

PROTEST, DISOBEDIENCE, OR CONSTITUENT POWER? EMERGING COUNTER-NARRATIVES FOR TRANSNATIONAL CONSTITUENCIES



Transnational social movements and campaigns, in reacting to the varieties of cross-border domination, have described their activities in the traditional vocabularies of political protest: as opposition, contestation, disobedience, or, in more vigorous conflicts, as dissidence, resistance, insurgency, or rebellion. In contrast, the emergence of the 'global constitutionalist' paradigm in international law and politics has seen a renewed interest in the category of constituent power. Transnational initiatives such as DiEM25 and the World Social Forum have begun to frame their activities in a 'constitutive' and less in a 'reactive' language. The workshop aims to assess and compare the features and the various strengths and weaknesses of the respective languages of critique and constitution.

Programme

09.45-10.00 Welcome & Introduction

10.00-12.00 Languages of Critique and Constitution

- Christopher Daase/Nicole Deitelhoff (Frankfurt/M.)
- Peter Niesen (Hamburg)
- Comments: Antje Wiener (Hamburg)

12.00-13.00 Lunch Break

13.00-16.00 Varieties of Extraordinary Politics

- Robin Celikates (Amsterdam)
- Bill Scheuerman (Indiana)
- Markus Patberg (Hamburg)
- Comments: Thorsten Thiel (Frankfurt)

16.30-18.30 Self-Activation of New Collectives

- Christian Volk (Berlin)
- Isabell Lorey (Kassel)
- Comments: Frieder Vogelmann (Bremen)



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