



SOUTH-SOUTH SOCIAL MOVEMENTS CONVERGENCE

Theme: Connected Struggles, Many Voices



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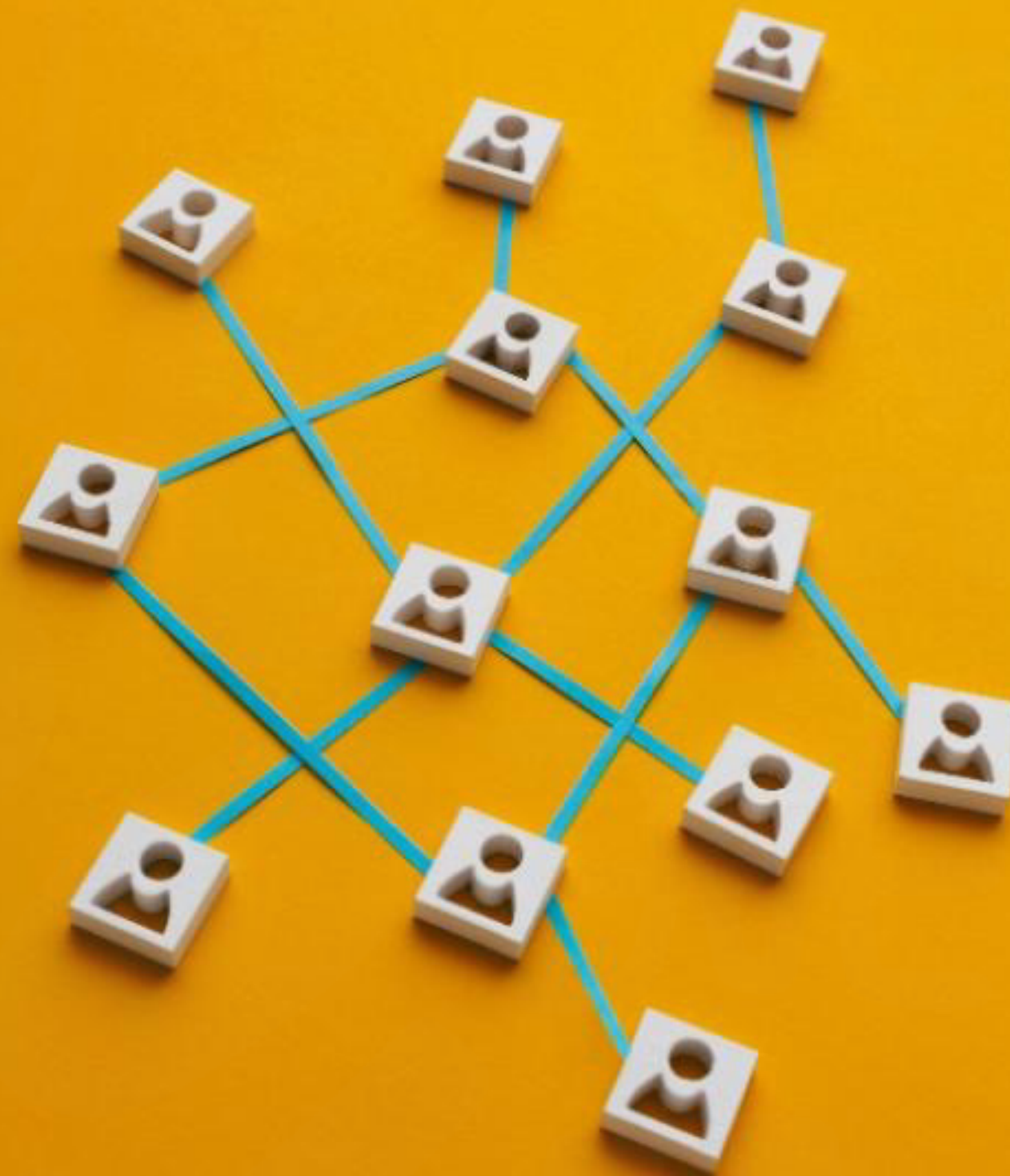


