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Activist Scholarship in Human Rights: New Challenges

Wednesday 28th June 2017

9:00am to 5.45pm

School of Advanced Study, University of London, Senate House, London WC1E 7HU

8.45 – 9.00	Conference Registration	
9.00 – 9.15	Welcome and Introduction – Dr Corinne Lennox, Associate Director of the Human Rights Consortium and Senior Lecturer at the School of Advanced Study, University of London	
9.15 – 11.00 <i>Senate Room</i>	Opening Panel Defining the Contours of Activist Scholarship in Human Rights	<p>Chair: Dr Damien Short, Director of the Human Rights Consortium and Reader at the School of Advanced Study, University of London</p> <p>Professor Donatella Della Porta, Institute of Human and Social Sciences at the Scuola Normale Superiore (via skype)</p> <p>Dr Aziz Choudry, Department of Integrated Studies in Education, McGill University</p> <p>Professor Nadjie Al Ali, Centre for Gender Studies, SOAS <i>Choice, inevitability or survival? Reflections on being an activist academic</i></p> <p>Dr Ornette Clennon, Critical Race and Ethnicity Research Cluster, Manchester Metropolitan University <i>Scholar Activism as a Nexus between Research and Community Activism via the use of Participatory Arts</i></p>
11:00 – 11:30	Break – Jessel Room	
11:30 – 13:00	Panel 1A	<i>Chair: Dr Corinne Lennox, School of Advanced Study, University of London</i>

Room 234	Law and Activist Scholarship	<p>Professor Jeremie Gilbert, School of Law, University of East London <i>Indigenous Peoples and Litigation: An exploration of the complex relationship between Indigenous Peoples, Lawyers, NGOs and Scholars</i></p> <p>Daire McGill, PhD candidate, Transitional Justice Institute, Ulster University <i>What Possibility for Activist-Scholarship in Transitional Justice? Investigating Structural Violence, Community Organisation and Social Transformation in a Legalistic Field</i></p> <p>Dr Senthoran Raj, Lecturer in Law, Keele University Law School <i>Feeling Progress: Queer Injury, Intimacy, and Identity in Law</i></p>
11:30 – 13:00 Senate Room	Panel 1B Methods in Activist Scholarship	<p><i>Chair: Dr Ornette Clennon, Manchester Metropolitan University</i></p> <p>Dr Ella McPherson, Lecturer, University of Cambridge, Isabel Guenette Thornton, PhD Student, University of Cambridge, The Whistle Project Group <i>Use and aspirations for use of digital tools at data-focused human rights NGOs</i></p> <p>Dr Zoi Aliozi and Ms Athanasia Zagorianou, Citizens Rights Watch <i>Activist Scholar and collaboration with NGOs and social movements</i></p> <p>Dr Michael Hamilton, Senior Lecturer in Public Protest Law, University of East Anglia Law School <i>Protest Monitoring and Standpoint Validity</i></p>
11:30 – 13:00 Court Room	Panel 1C Ethical Dilemmas in Activist Scholarship	<p><i>Chair: Professor Nadjie Al-Ali, SOAS</i></p> <p>Jan Kozubík, PhD student, Charles University of Prague <i>Is it possible to conduct an objective research on LGBT rights when being LGBT is a part of your own identity? And is objectivity on human rights always possible and necessary?</i></p> <p>Dr Brendan Donegan, Visiting Fellow, Department of Anthropology, LSE <i>When they don't like what we write: Activists, scholars, moralistic judgement and some possible applications of Marshall Rosenberg's 'Non-Violent Communication process'</i></p> <p>Ozan Kamiloglu, Associate Lecturer, School of Law, Birkbeck, University of London <i>Human rights, ethics of neutrality and armed struggles</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch – Jessel Room	

<p>14:00 – 15:30</p> <p><i>Room 234</i></p>	<p>Panel 2A</p> <p>Using Activist-Scholarship in Education</p>	<p><i>Chair: tbc</i></p> <p>Dr Katia Chornik, Research Associate, University of Manchester <i>Using the Cantos Cautivos Archive in School-Level Human Rights Education</i></p> <p>Dr Jill McCracken, Associate Professor of Rhetoric and Writing Studies, University of South Florida-St. Petersburg <i>Learning with Women in Prison to inform US prostitution and Trafficking Policy</i></p> <p>Professor Nick Johnson, African Prisons Project <i>The Challenges of Delivering Legal Education to Prison Communities and of Transforming Prisoners and Prison Officers into Activists for Change in Kenya and Uganda</i></p>
<p>14:00 – 15:30</p> <p><i>Senate Room</i></p>	<p>Panel 2B</p> <p>Activist Scholarship in Social Movements</p>	<p><i>Chair: Dr Damien Short, School of Advanced Study, University of London</i></p> <p>John Grayson, Independent Researcher, SYMAAG (South Yorkshire Migration and Asylum Action Group) <i>Activist scholarship, asylum housing and asylum markets: the case of G4S and the Home Office contracts 2012-2017</i></p> <p>Dr Matthew Evans, Teaching Fellow, School of Law, Politics and Sociology, University of Sussex <i>Contentious Politics and Contentious Scholarship: Challenges Researching Social Movements in South Africa</i></p> <p>Dr Damien Short, Reader in Human Rights, School of Advanced Study, University of London <i>Activist scholarship, frackademia and the myth of objectivity</i></p>
<p>14:00 – 15:30</p> <p><i>Court Room</i></p>	<p>Panel 2C</p> <p>Academia and Activism in Turkey: Challenging State Narratives and Defending Human Rights</p>	<p><i>Chair: Guadalupe Marengo, Amnesty International</i></p> <p>Dr Noemi Levy-Aksu, Assistant Professor in History, Bogazici University (work permit cancelled by Turkish government), Newton International Fellow, Birkbeck School of Law <i>Historians as activists? The challenges of engaged scholarship on Turkey's recent past</i></p> <p>Dr Mehmet Kurt, Newton Advanced Fellow, Queen Mary, University of London <i>Politics of Human Rights Activism and Scholarship in Kurdish Turkey</i></p> <p>Dr Naif Bezwan, Researcher, LSE (dismissed from Mardin Artuklu University in Turkey) <i>Scholarship as a Profession and Vocation: The case of Kurdish Scholars in Exile</i></p> <p>Dr Bahar Baser, Research Fellow, Coventry University and Ahmet Erdi Ozturk, Research Assistant, University of Strasbourg</p>

		<i>'Academics for Peace' in Turkey: A Case of Criminalizing Dissent and Critical Thought via Counter-Terrorism Policy</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Break - Jessel Room	
16:00 – 17:45	Closing Panel	<i>Chair: Dr Aziz Choudry, McGill University</i>
<i>Senate Room</i>	New Protection Tactics for Human Rights Defenders and Activist Scholars	James Savage, Programme Officer, Fund for Global Human Rights <i>The Enabling Environment for Human Rights Defenders</i> Dr Moataz El Fegiery, Protection Coordinator, Frontline Defenders <i>In Search of Safe Haven: The Challenging Task of Relocation of Human Rights Defenders at Risk</i> Karen Kong, Senior Lecturer in Law, The University of Hong Kong <i>Human Rights Activist Scholars and Social Change in Hong Kong</i>
17:45 – 19:00	Reception – Jessel Room	