

Call for Participation – ipb Online Colloquium “Politics from below” Spring 2026

The Institute for Protest and Social Movement Research (ipb) warmly invites submissions for its colloquium series “**Politics from Below**”. The call is addressed to researchers working in the field of protest and social movement research. The ipb colloquium offers an open space for the presentation of work in progress, the discussion of new ideas, and interdisciplinary exchange. We equally welcome contributions from researchers at all career stages, including early-career scholars as well as established researchers.

The colloquium is held in a small setting in order to facilitate a confidential exchange and intensive feedback. **To ensure this, presenters are expected to participate in the other sessions as well.**

We particularly welcome contributions with interdisciplinary perspectives that go beyond classical protest and social movement research.

Format & Practical Information:

- Meetings will take place online via Zoom or in a hybrid format. The location for in-person meetings will be communicated in advance, if applicable.
- Each session lasts approximately 90 minutes: around 15 minutes for the presentation, followed by 75 minutes of questions and discussion.
- We are planning approximately six sessions at intervals of 2–3 weeks starting in April 2026. The schedule will be flexibly adapted to presenters’ availability.
- Language: German or English.
- Papers will be circulated via the mailing list one week in advance.
<https://lists.riseup.net/www/info/politicsfrombelow>
- Contributions may include unpublished drafts of chapters or articles, as well as proposals for research projects. Submissions should not exceed 20 pages.
- The discussions follow [Tilly’s rules of etiquette](#).
- We strive for a respectful and appreciative feedback culture.

An overview of previous colloquia and their topics can be found here:

<https://protestinstitut.eu/kolloquium/>

If you are interested, please send a short description of your contribution to info@protestinstitut.eu by **18 March 2026**.

For further questions, please contact the organizers: Damla Keşkekci (damla.keskekci[[@](mailto:)]sns.it), Eva-Lotte Schwarz (evalotte.schwarz[[@](mailto:)]sns.it), or Masha Guzzo (info[[@](mailto:)]protestinstitut.eu).

We look forward to your contributions!