




WHY DOES COLLECTIVE PROTEST OCCUR IN WAVES?

Webinar by Professor Michael Biggs
University of Oxford

 26 February 2021
(Friday)

 17:00 - 18:30
(Hong Kong time, GMT+8)

 Webinar via Zoom


About the Webinar

We are continually surprised that waves of collective protest take us by surprise. In 2020, the killing of one man in Minnesota mobilized half a million Americans to take to the streets on a single day. How have sociologists of social movements explained these upsurges of protest? What regularities can be discerned across different movements and varied political contexts? How does these regularities illuminate the social mechanisms underlying protest? My talk will draw on various historical episodes, from riots in the early 19th century to the protests following the death of George Floyd.

About the Speaker

Professor Michael Biggs is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Oxford and Fellow of St Cross. His research on social movements addresses two different themes: the volatility of protest waves and self-inflicted suffering as protest. He has published in *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *European Sociological Review*, *Politics and Society*, and *Mobilization*.

Organised by
Department of Sociology
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Register to receive Zoom meeting room information via email
<https://bit.ly/3ra4B3y>



Enquiries
(852) 2603 7619 /
sociology@cuhk.edu.hk