



Max Weber Multidisciplinary Workshop

Challenging Injustice: The Ethics and Modalities of Political Engagement

MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2016

Max Weber Common Room

Abstract:

Political agents are subject to, participate in, and witness, severe injustice within their states and across borders. This workshop will explore the ethics and modalities of political engagement directed against injustice. The aim is to look beyond voting, elections and the formal avenues of redress to address oppositional forms of political engagement undertaken by citizens and non-citizen residents. In bringing together the tools and methods of political science, political theory and history, this workshop will explore how different approaches can inform and support one another in their analysis of the same questions and controversies.

Programme:

9.45–10.45: "*Leonard Matlovich: (Problematic) Gay Rights Hero.*"

Dr Simon Hall (Senior Lecturer in American History, University of Leeds)

Discussant: Dr Zsofia Lorand, MWP, HEC

10.45–11.30: "*Political engagement and the possible risks to democracy.*"

Dr Christine Hobden (MWF, SPS)

Discussant: Professor Richard Bellamy, Director, MWP

COFFEE

12.00–12.45: "*Rethinking the ANC's 'turn to armed struggle' in South Africa, 1946-1965.*"

Dr Simon Stevens (MWF, HEC)

Discussant: Dr Muriam Haleh Davis, MWF, HEC

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13.45–14.30: "*Protest, Coercion, and the Limits of an Appeal to Justice*"

Dr Guy Aitchison (MWF, SPS)

Discussant: Rutger Birnie, PhD Researcher, SPS

14.30–15.30: "*Framing justice and injustice: moral discourses in antiausterity protests*"

Professor Donatella della Porta (Director of Centre of Social Movements Studies, Scuola Normale Superiore)

Discussant: Cynthia Salloum, MWF, SPS

COFFEE

16.00–17.00: "*In defence of political rioting*"

& Dr Avia Pasternak (Lecturer in Global Ethics, University College London)

Discussant: Professor Rainer Bauböck, SPS

All are welcome to attend. The discussion will be based on papers pre-circulated to registered participants. [Click here](#) to register.