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PROGRAMME

Please note that, unless otherwise specified, all lectures, paper presentations, coffee breaks and office hours will take place in the Room Simone del Pollaiuolo

Monday, 3 June

- 10:00-10:30 **Registration**
Conference hall "L'Altana"
- 10:30-11:00 **Welcome Address and Introduction to the Summer School**
Organising Committee
Conference hall "L'Altana"
- 11:00-13:00 **Keynote Speech**
Donatella della Porta (Scuola Normale Superiore)
Conference hall "L'Altana"
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch break
Odeon Bistro (Piazza degli Strozzi 8R)
- 14:30-16:00 **Paper presentations and discussions**
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- Johanna Huber: "Alternative Food Organizations in Geneva: At the Interplay of Market and Democracy"
Discussants: Joost de Moor and Emily Westwell
- 18:30-20:00 **Welcome Aperitivo**
Odeon Bistro (Piazza degli Strozzi 8R)

Tuesday, 4 June

- 9:00-11:00 **Surveys in political participation and mobilization**
Joost de Moor (Stockholm University)
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- 11:00-11:30 Break
- 11:30-13:30 **Ethical issues in social movement and political participation research**
Stefania Milan (University of Amsterdam)
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- 13:30-15:00 Lunch Break and Office Hours
Odeon Bistro (Piazza degli Strozzi 8R)
- 15:00-18:00 **Paper presentations and discussions**
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- Louise Knops: "From compassion to rebellion: the many faces of indignation: an etymological and philosophical perspective"
Discussants: Joost de Moor and Johanna Huber
- Maja Gergorić: "The movement-counter movement dynamics of feminist and anti- gender movements in Croatia and Portugal"
Discussants: Stefania Milan and Terrell Frazier

Wednesday, 5 June

- 9:00-11:00 **Interviewing Activists**
Lorenzo Zamponi (Scuola Normale Superiore)
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- 11:00-11:30 Break
- 11:30-13:30 **Visuals in the study of social movements**
Alice Mattoni (Università di Bologna)
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- 13:30-15:00 Lunch Break and Office Hours
Odeon Bistro (Piazza degli Strozzi 8R)
- 15:00-18:00 **Paper presentations and discussions**
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- Kalle Eriksson: "How do managers and first-line professionals at the local level understand and relate to their task to take preventive measures against radical left libertarian movements?"
Discussants: Lorenzo Zamponi and Nikolaos Saridakis
- Dane Spudic: "Social centres and zines in Southern Europe"
Discussants: Alice Mattoni and Louise Knops

Thursday, 6 June

- 9:00-11:00 **Participant Observation**
Philip Balsiger (University of Neuchâtel)
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- 11:00-11:30 Break
- 11:30-13:30 **Protest event analysis and political claim analysis**
Martín Portos (Scuola Normale Superiore)
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- 13:30-15:00 Lunch Break and Office Hours
Odeon Bistro (Piazza degli Strozzi 8R)
- 15:00-18:00 **Paper presentations and discussions**
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- Emily Westwell: "Repolicising, reimagining, and reframing: exploring radical food sovereignty activism in the UK and its engagement with principles of social and environmental justice"
Discussants: Philip Balsiger and Mina Baginova
- Dorte Fischer: "After the Protests is Before the Protests? The political "legacy" of violent transnational protest events"
Discussants: Martín Portos and Begum Zorlu

Friday, 7 June

10:00-12:30

Keynote Speech

Brian Doherty (Leeds University)
Conference hall "L'Altana"

12:30-14:00

Lunch Break

Odeon Bistro (Piazza degli Strozzi 8R)

14:00-17:00

Paper presentations and discussions

Room "Simone del Pollaiolo"

Josh Bunting: "Investigating the legacy of the 2010-11 UK student movement: Identity formation, activist lives and radical history"

Discussants: Brian Doherty and Anne Kirstine Rønn Sørensen

Nikolaos Saridakis: "Extreme right-wing youth activism in Greece"

Discussants: Lorenzo Zamponi and Kalle Eriksson

Monday, 10 June

9:00-11:00

Discourse analysis and frame analysis in social movement research

Lasse Lindekilde (Aarhus University)
Room "Simone del Pollaiolo"

11:00-11:30

Break

11:30-13:30

Experimental methods in participation and mobilisation research

Lasse Lindekilde (Aarhus University)
Room "Simone del Pollaiolo"

13:30-15:00

Lunch Break and Office Hours

Trattoria Lo Stracotto (Piazza Madonna degli Aldrobrandini 17)

15:00-18:00

Paper presentations and discussions

Room "Simone del Pollaiolo"

Eva Svatonova: "The Forms and Strategies of Czech opposition to "Gender Ideology". Social Movements perspective"

Discussants: Lasse Lindekilde and Natalia Miranda

Natalia Miranda: "Articulation experiences from two activist cultures. Lessons from the struggle against the pension model in Chile"

