

Abstract Workshop

## **Indignation and Protest**

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In this workshop we want to explore the transformative powers of indignation expressed in social and political forms of protest. Indignation is regarded as a reactive attitude towards the felt violation of a general norm or rule by the action of some agent (Strawson 2008). Whereas indignation is an emotional reaction on the one hand, it is treated as a rational reaction at the same time: reasons for indignation are given, can be criticized or supported. In the workshop relations between indignation on an individual level and collective forms of indignation in the social realm shall be explored.

In the social realm expressions of indignation are themselves object of regulations. In western liberal democracies institutional spaces for certain forms of protest are created and the expression of social and political forms of critique are highly regulated. Taking into account the institutional and social regulations of indignation it is striking, that not everybody has access to the format of indignant protest. In contrast to its moral origins, indignant protest doesn't seem to be universally accessible.

The workshop aims to address

- The transformative potential of indignation and protest
- Connections between the transformation of self and society
- Forms of expressions of indignation
- Limitations of indignation and its expressions
- Other forms of resistance and critique, like social nonmovements

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