going through and perfectly address our mid-term conference questions: How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected social movements and society in general? what are the intellectual challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic is bringing to social movements scholarship? in what way has the COVID-19 pandemic made an impact on collective action and social change? is it time now to 'reinvent the future' and adopt new sociological perspectives to find solutions for major worldwide post-pandemic problems?

We received submissions for individual presentations, roundtables, and panels from seventeen countries! Indeed, we had a great meeting and debate linked also to individual countries' needs and specificities. Gender balance was also considered in accepting abstracts and composing the final programme. Once again, thank you to all.

This Grassroots issue also gives us the opportunity to announce

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the accepted sessions that RC48 is going to host at the next XX ISA World Congress in Australia 2023. The aim of the programme organizers was to include the largest possible number of emergent topics related to social movements and collective action and to open strong cooperation with other ISA Research Committees. In fact, the different sessions point out several issues from general to specific and approach the collective action research field from numerous perspectives. As you can read in this issue, we encouraged members to find common themes to propose to the World Congress and to try to find new trends of research that could be attractive to both young and senior researchers alike. In addition to the traditional sessions on theoretical and methodological challenges and several sessions on young participation and collective action, the sessions were chosen to try to find current issues to discuss at the World Congress.

In the next issue, we intend to include the final RC48 programme. We will also give information about the 3rd RC48 PhD Workshop call and all pre-conference events.

Please send us your notes about 2022 publications and events. We would be glad to add them to the next edition of Grassroots for 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Liana M. Daher  
President RC48

# About RC 48

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**T**he Research Committee on Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change (RC48) is part of the International Sociological Association (ISA). It was founded as a Working Group in 1992, under the presidency of Prof. Bert Klandermans. In 1994, it was recognized as an ISA Research Committee. The objective of RC48 is to foster intellectual, academic and scholarly exchanges between researchers of broadly defined social movements, collective action and social change. The RC48 is currently based at the Collective Identity Research Centre (Department of Sociology 2, University of the Basque Country, Spain).

The ISA was founded in 1949 under the auspices of UNESCO. With more than 5,000 members coming from 167 countries, the ISA is currently the most important international professional association in the field of sociology. Its goal is to advance sociological knowledge throughout the world, and to represent sociologists everywhere, regardless of their school of thought, scientific approaches or ideological opinion.

The on-going scientific activities of the ISA are decentralised in 55 Research Committees (RC), 3 Working Groups (WG) and 5 Thematic Groups (TG), each dealing with a well-recognized specialty in sociology. These groups bring together scholars who wish to pursue comparative research on a transnational basis and they constitute basic networks of scientific research, intellectual debate and professional exchange. Although they must fulfil certain minimum requirements, RCs have complete autonomy to operate. Each RC's governing body is the Board, formed by a President, a Secretary, and a variable number of board members. RC48 participates in the organization of both the ISA World Congresses, celebrated every 4 years since 1950 (Zurich), and the ISA Forums of Sociology, also celebrated every 4 years since 2008 (Barcelona).

In contrast to the ISA World Congress, which has a more professional and academic character, the forum's original purpose was to establish an open dialogue with colleagues doing sociology in public institutions, social movements, and

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civil society organizations. This means that every two years, we are involved in the organization of a worldwide event. In between ISA World Congresses and forums, our committee organizes smaller scientific meetings called RC48 international conferences. These meetings tend to be more narrowly focused than other ISA events and, on average, they gather between 30 and 60 scholars. Consequently, colleagues can make longer presentations, and we can go hold deeper and more enriching debates.

# RC48 Board members (2018-2022) Extended 2023

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Reinventing the future: addressing social  
movement challenges in a post- pandemic world

Mid-term Conference of the International Sociological Association Research  
Committee No 48 (RC48)  
21 – 22 July 2022  
The University of Huddersfield (UK)

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

### REINVENTING THE FUTURE: ADDRESSING SOCIAL MOVEMENT CHALLENGES IN A POST- PANDEMIC WORLD

Mid-term Conference of the International Sociological Association  
Research Committee No 48 (RC48)

21 – 22 July 2022

Hosted by The University of Huddersfield (UK)

### Conference Links

#### FIRST DAY [THURSDAY 21 JULY]

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## FIRST DAY [THURSDAY 21 JULY]

### Hours are in the British Summer Time Zone (UK Time)

**8:30 – 8:45**

Access to the virtual conference platform and informal checking in

**8:45 – 9:00**

#### *Welcoming remarks*

Liana Maria Daher, RC48 President, University of Catania

Professor Barry Percy-Smith, Director [Just Futures Centre](#), The University of Huddersfield

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**9:00 – 10:00**

#### *Keynote session*

Chair: Liana Maria Daher, University of Catania

‘Social movements in critical junctures: mobilizing in pandemic times’

[Donatella Della Porta](#), The Scuola Normale Superiore

‘Social movements during the pandemic. Solidarity, cosmovisions, and social change’

[Geoffrey Pleyers](#), University of Louvain

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**10:00 – 10:15**

#### *Break*

**10:15 – 11:15**

***Session 1: Workers, farmers, and retirees during the pandemic***

Chair: Camilo Tamayo Gomez, The University of Huddersfield

Casual workers, resilience, and everyday modes of negotiations: A study of the leather industry in the pandemic era

Abhishek Dwivedi, South Asian University

2020 – 2021 Farmers' movement and the dynamics of authoritarianism in India

Rajesh Misra, The University Lucknow

Paying pandemics with retirement savings. How to dismantle Chilean neoliberal antidotes?