Discussants: Lasse Lindekilde and Eva Svatonova

Tuesday, 11 June

9:00-11:00

Doing fieldwork during violent conflicts

Stefan Malthaner (Hamburg Institute for Social Research)
Room "Simone del Pollaiolo"

11:00-11:30

Break

- 11:30-13:30 **Participatory action research**
Hara Kouki (Durham University);
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- 13:30-15:00 Lunch Break and Office Hours
Trattoria Lo Stracotto (Piazza Madonna degli Aldrobrandini 17)
- 15:00-18:00 **Paper presentations and discussions**
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- Clara-Auguste Süß: "Democratization, marginalization and radicalization in post-revolutionary Tunisia"
Discussants: Stefan Malthaner and Fanny Lajarthe
- Fanny Lajarthe: "How to be accepted in a large grassroots activist group?"
Discussants: Hara Kouki and Clara-Auguste Süß

Wednesday, 12 June

- 9:00-11:00 **Historical methods**
Lorenzo Bosi (Scuola Normale Superiore)
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- 11:00-11:30 Break
- 11:30-13:30 **Online tools and digital methods for the study of participation and mobilization**
Diego Ceccobelli (Scuola Normale Superiore)
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- 13:30-15:00 Lunch Break and Office Hours
Trattoria Lo Stracotto (Piazza Madonna degli Aldrobrandini 17)
- 15:00-18:00 **Paper presentations and discussions**
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- Anne Kirstine Rønn Sørensen: "Taking to the Streets or Running for Office? Exploring the effects of different anti-sectarian mobilization strategies in Lebanon"
Discussants: Lorenzo Bosi and Josh Bunting
- Alessandra Schimmel: "The participation of consumers' organisations in European governance from the 1970s onwards"
Discussants: Diego Ceccobelli and John Yajalin

Thursday, 13 June

- 9:00-11:00 **Social network analysis**
Manuela Caiani (Scuola Normale Superiore)
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- 11:00-11:30 Break

- 11:30-13:30 **Big data in the study of political participation and mobilization**
 Elena Pavan (Università di Trento)
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- 13:30-15:00 Lunch Break and Office Hours
Trattoria Lo Stracotto (Piazza Madonna degli Aldrobrandini 17)
- 15:00-18:00 **Paper presentations and discussions**
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- Mina Baginova: "The inner dynamics of new protest movements in East-Central Europe in post-1989 neoliberal era"
 Discussants: Manuela Caiani and Maja Gergorić
- Terrell Frazier: "Inflection Points: A Theoretical Framework for Understanding Processes of Advantage and Disadvantage within Heterogeneous Activist Networks"
 Discussants: Elena Pavan and Dane Spudic

Friday, 14 June

- 10:00-12:30 **Keynote Speech**
 Marco Giugni (University of Geneva)
Conference hall "L'Altana"
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch break
Trattoria Lo Stracotto (Piazza Madonna degli Aldrobrandini 17)
- 14:00-17:00 **Paper presentations and discussions**
Room "Simone del Pollaiuolo"
- Begum Zorlu: "Political Opportunities and Processes of Mobilization: The Comparison of Gezi and Flag Movements in Turkey"
 Discussants: Marco Giugni and Dorte Fischer
- John Yajalin: "Determinants of political participation in migrant slums in Ghana"
 Discussants: Martín Portos and Alessandra Schimmel
- 17:00-17:30 Distribution of Certificates of Attendance
- 20:00-22:30 **Farewell Dinner**
Antico Ristoro di Cambi (Via Sant'Onofrio 1R)

CLASSES AND MATERIALS

Monday, June 3

KEYNOTE SPEECH: 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. (2014) 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, June 4

LECTURE:
Surveys in the Study of Participation and Mobilization

JOOST DE MOOR



Surveys have long been the defining method of research into political participation, where people are asked whether or not they have done a certain activity in the past twelve months. In recent decades, surveys have become more prominent in research on protest events and social movements as well. In this seminar we review the benefits, downsides, challenges and developments of survey research, and their place within the methodological pluralism that characterizes our

field of study. We discuss population surveys, panel studies, protest surveys and membership surveys, and we focus on topics of questionnaire design and sampling and interview methods. While we will not go into statistics, we will address fundamental questions of data analysis. At the end of the seminar, you should have an overview of the use of survey methods in research on participation and mobilization, and a basic understanding of key considerations when applying the method.

Core readings

Klandermans, B. and Smith, J. (2002) 'Survey Research: A Case for Comparative Designs', in Klandermans, B. and Staggenborg, S. (eds) *Methods of Social Movement Research*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, pp. 314–50.

van Stekelenburg, J. *et al.* (2012) 'Contextualizing contestation: Framework, design, and data', *Mobilization*, 17(3), pp. 249–262.

Theocharis, Y. and van Deth, J. W. (2018) 'The continuous expansion of citizen participation: a new taxonomy', *European Political Science Review*, 10(1), pp. 139–163.

