ICDD Workshop

Where have all the classes gone?
Collective action and social struggles in a global context

3 - 4 December 2015
University of Kassel (Germany)

Preliminary Program

Thursday, 3 December 2015

09:00 – 10:00  Registration [Senatssaal – Entrance Area]

10:00 – 10:30  Welcome
Christoph Scherrer, ICDD Executive Director, University of Kassel (tbc)
Verna Viajar and Aishah Namukasa, ICDD, University of Kassel

10:30 – 11:30  Keynote: What's class got to do with it?
Theorizing social movement(s) today
Emma Dowling, Middlesex University

Moderator: Jorge Forero, ICDD, University of Kassel

11:30 – 11:45  Coffee and Tea
Session A (Senatssaal): Conceptualizing class, conceptualizing social movements

Moderator: Joaquín Bernáldez, ICDD, University of Kassel

Contentious politics, or permanent contention? Bringing class-based movement and workplace organization back into labour studies
Samuel Morecroft, University of Sheffield

Artisans of the world, unite? Maturing peasant movements and the search for cross-sectoral alliances
Louis Thiemann, Institute of Social Studies The Hague

The ontology of class: A critical realist reconstruction of Poulantzas
Alexander Gallas, ICDD, University of Kassel

Discussant: Emma Dowling, Middlesex University

Session B (Gießhaus): Social movements and political landscapes I

Moderator: Jongkil Kim, ICDD, University of Kassel

Demobilizing collective Action: Factionalism and patronage at local government level
Tatenda Mukwedeya, University of the Witwatersrand

Brazilian working classes between integration and disruption
Vladimir Puzone, University of Brasilia

Politics as dissent or politics as aberration? The impasse of student mobilization in Kolkata
Saikat Maitra, University of Göttingen

Discussant: Cenk Saracoglu, University of Ankara
13:30 – 14:45
Lunch

14:45 – 16:30
Session C (Senatssaal): Social movements and political landscapes II
Moderator: Joscha Wullweber, University of Kassel

Leaving Copenhagen and bringing class back into the question of democratization
Axel Gehring, Philipp University of Marburg

The June 2013 demonstrations in Brazil: the eclipsing of class politics?
Victor Strazzera, Free University of Berlin

Social movement challenges in Sudan: The case of land struggle
Salah Mahdi, Riyadh Chamber of Commerce (RDCCI)

Discussant: Christian Möllmann, ICDD, Kassel University

Session D (Gießhaus): Migrant worker struggles I
Moderator: Johanna Lauber, University of Bochum

Examining labor organizing strategies of migrant domestic workers in Malaysia: Limits of empowerment struggles
Verna Veijar, ICDD, University of Kassel

Reclaiming Migration
Ezgi Bagdadioglu, University of Campinas

Discussant: Gaochao He, ICDD, University of Kassel and Sun Yat-Sen University

16:30 – 17:00
Coffee and Tea
17:00 – 18:45

**Session E (Senatssaal): Women taking action: Experiences of Resistance and Empowerment**

**Moderator:** Oksana Balashova, ICDD, University of Kassel

Women workers' engagement in labor resistances: A case study of Istanbul’s garment industry  
*Gonul Duzer, GPE Alumni, University of Kassel*

Consciousness of resistance in collective and Koli woman labour in Mumbai: A saga unfolded  
*Nandita Mondal, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai*

Higher education and dalit women's identities: Experiences, struggles, and negotiations  
*Minal Sangole, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai*

**Discussant:** Christa Wichterich, Center for Gender Studies, Basel University

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**Session F (Gießhaus): Struggles beyond urban**

**Moderator:** Tamilla Tagieva, University of Kassel

Beyond the compound: Politics and sociality in the mining informal settlement of ‘Big House’ in Marikana  
*Melusi Nkomo, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva*

Countering farmworkers’ precarity with neo-liberalism? The Coalition of Immokalee Workers’ (CIW’s) struggles for fair food  
*Karin Astrid Siegmann, Erasmus University Rotterdam*

**Discussant:** Simone Claar, University of Kassel

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20:00

**Dinner**  
Restaurant Podium  
*Address: Kölnische Str. 34, Kassel*
Friday, 4 December 2015

09:15 – 10:15  
**Keynote:** A critical analysis of the mainstream theories and models of social movements and uprisings: Building blocks of an alternative approach  
*Cenk Saracoglu, University of Ankara*