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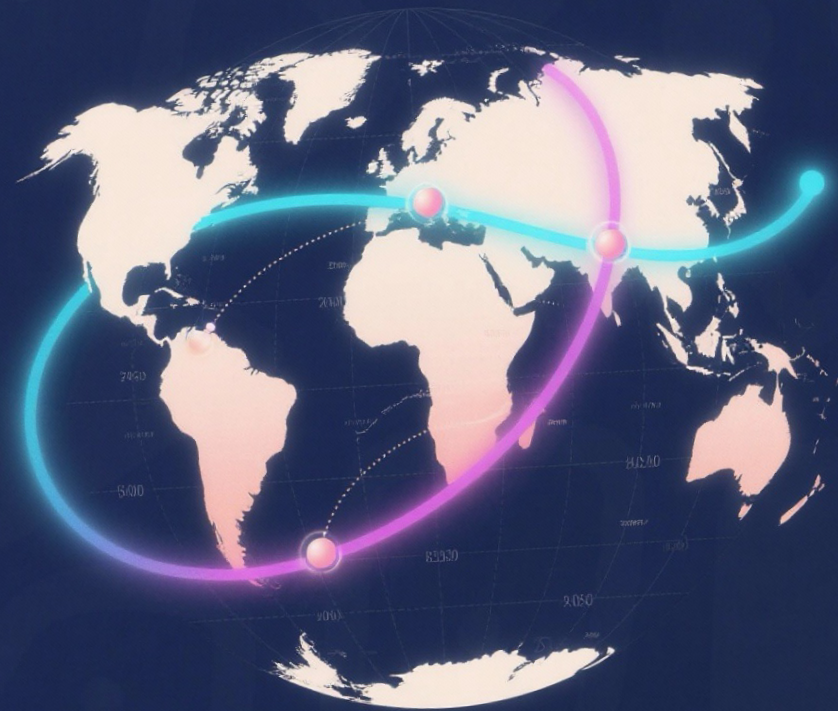
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The Movement Moment



- Across Africa, Asia, and Latin America, a generation is rising. From Kenya's Gen Z tax protests mobilized through TikTok to Chile's students reclaiming public spaces, from Nigeria's #EndSARS dismantling police impunity to Sri Lanka's citizens toppling political dynasties, youth-led movements are rewriting the rules of democratic engagement.

- These uprisings share more than grievances against corruption, inequality, and authoritarian drift. They represent a new political imagination: digitally native, intersectional, leaderless yet collectively powerful. Whether sparked by tuition hikes, tax bills, or police brutality, they're united by demands for dignity, accountability, and economic justice.

Why This Convening Matters

The world stands at an inflection point. As institutional trust erodes and economic precarity deepens, young people aren't just demanding seats at existing tables, they're building new ones entirely. Recent victories in Senegal, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Mozambique demonstrate their power: These aren't isolated flashpoints, they're a living archive of democratic reinvention demanding urgent study, connection, and strategic support.



Our Convening Objectives

Bringing together **120+** movement actors, scholars, artists, and funders from the Global South, we will:



Take Stock:

Analyze lessons from recent protests and movements to identify what works, what fails, and why some endure while others falter.



Innovate Together:

Critically examine how social media, AI, and digital tools advance social justice while addressing surveillance, co-optation, and repression risks.



Heal and Sustain:

Address movement trauma, burnout, and emotional costs while developing frameworks for care, strategy, and long-term resilience.



Build Forward:

Co-create tools for cross-border solidarity, civic architecture, and narrative power that extends beyond single protest moments.



Strengthen Solidarity:

Forge vibrant communities of practice reimagining leadership, policy, and democratic futures across the Global South.

The Democratic Frontier

- This convening aligns with the 2024 UN Pact for Future Generations' call for meaningful youth participation. As authoritarianism advances globally, these movements represent democracy's cutting edge, not just resisting what is, but actively constructing what could be.

From Tahrir Square to TikTok activism, a new generation is proving that democratic imagination knows no borders. It's time to connect these threads of struggle into a tapestry of transformation.

The future of democracy is being written in the streets, squares, and screens of the Global South. This convening will help decode its language and amplify its lessons.

Thank You

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Questions, and
Feedback