



# **SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND POPULAR MOBILISATION IN THE MENA**

## **Digest of Current Publications and Events**

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## Call for Papers and Conferences

- [Joining the Dots: Re-Thinking Social Movements in MENA](#) at the Takamul Centre, Morocco
- [Social movements: Shaping the Future in Diverse Societies](#) at the University of Copenhagen

## Recent & Forthcoming Books

- [Watermelon Democracy: Egypt's Turbulent Transition](#) by Joshua Stacher
- [Food Insecurity and Revolution in the Middle East and North Africa: Agrarian Questions in Egypt and Tunisia](#) by Habib Ayeb and Ray Bush

## Journal Articles & Other Academic Articles

- [The Demographic Dimension: Population Growth's Role in the Arab Uprisings](#) by Khaled Diab
- [Before the 'Arab Spring': How challengers pushed counter-issues in Egypt's hybrid media system](#) by Hanan Badr
- [Digitally mediated martyrdom: The role of the visual in political Arab activist culture](#) by Kelly Lewis
- [Islamist women's feminist subjectivities in \(r\)evolution: the Egyptian Muslim Sisterhood in the aftermath of the Arab uprisings](#) by Erika Biagini

## News Pieces & Commentary

- ['This is the moment': Calls for action after Khashoggi verdict](#), Al Jazeera
- [Turkish court rules Wikipedia block violates rights](#), Al Jazeera
- [Iraq president threatens to quit over PM nominee](#), Al Jazeera
- [Gaza's 'Great March of Return' protests to be scaled back, organisers say](#), Middle East Eye
- [Morocco jails one man, detains another over criticism of authorities on social media](#), Middle East Eye
- [Sudanese celebrate anniversary of uprising in 'capital of the struggle'](#), Middle East Eye
- [Thinking with Alaa](#), Mada Masr

## Positions & Opportunities

- [Research and Outreach Associate \(Fixed Term\)](#) in the Centre of Islamic Studies, University of Cambridge
- [Project Assistant](#) in the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies
- [Lecturer in Media and Communication](#) at the University of Westminster
- [NUAcT PhD Studentship: Geographies of Palestine](#) at Newcastle University
- [Assistant or Associate Professor in Modern Islam](#) at the University of Virginia
- [Professor \(W3\) for Iranian Studies, Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies \(CNMS\)](#) at the Universität Marburg
- [Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies](#) at Dickinson College
- [Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics/Middle East/North Africa](#) at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- [Postdoctoral Fellowship in Modern Middle East Studies, Council on Middle East Studies](#) at Yale University

# **Call for Papers: Social movements: Shaping the Future in Diverse Societies**

**A research networking conference with  
Keynote speakers: Lesley Wood (York University)  
Doug McAdam (Stanford University)**

Date: 27-28 April 2020

## **Conference theme**

In the absence of institutional will and solutions to effectively address global collective action problems such as climate change and forced migration, how do activists shape the future of post-migrant, post-secular societies? What forms of social movements do we need to prevent environmental disasters or rebuild solidarity in the face of deepening polarization, and authoritarian tendencies worldwide? How do social movements create awareness for diversity and inequality, how do they influence and shape the future of our planet through collective action, protest, dialogue, or disruption? Inspired by these questions, the conference theme is the role of social movements in taking decisions, mobilizing protest, imagining (prefiguring) alternative futures, and thus preparing societies for radical social and demographic change in the context of continuing climate change and unpredictability. This workshop is the inaugural event for the newly established Copenhagen Center for Research on Social Movements and Political Mobilization at the University of Copenhagen. The workshop provides an opportunity for scholars to develop and discuss shared themes and questions with inputs from world-leading academics in the field.

Participants are encouraged to give papers on different themes including among others:

- Pro-democracy protests, climate activism and coalitions, comparison, Global North/South
- Citizenship, migrants' and refugees' struggles, solidarity, search and rescue, criminalization
- Culture, diversity and inequality, race/ethnicity, gender, intersectionality, social class
- Democracy in movements, prefigurative practices, disruption, political translation
- Populism, movement-parties, far-right wing extremist mobilization and nationalism
- Labor organizing, civic volunteering in the context of neoliberal states

- Social movements and time, memory and movements
- Digital media, visual communication, framing, storytelling, translation
- Learning, education and social change

For participating, please register before **1 March 2020** by sending an email with your name and affiliation (if applicable) to Lene Lisbet El Mongy ([lm@samf.ku.dk](mailto:lm@samf.ku.dk)).

If you would like to present a paper, please include also the title and abstract (max 300 words) of your paper. Depending on how many people want to present, we might have to make a selection because of the limited presentation 'slots' available. In any case, we will notify you by 15 March.