



INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE WORKSHOP

Civil Resistance – How Peoples, Ideas and Movements can change Politics

5th – 7th October 2021 (online via Zoom)

The event is a part of the project “Resistance – Democracy – Internationality”, a cooperation of the University of Göttingen, the Stiftung Adam von Trott Imshausen e.V. and the Oxford Adam von Trott Memorial Committee

Everywhere, people protest – democracy campaigners in Iran, Sudan, Chile, students in Hong Kong; citizens in India; indigenous in Brazilian forests; #MeToo and #Black Lives Matter in America; yellow vests in France; European nationalists; climate activists, globally. They are challenging a range of political, economic, social and civic ideas, policies, processes and regimes. This workshop will explore theory and praxis behind civil resistance as a form adopted in different modes by different groups at different times – and will seek to understand the circumstances when it is justified, when violence may or may not be appropriate and what deems justification and what deems success.

TUESDAY, 5th OCTOBER

14.00 CET Informal opening and welcome

14.30 CET Formal start / Introduction to the Programme

Dr Paul Flather (Chair, Oxford Adam von Trott Memorial Committee)

Sarah Reinke (Stiftung Adam von Trott, Imshausen e.V.)

Lars Jakob (University of Göttingen)

14.50 CET Panel I: Civil Resistance – Experiments in Resistance

Chair: Dr Paul Flather (Oxford)

Speaker: Professor Faisal Devji (University of Oxford)

Non-violent protest: Legacies from Gandhian thinking

Discussants: Amirrah Salleh-Hoddin (Helsinki), Jamina Jugo (Göttingen)

Speaker: Sarah Reinke (Imshausen)

Resistance of the Muslim Crimean Tatar community

Discussants: Thomas Alexander (Oxford), Susanne Meisch (Munich)

Speaker: Dr Leila Alieva (University of Oxford)

The Orange Revolutions – common themes, current lessons

Discussants: Jaugaitė Rimantė (Bologna), Valeriia Hulkovych (Göttingen)

16.15 CET **Break**

16.25 CET **Opening Keynote Lecture:**

Conscience and Conviction: the case for Civil Disobedience

Chair: Sarah Reinke (Imshausen)

Speaker: Professor Kimberley Brownlee (University of British Columbia, Vancouver)

Discussants: Hiba Naaem (Göttingen), Leonard Michael (St. Andrews), Matthew Myers (Oxford)

17.30 CET **Working Groups Session I – break out sessions**

Group A – *What constitutes successful civil resistance?*

Group B – *Is inter-generational justice a just reason for civil resistance?*

Group C – *Should civil resistance in democracies stay within constitutional laws?*

Group D – *When might civil violence – even civil war – be justified?*

Group E – *How do collective memories and national histories fuel civil resistance?*

Group F – *What can protesters learn from Gandhi's ideas of satyagraha?*

18.15 CET **Close**

20.00 CET **OPTIONAL**

Film / After Dinner Conversation

Documentary about the resistance fighter Adam von Trott

Discussion with Professor em. Nancy Lukens, University of New Hampshire

WEDNESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER

AM CET **OPTIONAL Working Groups: A, B, C, D, E, F – Session II**
– to be convened independently by group convenors

14.30 CET **Main conference resumes**

Panel II: Lessons from the Front Line – engaged civil resistance

Chair: Lars Jakob (University of Göttingen)

Speaker: Pavel Seifter (Czech Republic)

Charter 77 and Havel's return to Prague Castle

Discussants: Jan Farfal (Oxford), David Saveliev (Oxford)

Speaker: Joy Opitz (Extinction Rebellion Göttingen)

Blocking, rebelling, disrupting – taking action of peaceful civil disobedience

Discussants: Timo Albrecht (Göttingen), Mary Clare O'Donnell (Munich)

Speaker: Evan Fowler (Independent Researcher on Hong Kong/China affairs)

From Umbrellas to open defence of Two Systems, One Country

Discussants: Kristin Unruh (Göttingen), Seraphine Appel (Barcelona)

16.00 CET **Graduate Presentations – Session I:**

Chair: Dr Paul Flather (Oxford)

Speaker: Matthew Myers (Oxford)

Civic and Economic Protest in Italy in the 1970s

Discussants: Gustavo Palamone (Göttingen), Marco Marsili (Lisbon)

Speaker: Susanne Meisch (Munich)

Remembering Rebellion: The Teachers' Movement of the Sección 22 in Oaxaca, Mexico

Discussants: Thalia Ostendorf (St. Andrews), Rahul Maganti (Göttingen)

Speaker: Rahul Maganti (Göttingen)

Resistance and Class struggle of dock workers in India, 1948–1997

Discussants: Otso Harju (Helsinki), Kwaku Adomako (Lausanne)

17.00 CET **Break**

17.10 CET **Special Lecture:**

Protest and resistance in French Politics; from Sans Culottes to Gilets Jaunes

Chair: Sarah Reinke (Stiftung Adam von Trott)

Speaker: Professor Robert Gildea (Oxford University)

Discussants: Thomas Alexander (Oxford), Seraphine Appel (Barcelona), Franziska Berg (Göttingen)

18.10 CET **Close**

THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER

(11.00 CET) OPTIONAL – additional Graduate Presentations

14.30 CET **Main conference resumes**

Graduate Presentations – Session II:

Chair: Dr Paul Flather (Oxford)

Speaker: Jamina Jugo (Göttingen)

Opposing Duterte's administration – problems of sinophobia and xenophobia

Discussants: Amiirah Salleh-Hoddin (Helsinki), Hiba Naaem (Göttingen)

Speaker: David Saveliev (Oxford)

Protesting movements in contemporary East Europe

Discussants: Otso Harju (Helsinki), Matthew Myers (Oxford)

Speaker: Gustavo Palamone (Göttingen)

The constitutional right of insurrection: the cases of Honduras and El Salvador

Discussants: Franziska Berg (Göttingen), Marco Marsili (Lisbon)

15.30 CET **Closing Keynote Lecture**

'21st Century Setbacks for Civil Resistance Movements: Lessons to be Learned'

Chair: Lars Jakob (Göttingen)

Speaker: Professor Sir Adam Roberts (Oxford University)

Discussants: Kristin Unruh (Göttingen), Kwaku Adomako (Lausanne), Talia Kollek (Oxford)

16:45 CET **Break**

17.00 CET **Working Group Reports** coordinated by Paul Flather (pad online)

18.00 CET **Closing Session: Conclusion & Next Steps**

Paul Flather, Lars Jakob, and Sarah Reinke

18.30 CET **Workshop closes**