**Moderator:** *Ismail Doga Karatepe, ICDD, University of Kassel*

10:15 – 10:45  
Coffee and Tea

10:45 – 12:30  
**Session G (Senatsaal): Territorial struggles:**  
Identity or class politics?  
*Moderator:* *Verónica Romanowski, University of Kassel*

(Re)connecting political economy and recognition: The case of "indigenous peoples" movement  
*Tathagato Ganguly, University of Hyderabad*

Peasant-indigenous struggles against extractivism in Argentina  
*Joaquín Bernáldez, ICDD, University of Kassel*

Communal territorial rights and the role of class, race, and ethnicity in recent agrarian struggles in Latin America  
*Jairo Baquero, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá*

Discussant: Anne Tittor, Bielefeld University

**Session H (Gießhaus): Struggles in urban settings**  
*Moderator:* *Ismail Doga Karatepe, ICDD, University of Kassel*

Class, identity, and urban movement building in Istanbul  
*Orhun Aras Koksal, Koç University Istanbul*
Collective action for housing and vending rights
Sarbeswara Sahoo, Global Informal Labor Institute, Ahmedabad

Discussant: Norma Tiedemann, University of Kassel and urban activist

12:30 – 13:45

Lunch

13:45 – 15:30

Session I (Senatssaal): Migrant worker struggles II
Moderator: Aishah Namukasa, ICDD, University of Kassel

Migration to the EU: Social Movement, resistance or class struggle?
Mark Bergfeld, Centre for Equality & Diversity, Queen Mary University of London

Resistance mechanisms of migrant domestic workers: A case study of Ukrainian migrant workers in Italy
Oksana Balashova, ICDD, University of Kassel

Discussant: Ayse Guclsik, University of Kassel

Session J (Gießhaus): Re-imagining trade unionism in an unraveling neoliberal world order
Moderator: Ia Eradze, University of Kassel

Organizing post-apartheid discontent: Social movement to insurgent unionism
Crispen Chinguno, ICDD, University of the Witwatersrand

Recovered imaginaries: Workers’ control and solidarity economies in Indonesia
Felix Hauf, Goethe University Frankfurt
What belongs together will grow together?: Current social movements and labour struggles in Portugal
Anne Engelhardt, University of Kassel

Discussant: Silke Van Dyk, University of Kassel

15:30 – 16:00
Coffee and Tea

16:00 – 17:45
Session K (Senatssaal): Industrial protests, strike waves, and worker mobilizations beyond trade unions
Moderator: Halya Semenyshyn, ICDD, University of Kassel

Claiming entitlements in ‘neoliberal’ India: Mumbai’s ex-millworkers’ political mobilization on the rehabilitation question
Sumeet Mhaskar, University of Göttingen

A long wave of strikes in South Africa: 1960-2014
Edward Cottle, Labour Research Service (LRS), South Africa

Collective bargaining and industrial unrest in China
Cheng Li, ICDD, University of Campinas

Discussant: Alexander Gallas, ICDD, University of Kassel

Session L (Gießhaus): Social movements and political landscapes III
Moderator: Nina Ulbrich, University of Kassel

Fractured citizenship and contestations of belonging in post-apartheid South Africa: Experiences of Duncan Village shantytown dwellers in Eastern Cape
Patricia Ndhlovu, University of Witwatersrand and Public Affairs Research Institute

The resilience of Islamist politics in the case of Turkey: Religion backed by patronage as an antidote to class-relevant conflicts
Ismail Doga Karatepe, ICDD, University of Kassel
Classes, state, and social forces: Bringing back the Marxist theory for the analysis of contemporary leftist governments in Latin America  
Jorge Forero, ICDD, University of Kassel  

Discussant: Jenny Simon, University of Kassel

17:45 – 18:00  
Coffee and Tea

18:00 – 18:30  
Conclusion  
Alexander Gallas and Oksana Balashova

18:30  
End of Program

Conference Venue:  
University of Kassel  
Senatssaal, Mönchebergstraße 3 (Registration Desk)  
Gießhaus, Mönchebergstraße 5  
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