

The Sociology Program at St Mary's University College, Twickenham, London WW1 4SX would like to announce a planned one day conference planned for Friday 15th June 2012. We invite SUBMISSION OF CONFERENCE PAPER ABSTRACTS from academics/activists interested in giving a conference paper on anything related to the following - sociology and contemporary global social activism (see below).

Confirmed keynote speakers: Professor Nur Masalha; Dr Ana Dinnerstein, University of Bath; Dr Geoffrey Pleyers, University of Louvain.

Conference on sociology and contemporary global social activism

To invite papers on any aspect of the sociology of contemporary social activism relating to issues, debates and struggles for social justice and the transformation of society. Since the financial crisis of 2008 confidence in the dominant neo-liberal political, social and economic model has been further eroded at the global level manifesting itself in countless initiatives, protests and mobilizations contesting and critiquing multiple aspects of the ongoing contemporary crisis. However, many of these initiatives and social creations cannot be so easily pigeonholed and analyzed by the sociology of social movements and the aim of the conference is, therefore, to encourage contributions on the widest range of themes, approaches and perspectives so as to create a fertile and productive dialogue between a multiplicity of sociological voices researching into the contemporary crisis and the search for global social justice. Immanuel Wallerstein has written recently of the opposition between the 'Spirit of Davos' and the 'Spirit of Porto Alegre' and, while not necessarily accepting Wallerstein's starkly polarized opposition, the conference organizers would like to encourage the submission of papers from social scientists sympathetic to the agenda of the latter.

Further details for registration and other information will be announced very shortly.

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