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The Newsletter of the Research Committee on
Social Movements, Collective Action and
Social Change (RC48)

PhD Workshop Programme

9.00-9.15	Welcome and opening of the PhD workshop: Tova Benski, R48 President
Session 1	Chairs: Liana M. Daher , University of Catania, and Anna Domaradzka , University of Warsaw.
9.15-9.30	Chungse Jung . <i>World-Historical Structure and Dynamics of Protest Waves in the Global South, 1875-2014</i> . Binghamton University, USA.
9.30-9.35	Discussant: Camilo Tamayo Gomez , University of Leeds.
9.35-10.00	Open Discussion
10.00-10.15	Joelle Dussault . <i>Alternative City: Possibilities and Limits of Prefiguration in Urban Mobilizations</i> . Université du Quebec, Montreal.
10.15-10.20	Discussant: Anna Domaradzka , University of Warsaw
10.20-10.45	Open Discussion
10.45-11.15	Coffee break
11.15-11.30	Mark Stevenson Curry . <i>Policy Capture and Redeployment under Global Neoliberalism: Conditional Cash Transfers, Social Movements and the 2016 Political Sea Change in Brazil and the Philippines</i> . NUI Galway, Ireland
11:30-11.35	Discussant: James Goodman , University of Technology, Australia
11:35-12.00	Open Discussion
12.00-12.15	Natalia Miranda . <i>Activism transformation in the post-2011 Chile. The case of the "No más Afp" movement</i> . Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.
12.15-12.20	Discussant: Tova Benski , The College of Management Academic Studies.
12.20-12.45	Open Discussion
12.45-13.00	Mikhailova Oxana . <i>Social network approach to radical social movements discourse reproduction in the case of Russian Lesbian feminist discourse</i> . National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
13.00-13.05	Discussant: Liana M. Daher , University of Catania
13.00-13.30	Open Discussion
13.30-14.30	Lunch break
Session 2	Chairs: Anna Domaradzka , University of Warsaw, and Camilo Tamayo Gómez , University of Leeds
14.30-14.45	Ruchira Talukdar . <i>Are new environmental movements bridging the North-South divide? A comparison of Australia and India</i> . University of Technology Sydney

PhD Workshop Participants



Participants at the Second PhD Workshop ISA – RC48, Canada.

PhD Workshop Participants' impressions

I participated in the workshop organized by RC 48 in July 2018. This was an amazing experience. My paper, which was titled “Social network approach to radical social movements discourse reproduction in the case of Russian Lesbian feminist discourse”, was devoted to the social network analysis of spread of radical social movement ideologies. The project was conducted using mixed methods. The qualitative analysis of texts from social network “VK” and interviews was combined with quantitative content analysis and SNA. The presentation was more detailed than the paper and I got useful comments on it. Now I am working further on my paper and took into account the given advice. I also have heard six other talented PHD students presenting their work. Chungse Jung from Binghamton University, USA told us about his analytical project: “World-Historical Structure and Dynamics of Protest Waves in the Global South, 1875-2014”. Although, the attempt to

analyse protests through the newspapers was the ambitious one, some issues concerning the validity of results arose. These problems were not unique for Chungse Jung, several researchers on the ISA conference also did not pay attention on the biasness of their analytical results because of the limited number of the newspapers that they used to extract data.

Dussault Joëlle from Université du Quebec, Montreal presented the paper on the topic «Alternative City: Possibilities and Limits of Prefiguration in Urban Mobilizations». Her project was on the beginning stage and she needed the inspirations to produce more work on her topic, the presentation was fresh and full of insights. It will be very exciting to see what shape will take her project in the next years. Mark Stevenson Curry from NUI Galway, Ireland gave a speech on the “Policy Capture and Redeployment under Global Neoliberalism: Conditional Cash Transfers, Social Movements and the 2016 Political Sea Change in Brazil and the Philippines”. His usage of terms and conceptions was perfect but the text was too thick and needed reorganization. Natalia Miranda in the presentation “Activism transformation in the post-2011 Chile. The case of the “No más Afp” movement. Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.” proposed her classification of social movements which was based both on her empirical work and on theoretical comparisons of the types of social movements. Her work was matching with the current debates on the social movement definition and on the role of social media in collective action.

