



University of Brighton

SOCIAL MOVEMENTS CONFERENCE

10 and 11 October 2016, Brighton, UK

Social Movements and Protest: Future Challenges for Research and Practice

The University of Brighton's Social Movement Network is hosting a conference from 10-11 October 2016 in Brighton, UK.

The event is being held in collaboration with the Council for European Studies Social Movement Network. The aim of the event is to bring together researchers and activists working on social movements and protests from around the world.

The city of Brighton and Hove has long been a site for radical politics and protest including environmental and anti-war movements, squatted social centres and LGBTIQ activism.

Call for papers

Conference papers will be broadly concerned with social mobilisations in a range of contexts, including local, national and transnational, which agitate for social change and justice. Papers can focus on issues related to social movements, such as rights, inequality, space, identity, policy, citizenship, culture, activism, technology, law, resistance, emotions, behaviour, and aesthetics.

As an inter-disciplinary conference we are keen to represent a range of subject specialisms and diverse theoretical positions and methodological approaches. The conference aims to develop analytical and empirical insights regarding protest, power and agency in ways that are informed by grassroots activism and social movements. We want to forge links with academics working in different institutional and research contexts. We are keen to bring together established and emerging scholars along with grassroots activists in a constructive and friendly environment.

We invite abstracts to be submitted by **28 May 2016**. Please send your abstract to **Julie Green** (j.green2@brighton.ac.uk). Abstracts should be 250 words (max) and should include your name, institutional affiliation and contact details. Participants will be informed of their acceptance by mid June.

We are keen for activists to attend and so we are open to innovative ways to present at the conference. Any questions regarding the conference should be directed to the conference convenor, **Aidan McGarry** (a.mcgarry@brighton.ac.uk). We intend to publish a selection of the papers as an edited volume.

Key note speeches

We are delighted to announce that two key note addresses will be delivered at the conference by two leading lights of social movement research **Prof. Donatella Della Porta** (Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence) and **Prof. Jan Willem Duyvendak** (University of Amsterdam). **Prof. Della Porta** is the author of *Can Democracy be Saved?* (2013) and *Social Movements in Time of Austerity* (2015) whilst **Prof. Duyvendak** is the author of *Breaking Down the State: Protestors Engaged* (2015) and *Players and Arenas: The Interactive Dynamics of Protest* (2015), both co-edited with **Prof. James Jasper**.

Fees and registration

The event is £50 to attend for academics and £20 to PhD researchers and activists. Lunch and refreshments are included in the registration and will be provided over the two days to participants. We can make arrangements for special dietary requirements. There are no funds available for travel.

Venue

The conference will be held at the University of Brighton.

Getting there

Brighton is located on the south coast of England. There are train and bus links across the country, though London Victoria is the main bus and train hub. London Victoria and London Bridge have regular trains to Brighton and take approximately one hour. The Eurostar train service arrives in St. Pancras station which is connected to Brighton via King's Cross. The nearest airport is London Gatwick (30 minutes by train). Brighton is easily accessible from any London airport.



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