Additional readings and examples

Andretta, M. and della Porta, D. (2014). 'Surveying Protestors: Why and How', in della Porta, D. (ed) *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

de Moor, J., Marien, S. and Hooghe, M. (2017) 'Why are some lifestyle activists avoiding state-oriented politics while others are not? A case study of lifestyle politics in the Belgian environmental movement.', *Mobilization*, 22(2), pp. 245–264.

de Moor, J. and S. Verhaegen (2018). 'Gateway or Getaway? A longitudinal analysis of the link between lifestyle politics and other forms of political participation.' Paper presented at ECPR General Conference, Hamburg, 22-25 August.

Walgrave, S., Wouters, R., and Ketelaars, P. (2016) 'Response Problems in the Protest Survey Design: Evidence from Fifty-One Protest Events in Seven Countries.' *Mobilization*, 21(1), pp. 83-104.

Joost de Moor is a postdoctoral researcher at Stockholm University's Political Science Department. Based on quantitative, qualitative and mixed-methods research, he has published on social movements and political participation in various academic journals, including *Mobilization*, *Theory & Society*, *Environmental Politics*, *Acta Politica*, *Parliamentary Affairs*, and *Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. His PhD (University of Antwerp) dealt with the composition and causal mechanisms of political opportunity structures. More recently his work has focused on urban, environmental, and climate activism, transnationalization, depoliticization, political consumerism and lifestyle politics.

Tuesday, June 4

LECTURE:
Ethical challenges of studying social movements and political participation

STEFANIA MILAN



Spurred by questionable treatments of user data (e.g., the ‘psychographic’ data mining of Cambridge Analytica) and forced into commercial practices by legislation such as the General Data Protection Regulation, data ethics have become a topic of concern for users and scholars alike. Research ethics, on the other hand, is a growingly complex set of practices and check-lists that are typically confusing for researchers and ineffective for research subjects. What’s more, the study of social movements and political participation has been, whenever possible, deaf to ethical considerations, on the ground that being a progressive researcher is a sufficient condition to being ethical. But the study of social movements and political participation, dealing with potentially vulnerable subjects, requires a carefully crafted relation with data and data subjects, to be implemented in research questions, methodologies and practices. This talk provides an overview of the research ethics debate as it applies to this field. It explores current and upcoming questions and approaches, including the feminist ‘ethics of care’, with a focus on solutions in the realm of research practices and infrastructure.

Compulsory readings

Aldrige, J., Medina, J., & Ralphs, R. (2010). The problem of proliferation: guidelines for improving the security of qualitative data in a digital age. *Research Ethics*, 6(1), 3–9.

Chesters, G. (2012). Social Movements and the Ethics of Knowledge Production. *Social Movement Studies*, 11(2), 145–160.

Kazansky, B., & Milan, S. (forthcoming 2019). Infrastructure and protocols for privacy-aware research. *International Studies Perspectives*.

Milan, S. (2014). The ethics of social movement research. In D. della Porta (Ed.), *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research* (pp. 446–464). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Suggested readings

Cox, L., & Forminaya, C. (2009). Movement knowledge: What do we know, how do we create knowledge and what do we do with it? *Interface: A Journal For and About Social Movements*, 1(1), 1–20.

Hintz, A., & Milan, S. (2010). “Social science is police science”. Researching grassroots activism. *International Journal of Communication*, 4, 837–344.

Metcalf, J., & Crawford, K. (2016). Where are human subjects in Big Data research? The emerging ethics divide. *Big Data & Society*, 3(1).

Milan, C., & Milan, S. (2016). Involving communities as skilled learners: The STRAP framework. In N. Wildermuth & T. Ngomba (Eds.), *Methodological Reflections on Researching Communication and Social Change* (pp. 9–28). Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave MacMillan.

Wednesday, June 5

LECTURE:
Interviewing Activists

LORENZO ZAMPONI



Interviewing activists is among the most common 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, and in order to gain insight on the meanings, identities and emotions involved in processes of participation and mobilisation. 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.

Core 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. (2014) In-Depth Interviews. In: D. della Porta (ed.) *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*, pp.228-261.

Suggested readings

della Porta, D. (2014) Life Histories. In: D. della Porta (ed.) *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*, pp.262-288.

della Porta, D. (2014) In-Depth Interviews. In: D. della Porta (ed.) *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*, pp.228-261.

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

Wednesday, June 5

LECTURE:
Visuals in the Study of Social Movements

ALICE MATTONI



Images are extremely relevant for social movements. Despite this, research on the topic has been rare and literature on social movements has been hesitant to integrate visual materials as relevant data for the understanding of unconventional political participation. In this class I will draw on the most recent literature on the topic to offer some preliminary insights on images within social movements from a methodological perspective. First, I will consider how images intersect with social movements at the level of their performances and of their (self)-mediation. Second, I will discuss how the role of images for social movements changes according to different media-historic constellations. Finally, I will offer some practical insights about how to integrate images in social movement research, discussing the methodological challenges that this implies at the level of research design, data gathering and data analysis.

