

Conference &amp; Workshop



## DEMOCRACY, THE STATE AND PROTEST: INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON METHODS FOR THE STUDY OF PROTEST

From Thursday, May 11, 2017

To Friday, May 12, 2017

The Mershon Center for International Security Studies  
1501 Neil Avenue, Room 120  
Columbus, Ohio 43201

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### Synopsis:

The conference and workshop brings together scholars representing different approaches to the studies of protest behavior and democracy. Invited speakers will present their work on issues related to various aspects of the relationship between protest and democracy, with an emphasis on measurement and methodology.

The one-day conference will be followed by a workshop-style panel discussion with the presenters, focused on the different methods, their opportunities and limitations, aimed at providing graduate students and junior scholars with an overview of the methodological repertoire in this research area.

This event is organized by the Ohio State University's Mershon Center for International Security Studies, in collaboration with Cross-National Studies: Interdisciplinary Research and Training Program (CONSIRT, [consirt.osu.edu](http://consirt.osu.edu)).

### Speaker Biographies:

**Patrick T. Brandt** is Professor of Political Science in the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences and Faculty Associate at the Center for Global Collective Action at the University of Texas at Dallas.

**Russell Dalton** is a Research Professor at the Center for the Study of Democracy at UC Irvine. His research focuses on the role of citizens in the democratic process, involving the topics of political culture, electoral politics, and political representation.

Dalton's most recent major publications include: *The Participation Gap* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2017), *The Civic Culture Transformed* (Cambridge 2015), *The Good Citizen*, 2nd ed. (Sage 2015), and co-editor of *Comparative Politics Today*, 11th ed (Pearson 2014) and special issues of *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics* (2017) and *Environmental Politics* (2015). He has received a Fulbright Professorship at the University of Mannheim, a Barbara Strelson Center fellowship, German Marshall Research Fellowship and a POSCO Fellowship at the East/West Center.

**Jan van Deth** is Project Director at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES). He published widely in the fields of political culture and participation, social change, and comparative research methods. He was Director of the MZES, convenor of the international network Citizenship, Involvement, Democracy (CID), and national coordinator of the German team for the European Social Survey. He is a Corresponding Member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW). Recent publications include *The continuous expansion of citizen participation: a new taxonomy*, *European Political Science Review* (2016; with Yannis Theodoris), and *What is political participation?*, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics* (2016).

**Jennifer Earl** is Professor of Sociology and (by courtesy) Government and Public Policy at the University of Arizona. Her research focuses on social movements and the sociology of law, with research emphases on the Internet and social movements, social movement repression, and legal change. She is the recipient of a National Science Foundation CAREER Award for research from 2006-2011 on Web activism and has received over 1.25 million dollars in grant funding since earning her PhD. She is a member of the MacArthur Research Network on Youth and Participatory Politics. She has published widely, including an MIT Press book entitled *Digitally Enabled Social Change*, which was awarded an Honorable Mention for the Communication and Information Technologies Section of the American Sociological Association's Book Award in 2013. She was inducted in 2016 to the Sociological Research Association, an honorary association for sociological researchers.



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**Katerina Vrabilikova** is a research fellow at the Merston Center for International Security Studies at The Ohio State University. Previously, she was an assistant professor at the Chair of Political Science and International Comparative Research of Professor Jan W. van Deth, University of Mannheim, Germany (2012/2016), and a Fulbright Fellow at the University of California, Irvine (2010/2011). Her research focuses on comparative political behavior and social movements and lies at the intersection of political science, sociology and political psychology. She is primarily interested in how societal and state structure shape activism and preferences of individuals as well as of advocacy groups. She is author of *What Kind of Democracy? Participation, Inclusiveness and Contestation* (2017, Routledge) and her work has been published in *Comparative Political Studies* and *European Union Politics*. Currently she is conducting a research project *Protest, Hardship and Democracy*.

**Hanspeter Kriesi** holds the Stein Rokkan Chair in Comparative Politics at the European University Institute in Florence. His research interests include democracy, political communication, political mobilization and opinion formation. His recent books include (together with Edgar Grande, Swen Hutter and colleagues) *Politicizing Europe. Integration and Mass Politics* (2016), *How Europeans View and Evaluate Democracy* (2016), (together with Takis S. Pappas and colleagues) *European Populism in the Shadow of the Great Recession* (2015). His articles have appeared in major journals such as *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Political Science Review*, *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*, *West European Politics*. He was the director of a Swiss national research programme on the "Challenges to democracy in the 21st century" from 2005-2012.

**Bert Klandermans** is Professor in Applied Social Psychology at the VU-University, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. He has published extensively on the social psychology of protest and social movement participation, including the now classic *Social Psychology of Protest* (Blackwell 1997). He is the editor and co-editor of multiple volumes on social movements, including the Blackwell/Wiley's *Encyclopedia of Social Movements* and of *The Future of Social Movement Research. Dynamics, Mechanisms, and Processes* (Un. of Minnesota Press 2013). In 2009 he received a royal decoration for his efforts to link science and society. In 2013 he received the Harold Lasswell Award of the International Society of Political Psychology for his lifelong contribution to political psychology. In 2014 he received the John D. McCarthy Award from Notre Dame University for his contribution to the study of social movements and collective action.

**Kazimierz Siomczynski** is Professor of Sociology at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN), and Emeritus Professor, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University (OSU). He is the Director of Cross-National Studies: Interdisciplinary Research and Training program – CONSIRT ([consirt.osu.edu](http://consirt.osu.edu)) of the OSU and PAN. Professor Siomczynski directs the Polish Panel Study 1988-2013 (POLPAN.org), a unique longitudinal study on the transformation of the Polish stratification system after 1988. He also directs a project on the ex-post harmonization of cross-national survey data sets from the 1970s to the 2010s ([dataharmonization.org](http://dataharmonization.org)), funded by Poland's National Science Centre.

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