Natalia Miranda, University of Louvain

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**11:15 – 11:30**

***Break***

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**11:30 – 12:30**

***Session 2: Rights of minorities, rights of the future***

Chair: Natalia Miranda, University of Louvain

The new American diaspora and their global rights to the city in Mexico City

Antonio Alejo, University of A Coruña

Policing, abolition, and civil liberties - social movement organising in England and

Wales during Covid

Gargi Bhattacharyya, Monica Bernos Llanos, and Iyiola Solanke - University of East London and University of Leeds

Mobilization without opportunity: The UK's 2020 Black Lives protests

Benjamin Abrams, University College London

Different practices of imagining and embodying solidarity for a decolonial climate justice in Montreal

Zainab El Guerrab and Sophie Van Neste, Institut national de la recherche scientifique - Centre Urbanisation Culture Société

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**12:30 – 13:30**

*Lunch*

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**13:30 – 14:30**

*Session 3: Youth activism and mobilisations*

Chair: Liana Maria Daher, University of Catania

Should I believe my government? A feminist ethnography of the youth movement of Aliansi Rakyat Bergerak 2019-2022

Arie Setyaningrum Pamungkas, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta

Hashtag student activism: a digital ethnography of student mobilizations during the pandemic in Delhi University, India

Soumodip Sinha Delhi, University of Delhi

Pandemic activism and backstage communication practices

Angela Chukunzira, University of Johannesburg

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**14:30 – 14:45**

*Break*

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**14:45 – 15:45**

*Session 4: Mobilisations, strikes, and protests*

Chair: Benjamín Tejerina, Universidad del País Vasco

Representation of inequality in an armed context. The case of the 2013 National Agrarian Strike in Colombia.

Juan Camilo Portela, Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila

Demanding matters: The triangle of contention in rural India (the NREGA, the SEZ, and the Naxalites)

M. Fuat Kına, Koç University

Analysing the 2021 Colombian protests: collective actions, bodies of resistance, and solidarity

Camilo Tamayo Gomez, The University of Huddersfield

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**15:45 – 16:00**

*Break*

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**16:00 – 17:00**

***Session 5: Vaccine nationalism, economic crisis, and social justice***

Chair: Benjamín Tejerina, Universidad del País Vasco

A failed state and a social movement's success: a critique of South Africa's vaccine rollout in a global context

Kate Alexander, University of Johannesburg

Post-pandemic framing possibilities for the global left? Progressive international and vaccine internationalism

Valérie L'Heureux, Concordia University

The role and initiatives of the Homeless Workers' Movement (MTST) in the effort to dispute the meanings of the social and economic crisis present in pandemic Brazil

Luisa Santiago Vieira Souto, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio) and Université catholique de Louvain

Our responsibility at this time

Larch Maxey, the Network of Wellbeing (NOW) - JustStopOil



## SECOND DAY [FRIDAY 22 JULY]

### Hours are in the British Summer Time Zone (UK Time)

**8:45 – 10:00**

#### *Keynote Session*

Chair: Camilo Tamayo Gomez, the University of Huddersfield

‘The 'dreamers of a new day'? reflections on the pandemic and women's activism’

[Gemma Edwards](#)

‘Social movements, global crisis and local politics: Reviewing 2011 as a historical turning point of the political arena’

[Lev Grinberg](#)

‘Geopolitics of the pandemic, struggles for the future and socio-ecological transitions’

[Breno Bringel](#)

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**10:00 – 10:15**

*Break*

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**10:15 – 11:15**

#### *Session 6: Covid-19, skepticism, boycotts, and epistemic activism*

Chair: Camilo Tamayo Gomez, the University of Huddersfield

“Long Covid-skepticism” in Ireland in the “post-pandemic” era

Shaun McDaid, The University of Huddersfield

Arts-based research in social sciences as epistemic activism in post-pandemic setting: a proposal based on Stato Vegetale case study

Nicoletta Cappello, University of Catania

Solidarity and mutualism the call out for social justice

Aide Esu and Valeria Dessì, University of Cagliari

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**11:15 – 11:30**

*Break*

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**11:30 – 12:30**

*Session 7: Envisaging a post-pandemic society in multi-layered crises: the Italian political laboratory*

