

Which reconfigurations of Social Movements in the pandemic?



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Abstract

Around the world, social movements have adapted to unexpected circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. Following a first article providing a broad overview of social movements role and agency during the first stage of the COVID-19 lockdown, this contribution will examine four evolutions in progressive movements in different countries that have been intensified by the pandemic and the lockdown. (1) Internal solidarity, mutual aid and organizing have taken an increasing space in various movements. (2) The feminization of movements has intensified. (3) The pandemic has fostered a further digitalization of various movements activities that often combines with an increasing investment at the local scale. (4) Social control and state repression have intensified in various countries.

Biography

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