Workshop

Social Movements in Times of Financial Crises

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Friday 4 May 2012, 10:00 - 13:00
Monday 7 May 2012, 09:30 - 17:00

Theatre, Badia Fiesolana
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As protest spread from the Middle East to Southern Europe and the United States, 2011 has been celebrated in the media as the year of social movements. As it is often the case with each new wave of contention, the innovations in the mobilization forms, organizational structure, communication and framing adopted by these movements worldwide came to the fore. Nevertheless, the protests have also shown some continuity with previous social movements (especially, with the global justice movement) as well as the specific national characteristics of the social movements.

In this workshop, some results of first empirical research and theoretical interpretations on this new wave of protest will be presented, with particular attention to cross-national and transnational diffusion, forms of protest and organization, communication strategies.
Session 1. May 4, 10:00 - 13:00
Teije Donkers (EUI), *Hijacking the Uprisings? The role of trans-national Islamist movements in the Arab Spring*
Eduardo Romanos, (Computense Madrid), *The Indignados movement in Spain*
Donagh Davis (EUI), *Out of retirement for one last job: Activist veterans and 'spontaneous' mobilisation at Occupy Oakland*

Session 2. May 7, 9:30 - 12:30
Doug McAdam (Stanford University), *Social movements against financial crises*
Daniel Ritter (EUI), *The role of international contexts on domestic revolutionary struggles*
Donatella della Porta (EUI), Lorenzo Mosca (Univerity of Roma 3) and Louisa Parks (EUI), *2011: A year of protest against the financial crisis in Italy*

Session 3. May 7, 13:30 – 17:00
Mayo Fuster (Harvard), *From digital commons to society commons: The role of the Free Culture and Digital Commons movement in the genealogy of the Indignate mobilizations in Spain*
Alice Mattoni (Pittsburg), *Spaces and places of struggle. Some thoughts on the Occupy Wall Street protests*
Donatella della Porta (EUI), *Desperately seeking politics: protesting for social rights in Italy*
Fabrizio Bernardi (EUI), *Conclusion*