Chair: Paola Rebughini (University of Milan) and Lidia Lo Schiavo (University of Messina)

Solidarity between neighbours as a local response to the pandemic emergency. An exploratory study in the city of Florence

Francesca Bianchi, University of Siena

Young people's social and political activism: envisioning post pandemic society

Lidia Lo Schiavo, University of Messina

Practicing a new future: young women as political subjects in ecofeminist movement

Ilaria Pitti, University of Bologna

Contagious freedom: Far right, trust, and individualism in late modern society  
Emanuele Toscano, University Marconi Rome

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**12:30 – 13:30**

*Lunch*

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**13:30 – 14:30**

*Session 8: Local protest, identity, and social movements*

Chair: Shaun McDaid, The University of Huddersfield

Identity, subjectivity, and the clash of social movements

Lauren Langman, Loyola University of Chicago

Changing patterns of cultural symbols in a protest movement and COVID-19  
period: A study of villages of western Uttar Pradesh

Meghna Arora, Vardhaman College, Bijnor

Elements of a movement forming in South Africa's local protest: Evidence from  
Cape Town.

Kenny Chiwarawara, University of Johannesburg

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**14:30 – 14:45**

*Break*

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**14:45 – 16:15**

***Session 9: Radical social collective action in the pre- and post-pandemic periods***

Chair: Liana Maria Daher, University of Catania

Violent extremism and new collective actors in a syndemic society

Francesco Antonelli, Santina Musolino, Valeria Rosato – Università degli Studi  
“Roma Tre”

Digital extremism reinventing the future? Challenges to the sociology of social  
movements

Kevin MacDonald, Middlesex University

Assessing the threat of Covid 19-related right-extremism in western democracies

Maria do Céu Pinto Arena, University of Minho

Micro-meso-macro dimensions of religious extremism through the lens of social  
movement studies

Liana Maria Daher, Augusto Gamuzza, Anna Maria Leonora, University of Catania

No-Vax and No-Green pass demonstrations: new and growing waves of extremist  
protest in Italy

Giorgia Mavica, Davide Nicolosi, Alessandra Scieri, University of Catania

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**16:15 – 16:30**

***Closing Remarks***

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**Mid-term conference participants and chair impressions**

‘Overall, I enjoyed my participation in the conference. I particularly appreciated the opportunity to share research results with scholars from different backgrounds, academically and geographically; seniors and juniors, all interested in social movements and studying them from different lenses. The feedback I received showed interest in the work I shared and gave me food for thought to improve the research. The program of the conference was compelling, I liked the balance between voices from the global south and north. I also appreciated that the conference was free, it definitely encourages scholars lacking funding to share their work and get heard. What I missed, and this is a recurrent element in all virtual conferences no matter the efforts done by organizers, is the human contact, the talks and networking that occur during breaks and that many times, sparks new ideas and work projects!’

*(Zainab El Guerrab - Centre Urbanisation Culture Société).*

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‘I found the mid-term conference to be a hugely worthwhile and stimulating exercise. It was a privilege to participate in an event with top scholars in social movement studies, especially as a relative newcomer to this field. The highlights for me were the variety of the papers, both in terms of geographical scope and approach, and the collegial and constructive atmosphere of the discussion’

*(Shaun McDaid, The University of Huddersfield).*

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‘This was my first time attending the conference. I really enjoyed the wide variety of topics covered as well as the candid and convivial discussions that ensued at the conference. I look forward to participating in future conferences’

*(Kenny Chiwarawara, University of Johannesburg).*

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● ‘The Conference highlighted the circular relationships, in terms of causes and consequences, between social movements and the pandemic. The interesting papers presented during the two days addressed key issues related to mobilization, solidarity, and social change, and highlighted what has changed in social movement strategies and protests during and after the pandemic. Even if the role of social movements seemed to have changed in relation to the new social conditions, it emerged from several presentations that the pandemic has reinforced the social movement presence on the public scene and is facing the reemergence of old challenges, such as the environment and health issues. I enjoyed the Conference so much for the high quality of the speakers and fruitful debates’

*(Liana M. Daher - President RC48).*

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● ‘Using empirical case studies, this panel added significant content to the conference's main discussion. From international diasporas, the Black Lives Matter Movement, and minority groups to climate justice, the panel managed to weave these issues together around the Covid-19 pandemic and the struggle for its meanings, highlighting the global challenges current social movements face. Certainly, these topics will continue to be discussed in the coming years, as the post-pandemic scenario continues to unfold’

*(Natalia Miranda, University of Louvain, Chair Session 2: Rights of minorities, rights of the future).*

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● ‘The "Local protest, identity, and social movements" panel consisted of two papers, one focusing on local protests movements in South Africa, the other a more theoretical paper with a frame of reference that primarily centred on the United States. Among the key lessons from the panel, from my perspective, was, firstly the role of previous activist history in current social movements. No

