POLSC 261: Global Civil Society  
(Spring 2015)

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Office Hours: Tu 2:30 – 4pm (or by appt.)  
Office: Hall 214  
Class period: MW 2:30-4:00pm  
Classroom: Chase 101

This course will introduce you to key concepts and frameworks for understanding global civil society, transnational activism, and international social movements. We will explore alternative theoretical frameworks and traditions related to civil society and how globalization is impacting both the meaning and practices of civil society. Our readings will draw from both classic texts as well as from more recent social science scholarship.

The first half of the semester will be more theoretical and will focus on key concepts such civil society, social capital, the public sphere, social networks, social movements, and transnational networks. The second half of the semester will focus on examples of transnational social movements, NGOs, and advocacy networks. The course will conclude with extensive discussion of new social media technologies and their impacts on transnational mobilization.

Assignments/Requirements (each must be completed to pass the course):
- Attendance/Participation
- Reading Response Questions for each class period (collected periodically without warning)
- Take-Home Midterm Exam
- Mapping Issue Advocacy Assignment
- Research Proposal
- Final research paper (12-15 pgs)

Books for Purchase:
- Sidney Tarrow, The New Transnational Activism (Cambridge, 2005)
- Manuel Castells, Networks of Courage and Hope: Social Movements in the Internet Age (Polity, 2012)
- Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, Activists Beyond Borders (Cornell, 1998)

Books available on-line:
- Global Civil Society Yearbooks: 2001- 2009 (2011 and 2012 are on reserve at Magill)  
http://www.lse.ac.uk/internationalDevelopment/research/CSHS/civilSociety/yearBook/yearbookArchive.aspx
Schedule

W 21 Jan First Class

History of Civil Society Concepts

M 26 Jan Civil Society and the Enlightenment
[paragraphs 1-25, 77-100]

W 28 Jan Hegel
Hegel, *Philosophy of Right* (selections)

Recommended:
Schlomo Avineri, “Hegel’s Theory of the Modern State.”

M 2 Feb Marx
Marx, “On the Jewish Question”

Recommended:
Marx, *The German Ideology*. Part I, B.
http://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1845/german-ideology/ch01b.htm

W 4 Feb Gramsci
Antonio Gramsci, *Selections from the Prison Notebooks* (selections)
Norberto Bobbio (1988), “Gramsci and the Concept of Civil Society”

M 9 Feb De Tocqueville
Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America* (selections)

W 11 Feb Anti-Politics / Eastern Europe
‘Manifesto of Charter 77’ (1977);
http://memory.loc.gov/frd/cs/czechoslovakia/cs_appnd.html
Civil Society and Public Sphere
Craig Calhoun, “Civil Society and the Public Sphere” (311-323)
Habermas, “the public sphere: An encyclopedic article”
Lasse Thomassen, “Public Sphere,” in Habermas: A Guide for the Perplexed, 33-57

Additional Reading:
Habermas, “Between Facts and Norms,” 359-387

Transnationalizing and Digitizing the Public Sphere
Nancy Fraser, “Transnationalizing the Public Sphere”

Introducing Global Civil Society

The Meaning of Global Civil Society
Lisa Jordan, “Global Civil Society” (93-108)

Additional Reading – literature review:
Anastasia Kavada, “Transnational Civil Society and Social Movements”

Social Movements, NGOs and Advocacy Networks
Mary Kaldor, “Social Movements, NGOs and Networks” (78-108)
Donatella Della Porta and Mario Diani, “Social Movements” (68-79)
Virginia A. Hodgkinson, “Volunteering in Global Perspective” in The Values of Volunteering, 35-53

THURSDAY, FEB 26:  7PM Screening of THE SQUARE at Bryn Mawr Film Institute
Nonprofits, Solidarity Economy, Third Sector
Adalbert Evers and Jean-Louis Laville, “Defining the Third Sector in Europe”
Craig Borowiak, “Mapping Social and Solidarity Economy: The Local and Translocal Evolution of a Concept”
Alex Nichols, “Social Enterprise and Social Entrepreneurs” (80-92)

Catch up and Research Tutorial
Readings TBA

7-15 March: Spring Break

Tools for Analyzing Transnational Activism
Keck and Sikkink, Activists Beyond Borders, 1-25,
Sidney Tarrow, The New Transnational Activism, 1-34, 42-43

Advocating for Human Rights, Global Justice, Democracy

Civil Society, Human Rights and the United Nations
James A. Paul, Civil Society and the United Nations

Human Rights and Transnational Advocacy
Keck and Sikkink, Activists Beyond Borders, 79-120
Sally Engle Merry and Rachel E. Stern, “The Female Inheritance Movement in Hong Kong: Theorizing the Local/Global Interface”

Environmentalism and Civil Society

Environmental Advocacy Networks
Keck and Sikkink, Activists Beyond Borders, 121-164
Routledge Handbook of the Climate Change Movement (Selection)

FULL DAY SYMPOSIUM
Saturday, MARCH 28
Anarchism, Anti-Imperialism, and Radical Democracy
(Location and Times TBA)
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<td><strong>World Social Forum and Global Justice Movements</strong></td>
<td>Jackie Smith, <em>Social Movements for Global Democracy</em> (Selections)</td>
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<td><strong>ARAB SPRING</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Indignados and OCCUPY</strong></td>
<td>Castells, <em>Networks of Outrage and Hope</em>, 110-198 (skim pp. 110-155), 218-237</td>
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New Technologies and Global Activism: Diverse perspectives

Jeremy Brecher, Tim Costello and Brendan Smith, “Social Movements 2.0,” The Nation, Jan. 15, 3 2009

Skim the following readings
TxtMob and Twitter: http://publicpractice.org/wp/?p=779
Fay Schlesinger, “Swivelchair activism: are students these days too cool for political protest, or are they simply finding new ways to do it?” The Guardian December 11, 2007

Additional Reading

FILM SCREENING (Date and Time TBD)
“Preempting Dissent”

Critical Perspectives

Last class. Catch up, Wrap up