Compulsory readings

Mattoni, A. & Teune, S., 2014. Visions of Protest. A Media-Historic Perspective on Images in Social Movements. *Sociology Compass*, 8(6), pp.876–887.

Doerr, N. & Milman, N., 2014. Working with Images. In D. della Porta, ed. *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, pp. 418–445.

Suggested readings

Doerr, N., Mattoni, A. & Teune, S. eds., 2013. *Advances in the Visual Analysis of Social Movements*, Bingley, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited.

Doerr, N., 2010. Politicizing Precarity, Producing Visual Dialogues on Migration: Transnational Public Spaces in Social Movements. *Forum: Qualitative Social Research*, 11(2).

Olesen, T., 2014. Dramatic Diffusion and Meaning Adaptation: The Case of Neda. In D. della Porta & A. Mattoni, eds. *Spreading Protest. Social Movements in Times of Crisis*. Colchester, UK: ECPR Press, pp. 71–90.

Batziou, A., 2015. A Christmas Tree in Flames and Other – Visual – Stories: Looking at the Photojournalistic Coverage of the Greek Protests of December 2008. *Social Movement Studies*, 14(1), pp.22–41.

Thursday, June 6

LECTURE:
Participant Observation

PHILIP BALSIGER



As participant observers, researchers gain knowledge by viewing, experiencing, and understanding events through the perspective of the people they study. In this session we will take a deeper look at how to do participant observation and how to analyze and write up data gathered through this method. A particular focus will be set on the contributions participant observation can make to social movement studies. We will discuss ethnographers' different degrees of immersion in the field and go through the methodological and ethical questions raised in the crucial steps of ethnographic fieldwork and analysis. Finally, we will discuss the question of replication and the diverse standards for writing and publishing of ethnographic research. The

course will thus introduce students to this method and present the most recent methodological debates it raises within our field.

Required readings

Balsiger Philip, Lambelet Alexandre (2014) "Participant Observation", in Della Porta (Ed), *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*, Oxford University Press.

Abend Gabriel, Petre Caitlin, and Michael Sauder (2013), "Styles of Causal Thought: An Empirical Investigation"^[1]_{SEP}, *American Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 119, No. 3, pp. 602-654

Suggested readings

Barnard, Alex V. (2016) Making the City "Second Nature": Freegan "Dumpster Divers" and the Materiality of Morality. *American Journal of Sociology*, 121 (4), 1017-1050.

Blee, Kathleen (2012) *Democracy in the Making*, Oxford University Press: Parts of introduction (section "Studying Activist Groups"), Appendix B (Research Strategy), Appendix C (observational template)

Goffman, Alice (2015) *On the Run. Fugitive Life in an American City*, Picador. Appendix: Methodological Note, pp. 213-253.

Jerolmack, Colin, and Shamus Khan (2014) "Talk Is Cheap: Ethnography and the Attitudinal Fallacy." *Sociological Methods and Research* 43: 178–209.

Lichterhan, Paul (2001). "Seeing Structure Happen: Theory-Driven Participant Observation," in Suzanne Staggenborg and Bert Klandermans (eds), *Methods of Social Movement Research*. Minneapolis: The University of Minnesota Press, pp. 118–45.

Thursday, June 6

LECTURE:
Protest event and political claim analyses

MARTÍN PORTOS



Protest Event Analysis helps us to systematically map, assess the amount, occurrence and features of protests performances cross-spatially, over time and across issues and claims put forward by challengers, as well as the responses of relevant actors to these protest activities. In this session, we will cover topics such as the conceptualization of protest events, the record and use of this well-established technique in social movement studies, as well as key aspects researchers that use protest event analysis have to take into account (e.g., data collection and

analysis, sampling, biases, coding, and so on). Further, we will explore the main advantages and limitations that using this methodological endeavour entails, recent developments and its offspring, including claims analysis. In delivering the lesson, hands-on exercises will be used to improve the practical skills and see how this method can be used to investigate political participation and mobilisation.

Compulsory readings:

Hutter, Swen. 2014. "Protest Event Analysis and its Offspring". Pp. 335-367 in *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*, edited by Donatella della Porta. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Koopmans, Ruud and Paul Statham. 1999. "Political Claims Analysis: Integrating Protest Event and Political Discourse Approaches". *Mobilization* 4 (2): 203-221.

Optional readings:

Beissinger, Mark. 2002. *Nationalist Mobilization and the Collapse of the Soviet State*. Cambridge, New York: Cambridge University Press. (NB: see the methodological appendices I & II, pp. 460-487).

Earl, Jennifer, Andrew Martin, John D. McCarthy, and Sarah A. Soule. 2004. "The use of newspaper data in the study of collective action". *Annual Review of Sociology* 30: 65- 80.