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matter how spontaneous the movement seems, key personnel often have a history of previous activism. The second lesson was that, despite the current tumult and apparent rise of authoritarianism, nativism, and persistence of economic inequality and precarity, that there is indeed cause for optimism for those who seek to advance emancipatory objectives through social movements. Whilst often subject to critique in the media and from the political establishment and commentariat, "Generation Z" is, in fact, among the most socially progressive and tolerant generations in history. In both cases, understanding the historical context, both in terms of specific movements and locales, and the wider political and socio-economic contexts, can provide key insights into how social movements can achieve change over the longer-term’

*(Shaun McDaid, The University of Huddersfield, Chair Session 8: Local protest, identity, and social movements).*

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‘Sociologists have certainly plenty of material to study for a long time the consequences of Covid pandemic on our societies. The pandemic has taught us a lot about social inequalities, prejudices, social differences, financial cuts to the health system, and of course this had an influence on mobilization practices and experiences, on topics and stakes of these mobilizations, on generational differences in approaching the social consequences of the pandemic. Everywhere, poverty risk raised, especially for precarious workers, and the pandemic impacted heavily on the life of low- income households. Drawing on analysis of actions and protests carried out by several grassroots movements, scholars have pointed out how the pandemic has deepened, exacerbated, and accelerated the existing economic and social crisis. Yet, in social movement literature, the pandemic has been framed both as a threat, due to the limitations imposed on freedom of movement, and the economic problems it has caused, and as an opportunity, to develop and raise awareness of existing inequalities and injustice, and the urgent need to overcome them.

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Within the framework of RC 48 Mid-Term conference “Reinventing the future: addressing the challenges faced by social movements in a post-pandemic world”, we proposed a panel focused on the Italian case, titled “Envisaging a post-pandemic society in multi-layered crises: the Italian political laboratory” animated by Francesca Bianchi (University of Siena); Lidia Lo Schiavo (University of Messina); Ilaria Pitti (University of Bologna); Emanuele Toscano (University Marconi Rome). Indeed, the aim was not that of producing a sort of methodological nationalism, observing the phenomenon just from a single national perspective. Rather the idea was of focusing on a single case as exemplary framework. Indeed, Italy has been a seething political laboratory during the pandemic, producing multi-layered responses to the impact of lockdowns and economic recession.

The aim of the panel was to take into account different – also contrasting - aspects of the collective actions elicited by the crisis. On the one hand, during and after the lockdown, grassroots organisations were engaged in mutualistic practices and solidarity initiatives, along with other forms of care for people, embodying an alternative model of society, in terms of gender relations, intercultural relations and relations with nature and environment. Especially young people seem to have been at the forefront of this civic activism. Environmental movements and civil society organisations also returned to the streets at the end of the lockdown re-establishing previous issues. On the other hand, the social consequences of the pandemic, in terms of unemployment, uncertainty, and economic crisis, have also enhanced the action of far-right groups, leaning on conspiratorial ideas, as well as on local forms of selective and self-referential solidarity. Drawing on different research approaches and different empirical perspectives, the panel gathered a critical knowledge of the transformation in both the organisation and cultural contents of social movements during and after the pandemic in Italy, taking into account different kind of mobilizations



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around the country, shedding light on the cultural and political discussions arose behind these different responses regarding to a post-pandemic future.

Francesca Bianchi analysed new forms of solidarity between neighbours in Florence. Her research starts from relevance of the local dimension and highlights how neighbours’ self-help and mutualism configured as a response to the pandemic crisis. As it happens also in other Italian and European towns, the lockdowns have been moments of proximity-mobilization, with autonomous and original emerging solidarity initiatives, claiming also for social justice and inclusion of marginalized citizens. Within the physical limits of the lockdown, neighbourhood solidarity revealed lively social bonds, attention towards local vulnerabilities, capabilities to set up associations and groups of mutual aid.

Similar results have been underscored by Lidia Lo Schiavo in research more focused on the activism of young people at the national level. During the pandemic, in different Italian towns, networks of activism, already constituted around topic such as environment and students’ rights, have been able to set up grassroots organisation, mutualistic groups, volunteers, and social centres bridging solidary action. Following the philosophy of self-help and do-it-ourselves politics, this kind of local mobilization have been able to organize not only forms of solidarity and self-help, but also to encourage a discussion around a reinvention of politics, considering the turning point of the pandemic as an opportunity to reset youth political engagement.

The gender specificity of these forms of mobilization has been highlighted by Ilaria Pitti, in her research on ecofeminism during the pandemic. Even though ecofeminism has a long story, its main claims have become more visible and timelier during the lockdowns. Particularly, the neoliberal model of growth’ unsustainability has been more explicitly challenged, and nourished by scientific

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studies linking Covid-19 to different forms of human exploitation of labour, of resources and of nature. Hence young women, as new generation of activists, have been at the forefront of mobilizations and political discussion in many initiatives around the countries, such as also those depicted by Francesca and Lidia.

