



International workshop

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Identity politics and social movements

The politics of identity has become one of the most contested topics in contemporary political debate, with social movements often placed at the heart of contemporary polemics and conflicts. 'Identity politics' is a term which is often portrayed in a negative or simplistic way and critics see social movements as the vanguard of attempts to push particular identity agendas on traditional institutions such as states, political parties, or governments. This has led to a highly polarised debate, in which antagonistic politics obscures the realities of social movement activism. This workshop will explore empirically the complex relationship between social movements and identity politics and help disentangle the empirical basis of identity politics from such critical characterisations.



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