Hanna, Alex. 2013. "Computer-aided Content Analysis of Digitally-enabled Movements". *Mobilization* 18(4): 367-388.

Oliver, Pamela E., and Daniel J. Myers. 1999. "How Events Enter the Public Sphere: Conflict, Location, and Sponsorship in Local Newspaper Coverage of Public Events." *American Journal of Sociology* 105: 38-87.

Portos, Martín. 2019. "Keeping dissent alive under the Great Recession: no-radicalisation and protest in Spain after the eventful 15M/*indignados* campaign". *Acta Politica* 54(1): 45-74.

Friday, June 7

KEYNOTE SPEECH:
Looking your grandchildren in the eye:
Extinction Rebellion, civil disobedience and the UK direct action tradition

BRIAN DOHERTY



In a very short space of time Extinction Rebellion (XR) has had a major impact on the mood of climate change politics in the UK, reinvigorating climate activism and expanding the numbers and range of people involved. It has undoubtedly been the most successful instance of mass civil disobedience in the UK for decades. But despite this, XR has also been the subject of criticism from other climate activists who are sceptical about its tactic of getting masses of people arrested, feel that it pays insufficient attention to questions of power and privilege, and argue that it needs to frame its message more clearly in relation to the impacts of climate breakdown in the global South. Can we

understand this debate as a question of social movement theory? In this paper I suggest that the best way to explain the differences within UK climate direct action is through the idea of activist tradition. Tradition is often referenced in discussions of social movement culture, but has not yet been the focus of explicit analysis. I use the UK direct action tradition, including the case of Extinction Rebellion and its critics, as a way of showing how analysing activist traditions as an analytically distinct subject can complement rather than replace our analysis of social movements. I also address the question of whether and how we might apply the concept of activist tradition more generally in social movement studies.

Readings on Extinction Rebellion:

Hayes, G., de Moor, J and Doherty, B. (2018) The 'new' climate politics of Extinction Rebellion? *OpenDemocracy*, <https://www.opendemocracy.net/joost-de-moor-brian-doherty-graeme-hayes/new-climate-politics-of-extinction-rebellion>

Walton, S. (2019) Reflections on Extinction Rebellion, *Peace News*, <https://www.peacenews.info/blog/9354/reflections-extinction-rebellion>

Readings on social movements:

Blee, K. (2012) *Democracy in the Making*. Oxford: Oxford University Press

della Porta, D. and Rucht, D. (eds.) (2013) *Meeting Democracy: Power and Deliberation in Global Justice Movements*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Doherty, B & Hayes, G. (2018) Tactics and Strategic Action, in Snow, D, Soule, S. Kriesi, H. and McCammon, H.J. *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Social Movements*.

Leach, Darcy K. and Haunss, Sebastian (2009) Scenes and Social Movements in Culture, *Social Movements and Protest*, Hank Johnston, ed., pp. 255-276, Ashgate Publishers, 2009.

Flesher Fominaya, C. (2015) 'Debunking Spontaneity: Spain's 15-M/indignados as Autonomous Movement'. *Social Movement Studies* 14(2): 142-163.

Haug, C. and Rucht, D. (2013) 'Structurelessness: an evil or an asset?' in della Porta, D. and Rucht, D. eds. *Meeting Democracy: Power and Deliberation in Global Justice Movements*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Graeber, D. (2009) *Direct Action; an ethnography*. AK Press.

Jasper, J. and Polletta, F. (2018) 'The Cultural Context of Social Movements' in Wood, L. 2012. *Direct Action, Deliberation and Diffusion*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Yates, L. (2015) Rethinking Prefiguration: Alternatives, Micropolitics and Goals in Social Movements. *Social Movement Studies*, 14:1, 1-21

Zamponi, L. and Daphi, P. (2014). Breaks and continuities in and between Cycles of Protest. Memories and Legacies of the Global Justice Movement in the Context of Anti-Austerity Mobilisations. In: della Porta, D. and Mattoni, A. (eds.) *Spreading Protest. Social Movements in Times of Crisis*. Colchester: ECPR Press, 193-225

Monday, June 10

LECTURE:
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. (2014) 'Discourse and Frame Analysis: In-depth Analysis of Qualitative Data in Social Movement Studies', in: D. della Porta (ed.) *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 195-228.

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

Suggested readings

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

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.

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

Monday, June 10

LECTURE:
Experimental Methods in Research on Social Movements and Mobilization

LASSE LINDEKILDE



The use of experimental methods has been on the rise within political science and sociology over the last decade. However, within research on social movements and mobilization, experiments are still – leaving aside a few important exceptions – rare. In this session we will explore the usefulness and feasibility of employing experimental designs in the study of political participation and mobilization. An experiment is defined by two main characteristics – the observation of the effect of active manipulation of a variable and the randomized assignment of participants to conditions.