Finally, this travel around Italian experience of political debate could not avoid the analysis of very different reactions, such as those related to far right and anti-scientific mobilizations, as it has been analysed by Emanuele Toscano. The emergency of the pandemic and its high visibility in the media, placed under tension the trust in scientific reason. In his presentation Emanuele underscored some specific aspects of such mobilizations that, following the first pandemic wave of 2020, invaded public spaces with anti-scientific demonstrations against vaccination campaigns and against the decision to impose the green certificate (Green Pass). In this case discussion around politics and freedom have been monopolized by radical right movements that have been able to extend their cultural influence far beyond their usual political networks.

Overall, we believe that this panel, despite its national focus, restored a complex image of the consequences of the pandemic on the ways and the reasons of collective mobilizations in this specific historical context, offering insights about the influence that such mobilizations will have on the following ones in the next years

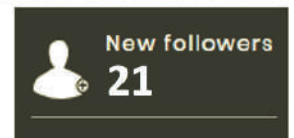
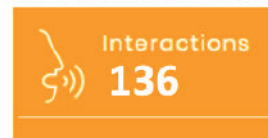
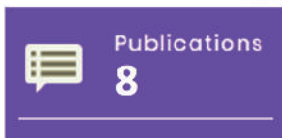
*(Paola Rebughini, (University of Milan, Chair Session 7: Envisaging a post-pandemic society in multi-layered crises: the Italian political laboratory).*

You can watch all the sessions of our conference by clicking here!  
<https://isarc48.wordpress.com/portfolio/2022-mid-term-conference/>

# RC48 Internet and Social Media Report



Started to recognize **RC48 Facebook Page** as a place to share relevant information for the community of researchers interested in the topic, receiving external information about CfPs, Conferences, Publications or PhD Seminars. We aim to continue this dynamic by inviting scholars to share with us the information that they want to disseminate and contribute to make the RC48 Facebook Page a trustable information source in Social Movements research.



**Between March 2022 & October 2022**

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Recent Publications, Book Recommendations,  
Call for Papers, and News from Members  
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**The British Journal of Community Justice (BJCJ)**  
**Call for Papers: ‘Community, Restorative, and Transitional Justice in Latin America’**

[The British Journal of Community Justice](#), an interdisciplinary, open-access and peer-reviewed journal, invites submissions for a special issue on ‘Community, Restorative, and Transitional Justice in Latin America’. This special issue is in collaboration with the [International Sociological Association](#) (ISA) Research Committee No 48 ([RC48](#)).

The framework of ‘justice from below’ and ‘citizen-led delivery of justice’ are often used to explore perspectives where victims are addressed as subjects with their own agency and organisational capability in temporal and normative aspects. From a traditional perspective, community justice seeks to integrate communities, governmental institutions, and law enforcement agencies as an alternative response to, or for the prevention of, criminal behaviour. Recent initiatives in community justice include community crime prevention, community policing, community defence, community prosecution, community courts, restorative justice sanctioning systems, and mechanisms of transitional justice ‘from below’. These approaches share a mutual core, in that they address community-level needs and citizen-led outcomes by focusing on short and long-term problem solving, restoring victims and communities, and effectively reintegrating people with convictions back into society.

Recent research established that nearly half of Latin American countries rank among the nations with the highest impunity scores in the world. It suggests that criminal justice systems lack the resources to prosecute and try crimes effectively in a context of widespread crime and violence (Szepesi-Colmenares, 2019; Solar and Pérez, 2022). Nevertheless, Latin America has a long tradition of initiatives and mechanisms with the aim of justice delivery addressing communitarian approaches. The cases of indigenous judicial systems in Ecuador, Bolivia, Colombia and Peru, tribunals of justice in Brazil, grassroots groups of community justice in Mexico, penal mediation or victim-offender mediation in Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, and Costa Rica, reparative agreements in Chile, and transitional justice processes in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay, are some contemporary examples.

In short, it is a hope that community-based and citizen-led justice initiatives can open new possibilities to improve the quality and effectiveness of justice delivery for this continent.

In this special issue, we seek manuscripts that examine how community, restorative, and transitional justice developments in Latin America are contributing holistically to the shape of this academic and intellectual field as well as policy and practice. Possible contributions topics could include but are not limited to:

- Original conceptual articles focusing on community, restorative, or transitional justice theoretical frameworks addressing the case of Latin America;
- Empirical studies, including those of community-based research findings, citizen-led policymaking or the implementation of community, restorative, or transitional justice processes and initiatives;
- Analyses of community justice institutions, restorative or transitional justice initiatives ‘from below’, or citizen-led ‘peer-to-peer’ policy transfer, as well as evaluations of significant developments in community, restorative, or transitional justice practices in Latin America;
- Debates about the public role of social movements, victims, grassroots activism, and citizen-led projects in the development of community, restorative, and transitional justice mechanisms and initiatives;
- Critical reviews of recently published research on any aspect of community, restorative, or transitional justice addressing the case of Latin America;
- Interviews with community-based or citizen-led justice actors, professionals, activists, or policymakers working in Latin America.

