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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, Senior Lecturer, School of Advanced Study, University of London	
9.15 – 11.00	Opening Panel Defining the Contours of Activist Scholarship in Human Rights	<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</p> <p>Dr Ornette Clennon, Critical Race and Ethnicity Research Cluster, Manchester Metropolitan University</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Break	
11:30 – 13:00	Panel 1A 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>

		Dr Senthoran Raj, Lecturer in Law, Keele University Law School <i>Feeling Progress: Queer Injury, Intimacy, and Identity in Law</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Panel 1B Methods in Activist Scholarship	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> Dr Zoi Aliozi and Ms Athanasia Zagorianou, Citizens Rights Watch <i>Activist Scholar and collaboration with NGOs and social movements</i> Dr Michael Hamilton, Senior Lecturer in Public Protest Law, University of East Anglia Law School <i>Protest Monitoring and Standpoint Validity</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Panel 1C Ethical Dilemmas in Activist Scholarship	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> 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> Ozan Kamiloglu, Associate Lecturer, School of Law, Birkbeck, University of London <i>Human rights, ethics of neutrality and armed struggles</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:30	Panel 2A Using Activist-Scholarship in Education	Dr Katia Chornik, Research Associate, University of Manchester <i>Using the Cantos Cautivos Archive in School-Level Human Rights Education</i> 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> Professor Nick Johnson and Ehsan Oarith, 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>
14:00 – 15:30	Panel 2B	John Grayson, Independent Researcher, SYMAAG (South Yorkshire Migration and Asylum Action Group)

	Activist Scholarship in Social Movements	<p><i>Activist scholarship, asylum housing and asylum markets: the case of G4S and the Home Office contracts 2012-2017</i></p> <p>Dr Yiu-tung Suen, Assistant Professor of Gender Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong <i>Intervening Debates on LGBTI rights with empirical research evidence in Asia</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>
14:00 – 15:30	Panel 2C Academia and Activism in Turkey: Challenging State Narratives and Defending Human Rights	<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 <i>'Academics for Peace' in Turkey: A Case of Criminalizing Dissent and Critical Thought via Counter-Terrorism Policy</i></p>
15:30 – 16:00	Break	
16:00 – 17:45	Closing Panel New Protection Tactics for Human Rights Defenders and Activist Scholars	<p>James Savage, Programme Officer, Fund for Global Human Rights <i>The Enabling Environment for Human Rights Defenders</i></p> <p>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></p> <p>Josh Chivanga, Researcher, African Union/ University of South Africa Agenda 2063 <i>An Analysis of Challenges of Activist Scholarship in Zimbabwe</i></p> <p>Karen Kong, Senior Lecturer in Law, The University of Hong Kong <i>Human Rights Activist Scholars and Social Change in Hong Kong</i></p>
17:45 – 19:00	Reception	