The session will explain the logic of experimentation and discuss the advantages in terms of causal analysis and internal validity as well as the disadvantages in terms of ecological and external validity. The session will introduce to different varieties of experiments used in the social sciences, including survey experiments, field experiments and lab experiments. The session will do this walking through the design, data collection and data analysis of a number of concrete examples of experimental research in the area of research on political participation and mobilization.

Compulsory readings

Shanaah, S. & Lindekilde, L. 2019. 'Standing up and Speaking out? British Muslims' Collective Action against Islamist Extremism', *Democracy and Security*.

Lindekilde, L. & Gøtzsche-Astrup, Oluf. 'Self-Uncertainty, Dark Mindsets, and Dark Personalities on Campus: Precursors of Support for Political Violence among College Students', under review with *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.

Suggested readings

Druckman, J. N., Green, D. P., Kuklinski, J. H., & Lupia, A. (Eds.). (2011). *Cambridge handbook of experimental political science*. Cambridge University Press, pp. 15-27.

McGraw, K. M. (1996). Political methodology: Research design and experimental methods. *A new handbook of political science*. Oxford University Press, pp. 769-86.

Tuesday, June 11

LECTURE:
Doing fieldwork in violent conflicts

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Field research in the context of violent conflicts is, at the same time, particularly valuable and particularly difficult. Going “into the field” to observe, interview actors, and collect documents sometimes is the only way to obtain valid information on oppositional movements or armed groups. Yet, conflict-ridden environments also entail particular obstacles and responsibilities for the researcher as well as particular risks for local partners and research-subjects.

This lecture discusses some of the challenges of fieldwork in the context of violent conflicts or authoritarian regimes. After analyzing how different conflict-settings can entail very different issues of security and problems with respect to access, field relationships, and ethical challenges, we take a closer look at a number of core-elements of doing field-research in violent settings:

- (1) Negotiating access, building networks, establishing trust;
- (2) “Key informants,” gate-keepers, and intermediaries
- (3) Challenges for research design and sampling
- (4) Ethical issues: Informed consent, protecting participants
- (5) Personal security

Participants are encouraged to prepare questions on their own research design and share personal experiences they had while doing research in the field.

Reading List:

Bernhard, Russell H. (2006). *Research Methods in Anthropology. Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches* (4th ed.) (Lanham/New York: Altamira Press); Chapter 13: Participant Observation.

Cohen, Nissim, and Arieli, Tamar (2011). “Field Research in Conflict Environments: Methodological Challenges and Snowball Sampling,” *Journal of Peace Research* 48(4): 423–35.

Fielding, Nigel (2007). “Working in Hostile Environments,” in Clive Seale, Giampietro Gobo, Jaber F. Gubrium, and David Silverman (eds), *Qualitative Research Practice*. London: Sage, pp. 236–48.

Kovats-Bernat, J. Christopher (2002). “Negotiating Dangerous Fields: Pragmatic Strategies for Fieldwork amid Violence and Terror,” *American Anthropologist* 104(1): 208–22.

Malthaner, Stefan, (2014). *Fieldwork in the Context of Violent Conflict and Authoritarian Regimes*. In Donatella della Porta (Ed.), *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research* (Oxford University Press).

Mazurana, Dyan, and Gale, Lacey Andrews (2013). "Preparing for Research in Active Conflict Zones," in Dyan Mazurana, Karen Jacobsen, and Lacey Gale (eds), *Research Methods in Conflict Settings: A View from Below*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 277-292.

Nilan, Pamela (2002). "'Dangerous Fieldwork' Re-Examined: The Question of Researcher Subject Position," *Qualitative Research* 2(3): 363–86.

Nordstrom, Carolyn, and Robben, Antonius C. G. M. (1995). *Fieldwork under Fire: Contemporary Studies of Violence and Survival*. Berkeley/Los Angeles: University of California Press.

Sluka, Jeffrey (1995). "Reflections on Managing Danger in Fieldwork: Dangerous Anthropology in Belfast," in Nordstrom and Robben (eds), pp. 276–94.

Sluka, Jeffrey (2007). "Fieldwork Conflicts, Hazards and Dangers," in Robben and Sluka (eds), *Ethnographic Fieldwork*, pp. 217-221

Tuesday, June 11

LECTURE:
Participatory Action Research

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This seminar will engage with Participatory Action Research (PAR) which refers to a collaborative process of research, education and action explicitly oriented towards social transformation. Challenging the traditionally hierarchical relationship between research and action, this approach seeks to replace an extractive model of social research with one in which research emerges and develops in direct relation with the communities involved. It involves researchers and participants working together and producing a 'third space' in which they collectively 'action' research so as to understand a situation and change it.

As a result, the relationship between PAR and Social Movements cannot but be direct and organic, yet remains underexplored: the first part will briefly map the history of PAR, methods used, ethics engaged, as well as its relationship with militant research, feminist critique, and participatory design; during the main part of the seminar, we will present, think of and discuss specific examples of PAR in grassroots movements so as to sketch its enormous possibilities but also limitations; at the end, participants will collectively draft our own manifesto of PAR and Social Movements.