We are hoping to curate a set of papers from scholars in various parts of the world working on topics related to community, restorative, or transitional justice in Latin America, privileging contributions from scholars from the Global South in an early career stage. Contributions from both researchers, practitioners and policymakers are encouraged.

If you are interested in proposing a paper for inclusion in this special issue on 'Community, Restorative, and Transitional Justice in Latin America', please send the following information to Camilo Tamayo Gomez (Special Issue Editor) on or before the end of day on February 1, 2023 ([c.a.tamayogomez@hud.ac.uk](mailto:c.a.tamayogomez@hud.ac.uk)) and [bjcj@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:bjcj@mmu.ac.uk)

Your name.

Details of your institutional affiliation (if applicable).

Link to your online profile, website, etc. with a list of your publications (if available).

A title and 250-350 word abstract for your proposed paper contribution (proposals should connect to the themes identified above and also have a strong normative/critical/argumentative element).

Please note that the submissions are refereed and subject to editorial review. Depending on time constraints, we also hope to allow authors of accepted papers the chance to read and engage with the other accepted papers prior to publication, to create a real dialogue within this special issue. We will be selecting only a small number of papers for inclusion in this special issue.

Our timetable for publishing this special issue on 'Community, Restorative, and Transitional Justice in Latin America' is:

Deadline for abstracts and expressions of interest in writing for the special issue:

**01 February 2023**

Deadline for submissions:

**31 May 2023**

Publication:

**October 2023**

Please note that papers should be no longer than 7,000 words (including references but excluding the abstract).

We are looking forward to receiving your submissions!

Kind regards,

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### **The British Journal of Community Justice**

Established in 2002, The British Journal of Community Justice has since published ground-breaking and lively articles which have stimulated policy and practice debates on community justice covering: policing, prisons, probation, youth justice, community safety, restorative justice, victims, and crime prevention.



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# Recent Publications, Book Recommendations, Call for Papers, and News from Members of RC48

## Decolonizing Sociology

An Introduction

**ALI MEGHJI**

University of Cambridge

**"In this well-written and lively book, Ali Meghji makes the 'decolonial' project accessible to a wide audience of students and scholars. A welcome guide to a complex intellectual terrain that social scientists can no longer ignore."** Julian Go, author of *Postcolonial Thought & Social Theory*



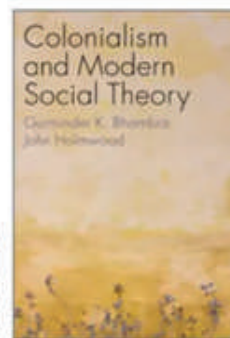
This book explores why, and how, sociology needs to be decolonized. It analyses how sociology was integral in reproducing the colonial order, as dominant sociologists constructed theories either assuming or proving the supposed barbarity and backwardness of colonized people. Ali Meghji reveals how colonialism continues to shape the discipline today, dominating both social theory and the practice of sociology, how exporting the Eurocentric sociological canon erased social theories from the Global South, and how sociologists continue to ignore the relevance of coloniality in their work.

## Colonialism and Modern Social Theory

**GURMINDER K. BHAMBRA & JOHN HOLMWOOD**

University of Sussex; University of Nottingham

**"This is a remarkably powerful book. Written by two outstanding sociologists, it is a nuanced and pertinent critique of the classical canon in modern social theory and an invitation to decolonize it."** Sari Hanafi, President of the International Sociological Association



Modern society emerged in the context of European colonialism and empire. So, too, did a distinctively modern social theory, laying the basis for most social theorizing ever since. Yet colonialism and empire are absent from the conceptual understandings of modern society, which are organized instead around ideas of nation state and capitalist economy.

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## Public Sociology

Between Utopia and Anti-Utopia

**MICHAEL BURAWOY**

University of California, Berkeley

**"This is such a welcome and important book – read it and pass it on."** Arlie Hochschild, author of *Strangers in Their Own Land*

**"Michael Burawoy argues for a sociology that encourages and informs critical public discussions on the preservation of our society. His illuminating personal trajectory, used as an object of analysis and placed in a wider social context, is a must-read."** William Julius Wilson, Harvard University

Michael Burawoy has helped to reshape the theory and practice of sociology across the Western world. *Public Sociology* is his most thoroughgoing attempt to explore what a truly committed, engaged sociology should look like in the twenty-first century.



