International Conference on War and Social Movements

Call for Papers

Organized movements for social change have often preceded or immediately followed periods of warfare. The temporal proximity of social movements and warfare raises several interesting questions. Among others, in what ways have movements for social change been linked to periods of violent conflict? How might war contribute to the expansion or limitation of rights for marginalized and oppressed groups? How does warfare shape the attitudes and strategies of social activists in local, transnational, and global contexts? This inter-disciplinary conference seeks to examine these and other relevant questions.

The conference welcomes papers from scholars working on a broad range of topics from any geographic area or time period—that address the connections between movements for social change and periods of warfare. Paper topics may include but are not limited to community development, concepts of citizenship, environmental awareness, identity formation, labor organizing, and human rights.

This is a one-day conference and will be held at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, located at 365 Fifth Avenue in New York City, on Friday, May 10, 2019. Individual paper proposals of no more than 300 words and a short CV should be emailed to Ron Van Cleef (rvancleef@qcc.cuny.edu) and Sarah Danielsson (sdanielsson@gc.cuny.edu) no later than December 31, 2018. Accepted presenters will be notified in early 2019.