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Panel Discussion: Clashes and Struggles! **What would a materialist social movement theory look like?**

Societal conflict and social movements are often studied in positivist, quantitative-oriented ways where questions of domination and hegemony are crowded out by focussing exclusively on resource mobilization or profit-maximizing rationalities. How could another social movement theory look like? One that is rooted in materialist concepts and analyses of society, taking into account the relation of movements to state, class, social reproduction and political economy? We invite you to debate this issue together with three experienced panelists who work on different aspects of this topic.

Thursday, 20. July
5.00 – 7:00 p.m.

Universität Kassel
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Moritzstraße 18, room 1112

Panel Speakers

Prof. Dr. Margit Mayer (a.D.), Berlin

Research on urban social movements, globalizing cities, local policies

Prof. Dr. John Kannankulam, Philipps-Universität Marburg

Research on materialist state theory, authoritarian neoliberalism, internationalisation of the state

Prof. Dr. Colin Barker, Manchester

Research on Marxism and social movements, labour struggles, protest and collective action