## Uprooting

The Crisis of Traditional Agriculture in  
Algeria

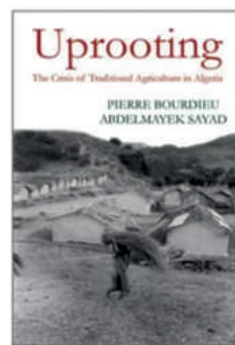
**PIERRE BOURDIEU & ABDELMALEK  
SAYAD**

Edited by **PAUL A. SILVERSTEIN**

Translated by Susan Emanuel

**"Uprooting is at once a stunning document on colonial conflagration and a pioneering analysis of its distinctive rationale that will enrich the rapidly growing scholarship on empires, colonies and postcolonies."** Loïc Wacquant, University of California, Berkeley

Between 1954 and 1960, more than two million Algerian peasants – a quarter of the population – were forcibly resettled by the French military in what was one of the largest and most brutal displacements of a rural population in history. It was in this context of colonial violence that Pierre Bourdieu and Abdelmalek Sayad set out to examine transformations in the fundamental structures of peasant economy and thought. Through their detailed analysis of these processes Bourdieu and Sayad provide a powerful account both of the destruction of a traditional way of life and of the brutal effects of colonial power.





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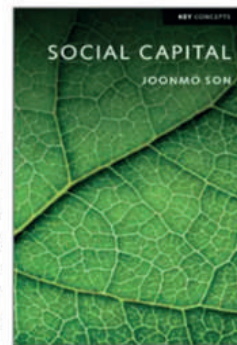
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## Social Capital

**JOONMO SON**

National University of Singapore

"A magnificent book that precisely captures both individual and collective aspects of social capital, differentiates it from structural preconditions, and illuminates its wide contributions to scholarship. Essential for scholars, students, and practitioners interested in the theory, research, and applications of social capital." Nan Lin, Duke University



## Planetary Politics

A Manifesto

**LORENZO MARSILI**

This book tells the story of the ever-closer union of our world, from the age of empire to the climate crisis, and presents a roadmap to step beyond the mental and material boundaries of our nations in order to develop a new planetary politics that will be capable of addressing the great challenges of our time.



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## **After Lockdown**

A Metamorphosis

**BRUNO LATOUR**

Sciences Po, Paris

Translated by Julie Rose

After the harrowing experience of the pandemic and lockdown, both states and individuals have been searching for ways to exit the crisis. But we may not be able to exit lockdown so easily after all, since the global health crisis is embedded in another larger and more serious crisis – that brought about by the New Climate Regime. Learning to live in lockdown might be an opportunity to be seized: a dress-rehearsal for the climate mutation, an opportunity to understand at last where we – inhabitants of the earth – live, what kind of place ‘earth’ is and how we will be able to orient ourselves and exist in this world in the years to come. We might finally be able to explore the land in which we live, together with all other living beings, begin to understand the true nature of the climate mutation we are living through and discover what kind of freedom is possible – a freedom differently situated and differently understood.

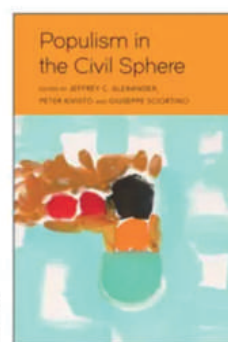


## **Populism in the Civil Sphere**

Edited by **JEFFREY C. ALEXANDER,  
PETER KIVISTO & GIUSEPPE  
SCIORTINO**

Yale University; Augustana College; University  
of Trento

**“This innovative collection is a must read for  
anyone inside and outside of the academy  
who seeks to understand the major political  
challenge of our time.”** Mabel Berezin, Cornell University



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## Seven Essays on Populism

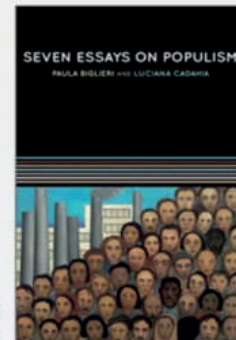
For a Renewed Theoretical Perspective

**PAULA BIGLIERI & LUCIANA CADAHIA**

University of Buenos Aires; Cornell University /  
FLACSO-Ecuador

Translated by George Ciccariello-Maher

**"Debates on populism are currently facing a huge challenge: to move beyond obsolete Eurocentric and post-democratic myths and stereotypes. Biglieri and Cadahia demonstrate that a strong comparative angle can greatly assist in this effort and that the Latin American experience is crucial for a much-needed reorientation toward a truly reflexive discussion of populism. Yet this book cannot be reduced to one more micro-scale social-scientific analysis from a 'local' perspective. This is rigorous theoretical reflection and committed democratic argumentation at its best!"** Yannis Stavrakakis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki



## Marx in Movement

*Operaismo* in Context

**ANTONIO NEGRI**

Translated by Ed Emery

The Marxist tradition of *operaismo* emphasizes the role of the worker in capitalism. Within this framework, Negri's key contribution has been to theorize the transition from the 'mass worker' to the 'social worker' – that is, to broaden the concept of living labour and liberate it from the theoretical cages that kept it locked into the factory. It was only by moving beyond the ideology and political practice of the mass worker that the revolutionary character of the Marxist concept of class could be updated for our times and developed in relation to the exploitation and socialization of living labour, allowing for new forms of resistance.



