

Social Movement and Protest - Fall 2022

Course Description

This class will help to explore scholarship from comparative politics, international relations, and political sociology that focuses on the development of social movements and the outcomes that they produce. As we connect history, theory, and scholarship to contemporary politics, key questions will include: How do social movements mobilize under different regime types? Does state repression deter contentious collective action? When do protests lead to political change? By the end of this course, you should have a good understanding of the major theoretical debates about social movements and protests and cursory knowledge of several different social movements and protests in several countries such as the United States, China, Russia, Ukraine, Egypt, Turkey, Mexico, etc.

August 25 - Introductions, Review of Course Schedule and Policies

September 1 - Defining Social Movement(s)

- Mario Diani. 1992. "The Concept of Social Movement." *The Sociological Review* 40(1): 1-25.
- Tilly, Charles. 1994. "Social Movements as Historically Specific Clusters of Political Performances." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* Vol. 38 (1993-1994), pp. 1-30
- David Snow, Sarah Soule and Hanspeter Kriesi. 2004. "Mapping the Terrain." Pp. 3-16 in D. Snow, S. Soule and H. Kriesi (eds.) *The Blackwell Companion to Social Movements*. Oxford: Blackwell.

September 8 - Building Capacity

- John D. McCarthy and Mayer Zald. 1977. "Resource Mobilization and Social Movements: A Partial Theory." *American Journal of Sociology* 82(6): 1212-1241.
- Merlyna Lim. 2012. "Clicks, Cabs, and Coffee Houses: Social Media and Oppositional Movements in Egypt, 2004-2011," *Journal of Communication* 62(2): 231-248.

September 15 - Political Opportunity

- Herbert Kitschelt. 1986. "Political Opportunity Structure and Political Protest: Anti-Nuclear Movements in Four Democracies." *British Journal of Political Science* 16: 57-85.
- Meyer, D. S. 2004. "Protest and political opportunities." *Annual Review of Sociology*, 30, 125-145.

September 22

September 29

October 6

October 13

October 20

Fall Break (October 20-23)

October 27

November 3

November 10

November 17

November 24

December 1

December 8