Essential readings

Kindon, S., R. Pain, & Kesby, M. (2007). Participatory Action Research, Origins, Approaches and Methods. In Kindon, R. Pain, & Kesby, M. (2007). *Participatory action research approaches and methods: connecting people, participation and place*. London: Routledge, pp. 9-18.

Chatterton, P., Fuller, D., & Routledge, P. (2007). Relating action to activism: Theoretical and methodological reflections. In S. Kindon, R. Pain, & Kesby, M. (2007). *Participatory action research approaches and methods: connecting people, participation and place*. London: Routledge, pp 216-222.

Fuster Morell, M. (2009). Action research: mapping the nexus of research and political action. *Interface. A Journal for and about Social Movements*, 1(1), 21–45.

Suggested readings

Pain, R. et al., *Participatory Action Research Toolkit: An Introduction to Using PAR as an Approach to Learning, Research and Action*, <http://communitylearningpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/PARtoolkit.pdf>

Geraldine Pratt in collaboration with the Philippine Women Centre of BC and Ugnayan Kabataany Pilipino sa Canada/Filipino- Canadian Youth Alliance, (2007). Working with migrant communities: collaborating with the Kalayaan Centre in Vancouver, Canada. In S. Kindon, R. Pain, & Kesby, M. (2007). *Participatory action research approaches and methods: connecting people, participation and place*, London: Routledge, pp 95-103.

Vlachokyriakos et. al. (2018) Infrastructuring the Solidarity Economy: Unpacking Strategies and Tactics in Designing Social Innovation. In: [CHI '18](#) *Proceedings of the 2018 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*. Paper No. 481, 1-12. New York: ACM

Dimmond et al. (2013) Hollaback!: the role of storytelling online in a social movement organization. In *CSCW '13 Proceedings of the 2013 conference on Computer supported cooperative work*, pp. 477-490. Texas, USA

Wednesday, June 12

LECTURE:
Methods in Historical Enquiry: the Case of Archival Research

LORENZO BOSI



Contentious politics has been studied by historians and historical cases of collective action have been the interest of social scientists. However, methodological reflections on historical enquiry in social movement research are rare, often concentrating on providing social movement scholars with categories of historical sources useful for recovering past protest and lists of depositories where such sources might be found. In this lesson we focus instead on the practical problems social movement scholars are bound to encounter when using archival data.

Readings

Lorenzo Bosi and Herbert Reiter (2014) "Historical Methodologies: Archival Research and Oral History in Social Movement Research" in Donatella Della Porta (eds.) *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 117-143.

English, Richard. 2016. *Does Terrorism Work?* Introduction. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Wednesday, June 12

LECTURE:

Online tools and digital methods for the study of participation and mobilization

DIEGO CECCOBELLI



The class focuses on two different topics. First, it presents some of the main online tools for mining data from social media, such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Then, it identifies the effects of the Cambridge Analytica scandal on digital data downloading tools, showing the new limitations imposed by digital platforms for accessing their data. Here, the Netvizz app is used as the main example for detecting what data can be downloaded and what not from Facebook, before and after this critical juncture.

Compulsory readings

Rieder, B. (2013, May). Studying Facebook via data extraction: the Netvizz application. In Proceedings of the 5th annual ACM web science conference (pp. 346-355). ACM.

Rogers, R. (2018). Social Media Research After the Fake News Debacle. *Partecipazione e Conflitto*, 11(2), 557-570.

Suggested readings

Rogers, R. (2013). *Digital methods*. MIT press.

Stoycheff, E., Liu, J., Wibowo, K. A., & Nanni, D. P. (2017). What have we learned about social media by studying Facebook? A decade in review. *New Media & Society*, 19(6), 968-980.

Obar, J. A. (2014). Canadian advocacy 2.0: An analysis of social media adoption and perceived affordances by advocacy groups looking to advance activism in Canada. *Canadian Journal of Communication*, 39(2), 211-233.

Bossetta, M. (2018). The digital architectures of social media: Comparing political campaigning on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat in the 2016 US election. *Journalism & mass communication quarterly*, 95(2), 471-496.

Eppler, M. J. (2006). A comparison between concept maps, mind maps, conceptual diagrams, and visual metaphors as complementary tools for knowledge construction and sharing. *Information visualization*, 5(3), 202-210.

Thursday, June 13

LECTURE:
Social Network Analysis: How and When in Social Movement Research?

MANUELA CAIANI



The session gives an introduction to the SNA method and the applications of it most commonly used in the social and political sciences. The objective is to provide an encompassing illustration of the technique (and approach), at the macro, meso and micro analytical level. Addressing issues like the consistency between the research puzzle and the SNA methods, the combination of qualitative and quantitative version of it; the choice of the indicators, etc. The practical details of the method will be demonstrated with the help of examples and exercises drawn from empirical research.

