



Building Bridges: Civil Society and Social Movement Theories in Times of Crisis

Lecture by Donatella della Porta

Thursday, November 1, 2018, 5 p.m., Room A 300

Discussant: **Prof. Dr. Swen Hutter**
Moderated by **Prof. Dr. Edgar Grande**

The Center for Civil Society Research is starting his lecture series on Conflict, Social Movements, and Civil Society.

Times of crisis are critical junctures also within the social science as transformations push for an updating of our conceptual toolkit. While often addressing cognate phenomena, social movement studies and studies of civil society have remained quite apart from each other. Challenging some established views, times of crisis require more interaction between the two fields as social movement organisations engage in alternative service provision and civil society organisations loose previous channels of access to institutions. Bridging knowledge in both areas contributes to our understanding of the potential for democratic innovations from below’.

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