

**Call for Participation: 13th ESA conference in Athens, 29 Aug. to 1 Sep. 2017, RN25 Social Movements**

**RN25\_g: (Re-)doing Europe: the making and breaking of transnational solidarity networks**

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One joint claim of social movement and industrial relation research is that in the face of an aggressive global capital, neoliberal hegemony and European crisis, alliances between social movements and trade unions are crucially needed. Such cross-movement alliances should help to construct and maintain solidarity among societies in Europe and constitute a first step towards a counter-hegemonic block. In the face of populist right wing radicalizations across Europe, unions and social movements are spaces for emerging collective subjectivities as well as testing grounds for alternative means to express concerns.

This panel discusses the making and unmaking of transnational solidarity networks: It explores the following questions:

- Which factors facilitate the emergence of solidarities and cooperation across borders and organizational divides?
- What makes solidarity networks fail?
- How can social movements and unionized labor movements unite towards a counter hegemonic but anti-racist block?

We encourage presentations with comparative and/or case study research from European movements and beyond. This research session welcomes inter- and transdisciplinary perspectives and is interested in a broad range of research methods. Presentations should be 15min each, followed by questions and a collective discussion at the end of the session.

Abstracts should not exceed 250 words and need to be submitted by **1<sup>st</sup> of February** via the conference website [www.esa13thconference.eu](http://www.esa13thconference.eu) . Abstracts sent by email cannot be accepted. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed and selected for presentation by the RN (Research Network) or RS (Research Stream) coordinators. Decisions about abstract acceptance will be made by early April.

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