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The Communication & Democracy section of the European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA) is pleased to invite submissions for next year's section conference titled TECHNOLOGY IN MOVEMENT, MOVEMENT IN TECHNOLOGY to be held at the University of Copenhagen from May 08-10, 2023. The event, which includes a for-credit PhD course, is co-organized by the grant project "To Use or Not to Use? A Relational Approach to ICTs as Repertoire of Contention" (Independent Research Fund Denmark) and The Center on Digital Culture and Communication (Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania). Abstracts of 300-500 words are due by December 15, 2022. See full call below. For inquiries, feel free to contact the section management: Jun Liu(liujun[at]hum[dot]ku[dot]dk) or Giuliana Sorce (giuliana.sorce[at]uni-tuebingen[dot]de).

ECREA Communication & Democracy international section conference and PhD course "Technology in Movement, Movement in Technology"

## **Conference Website:**

<https://comm.ku.dk/research/information-technology-and-connections/to-use-or-not-to-use/tim-talks/international-conference-phd-course/>

## **Confirmed keynote speakers:**

Donatella della Porta / W. Lance Bennett / Hazem Kandil / Guobin Yang

## **Scope:**

Rapidly emerging technologies have become a crucial component of movement and contention, ranging from strikes and protests to riots and civil disobedience to revolution and war. We have witnessed the widespread use of digitally mediated communication during large-scale political protests in promoting social justice like Black Lives

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Matter and the #MeToo movement, but also intelligence and information warfare that contribute to precise strikes, effective surveillance, and reconnaissance in Russia's war against Ukraine. Interest in this field endures, while interrogation of the role of technology in movement proliferates. Still, contestation over the nature and degree of effectiveness of technology in movement and contention remains. And theoretical and methodological reflections are badly needed to identify challenges and opportunities for advancing the field.

This international conference seeks to address and advance such discussion. We look for original, rigorous, and creative contributions and reflections that examine technology and movement/contention. Submissions can be primarily theoretical or based on empirical studies but may also include innovative suggestions for overcoming methodological challenges. In all forms, the submissions should make explicit, original, and substantial contributions to the relevance and implications of the role of technology in movement.

## **PhD Course:**

An international PhD course with the same theme on technology and movement will be offered in the conference. The participant will receive 3 European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) if s/he join both the conference with presentation and the PhD seminar (on 10 May, 2023), or 1.5 ECTS (for those who only join the PhD seminar).

## **Possible Submission Topics:**

- Theoretical developments in the sociology of technology in movement
- The historical, social, and political contingency of the role of technology in movement
- Technology and gender, sexuality, feminism, and LGBTQI issues in movement

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- Technology and class, social, and digital inequalities in movement
- Big data and computational approaches to studying technology and movement (as well as critiques of these approaches)
- Safety and security issues of technology and movement
- Comparative empirical analyses of technology and movement across (a) historical eras and/or (b) countries, regions, and societies
- Legal, social and ethical issues of technology and movement
- Promise and peril of technology and movement

## Key Dates:

Deadline: Abstracts of 300-500 words excluding references must be sent to [techinmovement@ku.dk](mailto:techinmovement@ku.dk) by December 15, 2022.

Notification of Acceptance: January 31, 2023

Deadline for Registration: February 28, 2023

Conference: May 8 - 9, 2023 (9:00-17:00 CEST)

PhD Course: May 10, 2023 (9:00-17:00 CEST)

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# Call for Research Summaries from student and early career members

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Grassroots is seeking submissions for Research Summaries, a future new section in our newsletter to address and showcase topics and research developments of relevance to all RC48 members. The main purpose of this new section is to present the work of students and early career researchers regarding social movements topics, and provide information about the latest research activities in our field. Website analytics show that Research Summaries are widely viewed on the Internet. While potential authors can submit contributions for summaries at any time of the year to the editorial team of Grassroots, we would appreciate it if you can send us your piece in line with the two main editorial review cycles for the year: 15 June and 15 November.

## **Contributions should:**

1. Be approximately between 1,000 to 1,500 words (not including references);
2. Be double-spaced with 1-inch margins in 12-point Times New Roman font;
3. Provide operational definitions of essential concepts and terminology;
4. State the question of the research and explain why it is important, describing also the methods in a few paragraphs, and explaining the results focusing on why they are significant for our field;
5. If appropriate, include a list of recommended resources that are practitioner/activist oriented.

**Please send your contributions to our editors Kaan Agartan (kagartan@framingham.edu) or Camilo Tamayo Gomez (c.a.tamayogomez@hud.ac.uk)**

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