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FIRST DAY [THURSDAY 21 JULY]

Hours are in the British Summer Time Zone (UK Time)

8:30 – 8:45

Access to the virtual conference platform and informal checking in

8:45 – 9:00

Welcoming remarks

Liana Maria Daher, RC48 President, University of Catania

Professor Barry Percy-Smith, Director [Just Futures Centre](#), The University of Huddersfield

9:00 – 10:00

Keynote session

Chair: Liana Maria Daher, University of Catania

‘Social movements in critical junctures: mobilizing in pandemic times’

[Donatella Della Porta](#), The Scuola Normale Superiore

‘Social movements during the pandemic. Solidarity, cosmovisions, and social change’

[Geoffrey Pleyers](#), University of Louvain

10:00 – 10:15

Break

10:15 – 11:15

Session 1: Workers, farmers and retirees during the pandemic

Chair: Camilo Tamayo Gomez, The University of Huddersfield

Casual workers, resilience, and everyday modes of negotiations: A study of the leather industry in the pandemic era

Abhishek Dwivedi, South Asian University

2020 – 2021 Farmers' movement and the dynamics of authoritarianism in India

Rajesh Misra, The University Lucknow

Paying pandemics with retirement savings. How to dismantle Chilean neoliberal antidotes?

Natalia Miranda, University of Louvain

11:15 – 11:30

Break

11:30 – 12:30

Session 2: Rights of minorities, rights of the future

Chair: TBA

The new American diaspora and their global rights to the city in Mexico City

Antonio Alejo, University of A Coruña

Policing, abolition, and civil liberties - social movement organising in England and

Wales during Covid

Gargi Bhattacharyya, Monica Bernos Llanos, and Iyiola Solanke - University of East London and University of Leeds

Mobilization without opportunity: The UK's 2020 Black Lives protests

Benjamin Abrams, University College London

Different practices of imagining and embodying solidarity for a decolonial climate justice in Montreal

Zainab El Guerrab and Sophie Van Neste, Institut national de la recherche scientifique - Centre Urbanisation Culture Société

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 14:30

Session 3: Youth activism and mobilisations

Chair: Liana Maria Daher

Should I believe my government? A feminist ethnography of the youth movement of Aliansi Rakyat Bergerak 2019-2022

Arie Setyaningrum Pamungkas, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta

Hashtag student activism: a digital ethnography of student mobilizations during the pandemic in Delhi University, India

Soumodip Sinha Delhi, University of Delhi

Pandemic activism and backstage communication practices

Angela Chukunzira, University of Johannesburg

14:30 – 14:45

Break

14:45 – 15:45

Session 4: Mobilisations, strikes, and protests

Chair: Benjamín Tejerina, Universidad del País Vasco

Representation of inequality in an armed context. The case of the 2013 National Agrarian Strike in Colombia.

Juan Camilo Portela, Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila

Demanding matters: The triangle of contention in rural India (the NREGA, the SEZ, and the Naxalites)

M. Fuat Kına, Koç University

Analysing the 2021 Colombian protests: collective actions, bodies of resistance, and solidarity

Camilo Tamayo Gomez, The University of Huddersfield

15:45 – 16:00

Break

16:00 – 17:00

Session 5: Vaccine nationalism, economic crisis, and social justice

Chair: Benjamín Tejerina, Universidad del País Vasco

A failed state and a social movement's success: a critique of South Africa's vaccine rollout in a global context

Kate Alexander, University of Johannesburg

Post-pandemic framing possibilities for the global left? Progressive international and vaccine internationalism

Valérie L'Heureux, Concordia University

The role and initiatives of the Homeless Workers' Movement (MTST) in the effort to dispute the meanings of the social and economic crisis present in pandemic Brazil

Luisa Santiago Vieira Souto, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio) and Université catholique de Louvain

Solidarity and mutualism the call out for social justice

Aide Esu and Valeria Dessì, University of Cagliari

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‘The 'dreamers of a new day'? reflections on the pandemic and women's activism’

[Gemma Edwards](#)

‘Social movements, global crisis and local politics: Reviewing 2011 as a historical turning point of the political arena’

[Lev Grinberg](#)

‘Geopolitics of the pandemic, struggles for the future and socio-ecological transitions’

[Breno Bringel](#)

10:00 – 10:15

Break

10:15 – 11:15

Session 6: Covid-19, skepticism, boycotts, and epistemic activism

Chair: TBA

COVID 19 as a rhetorical shield: cultural boycotts and the case of the 2022 Sydney Festival

Randa Abdel-Fattah, Macquarie University, Sydney

“Long Covid-skepticism” in Ireland in the “post-pandemic” era

Shaun McDaid, The University of Huddersfield

Arts-based research in social sciences as epistemic activism in post-pandemic
setting: a proposal based on Stato Vegetale case study

Nicoletta Cappello, University of Catania

11:15 – 11:30

Break

11:30 – 12:30

*Session 7: Envisaging a post-pandemic society in multi-layered crises: the Italian
political laboratory*

Chair: Paola Rebughini (University of Milan) and Lidia Lo Schiavo (University of
Messina)

Solidarity between neighbours as a local response to the pandemic emergency.
An exploratory study in the city of Florence

Francesca Bianchi, University of Siena

Young people's social and political activism: envisioning post pandemic society

Lidia Lo Schiavo, University of Messina

Practicing a new future: young women as political subjects in ecofeminist
movement

Ilaria Pitti, University of Bologna

Contagious freedom: Far right, trust, and individualism in late modern society
Emanuele Toscano, University Marconi Rome

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 14:30

Session 8: Local protest, identity, and social movements

Chair: TBA

Identity, subjectivity, and the clash of social movements

Lauren Langman, Loyola University of Chicago

Changing patterns of cultural symbols in a protest movement and COVID-19
period: A study of villages of western Uttar Pradesh

Meghna Arora, Vardhaman College, Bijnor

Elements of a movement forming in South Africa's local protest: Evidence from
Cape Town.

Kenny Chiwarawara, University of Johannesburg

14:30 – 14:45

Break

14:45 – 16:15

Session 9: Radical social collective action in the pre- and post-pandemic periods

Chair: Liana Maria Daher, University of Catania

Violent extremism and new collective actors in a syndemic society

Francesco Antonelli, Santina Musolino, Valeria Rosato – Università degli Studi
“Roma Tre”

Digital extremism reinventing the future? Challenges to the sociology of social
movements

Kevin MacDonald, Middlesex University

Assessing the threat of Covid 19-related right-extremism in western democracies

Maria do Céu Pinto Arena, University of Minho

Micro-meso-macro dimensions of religious extremism through the lens of social
movement studies

Liana Maria Daher, Augusto Gamuzza, Anna Maria Leonora, University of Catania

No-Vax and No-Green pass demonstrations: new and growing waves of extremist
protest in Italy

Giorgia Mavica, Davide Nicolosi, Alessandra Scieri, University of Catania

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Closing Remarks