

Call for Contributions - ipb Colloquium Series “Politics from Below” Spring edition 2026

The [Institute for Protest and Social Movement Studies](#) (ipb) invites contributions to its Colloquium series “Politics from Below” for researchers working in the field of protest and social movement studies.

The ipb colloquium series offers an open and accessible space to present current research projects and receive constructive feedback. It is intended as a forum to share work-in-progress, exchange ideas, and engage in critical dialogue across disciplinary boundaries.

We welcome presentations from all researchers, early career (doctoral students and advanced master's students), and senior researchers alike!

We especially encourage contributions from interdisciplinary perspectives and regions beyond the classical scope of social movement research. Therefore, related submissions from fields such as educational science, regional studies, cultural studies, conflict studies, law, psychology, or philosophy are very welcome.

Format & Practical Information:

- Meetings will be online or in hybrid mode. Locations for in-person meetings will be communicated in advance.
- Each session lasts maximum 120 minutes. This includes circa 5-15 minutes of input by the paper presenters, followed by a public discussion.
- In the past, the Colloquium series has taken place at different intervals (i.e., monthly, bimonthly, irregular), the rhythm is adapted to presenters' availability and preferences.
- An overview of the past editions of the Colloquium series and its content can be found here: <https://protestinstitut.eu/en/colloquium/>
- Presentations can be held in English or German. The language of the meeting will be communicated in advance.
- Each session will discuss a paper (in English or German), which will be circulated via the **email list** one week in advance, and is considered to be read by all participants. The papers can be draft chapters or articles (unpublished) as well as advanced research proposals that are no longer at a draft stage, and should not exceed 20 pages.
- The discussions follow Chuck Tilly's rules of etiquette (https://www.jannisgrimm.com/s/Chuck-Tillys-Workshop-Rules_modified-version.docx).

If you are interested in presenting your work, please write an e-mail with a short description to info@protestinstitut.eu by **28th of February 2026**. The colloquium series is planned to start at the latest by Autumn 2025. If you have any questions, please contact the organizers, Damla Keşkekci ([damla.keskekci\[@\]sns.it](mailto:damla.keskekci[@]sns.it)), Eva-Lotte Schwarz ([evalotte.schwarz\[@\]sns.it](mailto:evalotte.schwarz[@]sns.it)), or Masha Guzzo ([info\[@\]protestinstitut.de](mailto:info[@]protestinstitut.de)).

We look forward to your contributions!