Ruchira Talukdar from the University of Technology Sydney, Australia with the paper called “Are new environmental movements bridging the North-South divide? A comparison of Australia and India” was very accurate with her work on the environmental movements, activist experience helped her to be deeply involved in the project. Shira Rivnai –Bahir from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev whose presentation was titled “A Transparent collective: The features of anonymity or non-anonymity in the field of digital activism” told participants of the workshop about the meaning of anonymization in the digital activism, her presentation was promising and unusual. Tova Benski, Anna Domarazkaya, Liana Daher and James Goodman actively participated in the discussions in the topic. I hope that the participants will improve their works basing on the comments they go.

Report by Oxana Mikhailova



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“There is no doubt that for both a PhD candidate and for a senior researcher, a professional community of researchers is an essential and productive element. The RC48 Ph.D. Workshop attended in July certainly generated this kind of encounter between social movement researchers. The atmosphere during the day was friendly and professional at the same time and constituted a safe ground for creating professional connections. More important, each participant was given the opportunity and sufficient time to present the article and to receive substantial, in-depth and to a great extent innovative, feedback from one of the senior researchers as well as from the rest of the participants. In addition, although this is a workshop under the umbrella of sociology and more specifically under theories of social movements, participants came from a wide range of countries and areas of practice. This has allowed us to develop discussions from a variety of perspectives that have enabled young researchers to discover points of view, ways of thinking and interpretations that have so far out of their sight. In addition, the workshop and the relationships that were formed did not remain in the room, but rather continued to develop and become significant during the rest of the conference through random meetings, discussions, and ideas for cooperation”.

Shira Rivnai-Bahir Search

“The second PhD Workshop organised by the RC48 in Toronto was a great experience for me, as much in my particular thesis work as in my personal academic career. It was a pleasant space to show my research to recognised

worldwide academics in social movements studies, and to get significant remarks about my doctoral route, theoretical approach, findings and discussion, which have had a definitively impact in my work. I highlight the post-presentation moment as well, enabling a fruitful conversation between RC48 academics, other PhDs students and me, sharing interests and challenges which clearly connected with my own reflections about my work. Both instances were highly significant in order to think myself for the next steps of my research, and my future career as an academic and researcher. I would really encourage prospective PhD students to do not miss this great opportunity, and participate in the next PhD Workshop organised by RC48”.

Natalia Miranda



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“The RC48 PhD workshop, held on July 14, 2018 in Toronto (Canada) for the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, was a great opportunity to present my research concerning urban social movements and prefiguration. We had to provide in advance a 4,000 words paper on our subject so that researchers and PhD scholars could comment it. It gave me the chance to benefit from feedbacks and suggestions from well-known academics in social movement analysis. It was particularly interesting to benefit from different points of view and expertise concerning this field of research. PhD students could surely appreciate the workshop as well with a shorter text to produce, especially if there is no collective publication following the workshop. The

workshop covered insightfully current issues in social movement analysis such as epistemological and methodological questions. Having the workshop at the beginning of the congress was a good idea as it gave me time to process the suggestions I received and to discuss it again with researchers and the other PhD students I met. Finally, it was a pleasure to meet such interesting colleagues with whom I can keep contact for further occasions”.

Joëlle Dussault

“The PhD workshop helped me sharpen my methods. I had been writing my two sections of the thesis, one the political economy of coal in India and Australia, and the other, a historical analysis of anti-coal movements, separately and independently before that. The dialectical process of movement generation as a framework for analysing both coal political and social movements came out of feedback and discussions at the PhD seminar. For that I am very thankful!”

Ruchira Talukdar