Compulsory readings

Manuela Caiani (2014) Social Network Analysis. In: Donatella della Porta (ed.) *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 368-396.

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

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

Thursday, June 13

LECTURE:
Big data in the study of political participation and mobilization

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Big Data are an increasingly relevant resource for studying citizens' political participation. The extensive amount of information, the rapidity with which it is produced, and the variety of aspects that can be grasped through its analysis allow to gain new understandings in the areas of political campaigning, electoral support, and grassroots mobilization. However, like any other source of data, big data are not neutral: ontological, epistemological, and methodological aspects need to be taken into consideration throughout the research process. In this introductory class, main aspects of big data employment for the study of political participation will be addressed, paying attention to both potentials and risks of

analytical techniques based on big data; but also to big data as an object of political studies in their own right.

Mandatory Readings:

Mattoni, A. & Pavan, E. (2018). "Politics, political participation and big data. Introductory reflections on the ontological, epistemological, and methodological aspects of a complex relationship". *Partecipazione e Conflitto*, Issue 11(2): 313-331

Wagner-Pacifci, R., Mohr, J.W. & Breiger, R.L. (2015). Ontologies, methodologies, and new uses of Big Data in the social and cultural sciences. *Big Data & Society*. July–December 2015: 1–11

Recommended readings:

Pavan, E. & Mainardi, A. (2018). Striking, Marching, Tweeting. Studying how online networks change together with movements. *Partecipazione e Conflitto*, 11(2):394-422

González-Bailón S., J. Borge-Holthoefer, and Y. Moreno (2013), "Broadcasters and Hidden Influentials in Online Protest Diffusion", *American Behavioral Scientist*, 57(7): 943–965.

Ceron, A. & d'Adda, G. (2016). "E-campaigning on Twitter: The effectiveness of distributive promises and negative campaign in the 2013 Italian election". *New Media and Society*, 18(9)

Milan, S. & Treré, E. (2019). Big Data from the South(s): Beyond Data Universalism. *Television and New Media*, 20(4)

Friday, June 14

KEYNOTE SPEECH:
**Street Citizens: Protest Politics and Social Movement Activism
in the Age of Globalization**

MARCO GIUGNI



What are protest politics and social movement activism today? What are their main features? To what extent can street citizens be seen as a force driving social and political change? Through analyses of original survey data on activists themselves, Marco Giugni and Maria T. Grasso explain the character of contemporary protest politics that we see today - the diverse motivations, social characteristics, values and networks that draw activists to engage politically to tackle the pressing social problems of our time. The study analyzes left-wing protest culture as well as the characteristics of protest politics, from the motivations of street citizens to how they become engaged in demonstrations to the causes they defend and the issues they promote, from their mobilizing structures to their political attitudes and values, as well as other key aspects such as their sense of identity within social movements, their perceived effectiveness, and the role of emotions for protest participation.

Readings:

Giugni, Marco and Maria Grasso (2019). *Street Citizens: Protest Politics and Social Movement Activism in the Age of Globalization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Eggert, Nina and Marco Giugni (2012). "The Homogenization of 'Old' and 'New' Social Movements: A Comparison of Participants in May Day and Climate Change Demonstrations. *Mobilization*: 17: 335-348.

van Aelst, Peter, and Stefaan Walgrave. 2001. "Who is That (Wo)man in the Street? From the Normalisation of Protest to the Normalisation of the Protester." *European Journal of Political Research* 39(4): 461–486.

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Europeanization, Oxford University Press, 2009; (ed.) *Another Europe*, Routledge, 2009; (ed.) *Democracy in Social Movements*, Palgrave, 2009; *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Sciences* (with M. Keating), Cambridge University Press; (with Gianni Piazza), *Voices from the Valley; Voices from the Street* Berghan, 2008; *The Global Justice Movement*, Paradigm, 2007; (with M. Andretta, L. Mosca and H. Reiter), *Globalization from Below*, The University of Minnesota Press; (with A. Peterson and H. Reiter), *The policing transnational protest*, Ashgate 2006; (with M. Diani), *Social Movements: an introduction*, 2nd edition, Blackwell, 2006; (with S. Tarrow), *Transnational Protest and Global Activism*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2005.

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Workers Mobilize (Ashgate 2012) and her work has been published in several international journals, including *Communication Theory*, *European Journal of Communication*, *Information Communication & Society*, *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, and *Social Movement Studies*.

Stefania Milan is Associate Professor of New Media at the University of Amsterdam. Her work explores the intersection of digital technology, governance and political participation, with a focus on radical internet and data practices. Stefania is the Principal Investigator of two projects funded by the European Research Council: DATACTIVE, studying the evolution of political participation vis-à-vis datafication and surveillance (data-activism.net), and ALEX, investigating the role of personalization algorithms in political polarization (algorithms.exposed). She is the author of *Media/Society* (Sage, 2011) and *Social Movements and Their Technologies: Wiring Social Change* (Palgrave, 2013/2016).

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