

Social Movements in Europe

Thursdays, 12:15–13:45 h

Unicom Building, Room 4680

1) Aims

Political protest and social movements are today pervasive features of contemporary societies. Social movement politics have become increasingly routinized and an institutionalized element of contemporary politics. But the European multi-level governance systems is often seen as a particular challenge to civil society actors which usually are firmly rooted in their national contexts of mobilization and support.

In this course, we will take a closer look at political protests in Europe. Are we witnessing a Europeanization of social movements? Does protest in Europe address European issues? Or does it merely use the European stage to influence national policy processes? How can the differences in relation to forms and scope of protest among European countries be explained? The course will start with an assessment of the relevant theoretical and empirical literature. We will then focus on recent protest mobilizations and try to answer the question to which extent we witness a Europeanization of protest, and where and when social movements were able to influence policy-making at the European level.

2) Course Requirements

This Bachelor course introduces into the field of social movement research and explores in more detail the issue of protest and social movements in Europe. Students are expected to read the required literature, as it builds the basis for collective discussion in the course. All participants have to present in at least one session information about theories of social movements, research methods, or case studies. Students can decide whether they will develop a small empirical research project or address a theoretical question in their term paper.

To receive your credit point it is required to

- regularly participate in the course
- give a PowerPoint presentation
- write a term paper until 15 March 2016

3) Course Schedule

1 15.10.15 Introduction

2 22.10.15 Contention in an Emerging Polity

- Imig, Doug, and Sidney Tarrow (2001): Studying Contention in an Emerging Policy, in: Doug Imig und Sidney Tarrow (eds.), *Contentious Europeans*, Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, S. 3–26.

- 3 29.10.15 Europeanization from Below?**
- della Porta, Donatella, and Manuela Caiani (2009): *Social Movements and Europeanization*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, Ch 1.
- 4 5.11.15 Theories of Social Movements**
- della Porta, Donatella, and Mario Diani (2006): *Social Movements. An Introduction*, 2nd Aufl. Malden, MA: Blackwell, Ch 1.
 - McCarthy, John D., und Mayer N. Zald (1977): *Resource Mobilization and Social Movements. A Partial Theory*, in: *American Journal of Sociology* 82(6): 1212–1241.
 - Kriesi, Hanspeter (1995): *The Political Opportunity Structure of New Social Movements: Its Impact on Their Mobilization*, in: J. Craig Jenkins und Bert Klandermans (eds.), *The Politics of Social Protest*, Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, S. 167–198.
 - Melucci, Alberto (1995): *The Process of Collective Identity*, in: Hank Johnston und Bert Klandermans (eds.), *Social Movements and Culture*, London: Routledge, S. 41–64.
- 5 12.11.15 Farmers**
- Bush, Evelyn, and Pete Simi (2001): *European Farmers and Their Protests*, in: Doug Imig and Sidney Tarrow (eds.), *Contentious Europeans*, Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, pp. 97–121.
- 6 19.11.15 Women**
- Helfferich, Barbara, and Felix Kolb (2001): *Multilevel Action Coordination in European Contentious Politics: The European Women’s Lobby*, in: Doug Imig and Sidney Tarrow (eds.), *Contentious Europeans*, Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, pp. 143–161.
- 7 26.11.15 Migrants**
- Monforte, Pierre (2014): *Europeanizing Contention. The Protest Against “Fortress Europe” in France and Germany*, New York: Berghahn, Ch. 1.
- 8 3.12.15 Methods of Social Movement Research**
- Andretta, Massimiliano, and Donatella della Porta (2014): *Surveying Protestors: Why and How*, in: Donatella della Porta (ed.), *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 309–334.
 - Lichterman, Paul (2002): *Seeing Structures Happen: Theory-Driven Participant Observation*, in: Bert Klandermans and Suzanne Staggenborg (eds.), *Methods of Social Movement Research, Social Movements, Protest, and Contention*, 16: University of Minnesota Press, pp. 118–145.
 - Caiani, Manuela (2014): *Social Network Analysis*, in: Donatella della Porta (ed.), *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 368–396.
 - Hutter, Swen (2014): *Protest Event Analysis and Its Offspring*, in: Donatella della Porta (ed.), *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 335–367.
 - Lindekilde, Lasse (2014): *Discourse and Frame Analysis: In-Depth Analysis of Qualitative Data in Social Movement Research*, in: Donatella della Porta (ed.), *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 195–227.

- Milan, Stefania (2014): The Ethics of Social Movement Research, in: Donatella della Porta (ed.), *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 446–464.
- Wagemann, Claudius (2014): Qualitative Comparative Analysis: What It Is, What It Does, and How It Works, in: Donatella della Porta (ed.), *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 43–66.

9 10.12.15 Mid Term Evaluation

- What have we learned so far?

10 17.12.15 Peace

- Walgrave, Stefaan, Dieter Rucht, and Peter Van Aelst (2010): New Activists or Old Leftists?: The Demographics of Protesters, in: Stefaan Walgrave and Dieter Rucht (eds.), *The World Says No to War: Demonstrations Against the War on Iraq*, Minneapolis, MN: U of Minnesota Press, pp. 78–97.

11 14.1.16 Social Fora

- Doerr, Nicole (2010): Exploring Cosmopolitan and Critical Europeanist Discourses in the ESF Process as a Transnational Public Space, in: Simon Teune (ed.), *The transnational condition. Protest dynamics in an entangled Europe*, New York: Berghahn Books, pp. 89–110.

12 21.1.16 Right Wing Extremism

- Klandermans, Bert, and Nonna Mayer, eds. (2005): *Extreme Right Activists in Europe: Through the Magnifying Glass*, London u.a.: Routledge.

13 28.1.16 Intellectual Property Rights

- Dür, Andreas, and Gemma Mateo (2014): Public opinion and interest group influence: how citizen groups derailed the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, in: *Journal of European Public Policy* 21(8): 1199–1217.

14 4.2.16 Closing Session