

## IV International Conference

# STRIKES AND SOCIAL CONFLICTS

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*Fourth International Conference Strikes and Social Conflicts: capitalism crisis, new and old forms of protest*

**FFLCH, USP**

**10-13 July, 2018**

The Fourth International Conference Strikes and Social Conflicts will be held at the University of São Paulo in July 10-13, 2018. Its purpose is to discuss the proliferation of protests in contexts of capitalist crisis. In these contexts, the articulation between labor conflicts and other social conflicts becomes more evident; Ethnic, gender and generational issues become more complex and renew interest in collective mobilizations, carrying theoretical and analytical challenges to researchers.

The relationship between crisis and protest is not only established in the present but goes back to the past and points to the future. How do recurring crises of capitalism, which not only have an economic but also a political and ideological dimension, impact strikes and social conflicts? In what way do they affect capital-labor relations, urban and rural demands, gender, ethnic and national identities, struggles around sexual orientation, or environmental issues?

These and other issues can be discussed from different disciplinary areas and theoretical traditions, covering a diversity of movements, historical times and territories.

### **I. Working groups**

#### **1. Protests against the economic, political and ideological crisis**

The relationship between protests and crises, past and present. The causes of the protests and their short- and long-term impacts in contexts of crisis. The main requests, the repertoires of collective action and the actors mobilized, on a local and a global scale. The popular resistances and the reactions of the right. The growth of conservative movements.

#### **2. Urban social movements**

The configuration of the city and the problems of urban life. Neighborhood and housing (homelessness, squatting) movements, for the improvement of public services, against the eviction of populations, against the genocide of populations. The role of youth in urban movements.

#### **3. Peasant struggles and rural mobilizations**

Analysis of social conflicts in the countryside. Disputes over land and access to natural resources (water, gas, minerals, seeds, plants) involving landless populations, rural workers, landowners. The struggles against the expropriation and control of the common goods by the market. The reactions of the agrarian bourgeoisie.

#### **4. Ethnic and national identities and social conflicts**

How social conflicts shape and transform identities over time. Ethnic uprisings against colonialism and "criole" oppression, indigenous struggles for self-determination, for plurinational states and land demarcation, black movement struggles for the recognition of civil, political and social rights.

#### **5. Migratory processes and social conflicts**

The impact of migratory processes on the social structure. The emergence and transformation of conflicts. Analysis of the dynamics of socio-cultural integration, the construction of ghettos, xenophobia, racism, etc.

#### **6. Sexual orientation and gender identity movements**

The emergence of feminist organizations and discourses, the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender movements, their debates and their relationship with other social movements.

### **7. The emergence and transformation of protest in socialist states**

The experience of protests in Eastern European countries, as well as in other socialist states. Their characteristics and particularities in seemingly "classless" societies.

### **8. Social movements and political change**

The interaction between social movements and political transformations during periods of transition from dictatorship to democracy or in revolutionary processes.

### **9. Environmental protests**

The struggle for the preservation of the environment, its relation with economic policy, with cultural traditions and identities.

### **10. Labor conflicts and trade unionism**

Union conceptions and strategies, strikes and other forms of labor conflict, protests of precarious and disorganized workers, the role of women and youth in labor conflicts.

## **II. Rules for the submission of papers and important deadlines**

**There are two types of registration:**

### **1. Individual communication**

### **2. Round tables: collective registration of 3 or 4 communications**

**The submission deadline is January 10, 2017.** The proposal must be submitted via submittable website: <http://www.en.iassc2018.sinteseeventos.com.br>. Eventually, the Organizing Committee may reshuffle the distribution of the proposal from one group to another.

The researcher interested in attending the conference should provide a summary of up to 4,000 characters. In the case of round tables registration, the table organizer should present a summary of all the communications (within the limit of 4,000 characters each), together with the data of their authors, in a single file. He or she should also include the title of the round table, as well as a description of its purposes (within 500 characters). Whether in individual or round-table inscriptions, we encourage proposals that combine theoretical and empirical perspectives, avoiding simple description of cases or abstraction. The Conference will accept abstracts and works in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

**The disclosure of accepted proposals will be communicated on February 09, 2018. The deadline for submitting the complete text of the communications expires on April 30, 2018.**

The communication text, whether individually or as part of a round table, should contain between 24 and 40 thousand characters (including spaces and notes), making a maximum of ten pages, in Times New Roman 12, space 1.5, margins 2.5. The text should clearly define the topic to be examined, the methodology used in the research, present its theses and arguments and explain the debate (theoretical, historiographical or political) in which the work is inserted. Unsent communications will not be included in the event's schedule, will not be published in the annals and will not have the right to presentation or a certificate.

**The act of submission of work in a work group or in a round table will imply the payment of a fee, which has the purpose of enabling the organization of the congress:**

	<b>Brazilians</b>	<b>Foreigners</b>
<b>Postgraduate Students</b>	30 Brazilian reais	10 dollars
<b>Professionals, Researchers Doctors</b>	60 Brazilian reais	20 dollars

**Important notices:**

- 1) A researcher may submit up to two papers in the event and each of them may have a maximum of three co-authors.
- 2) The rates described above are charged for work, not for author / researcher. In case of co-authorship, the fee will be charged according to the condition of the researcher with the highest degree.
- 3) In the case of a round table, the fee will be charged according to the professional situation of the table coordinator.
- 4) The payment of the submission fee must be made through the event site Pay Pal.
- 5) Paper submissions must be done through the event site.

**III. Deadlines and registration fees**

**Participants with accepted papers and attenders who wish to receive certificates** must, upon receipt of acceptance of their registration, complete payment for their participation in the conference.

The registration fees are individual, according to the values and deadlines below:

	<b>Submissions Option 1 Till March 30, 2018</b>		<b>Submissions Option 2 Till June 30, 2018</b>		<b>Submissions at the event</b>
	<b>Brazilians</b>	<b>Foreigners</b>	<b>Brazilians</b>	<b>Foreigners</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Professionals, Researchers Doctors</b>	200 reais	65 dollars	300 reais	100 dollars	500 reais
<b>Post-graduation students</b>	150 reais	50 dollars	200 reais	65 dollars	300 reais
<b>Attendants (without work presentation)</b>	60 reais	20 dollars	90 reais	30 dollars	120 reais

**The payment of the registration fee of the event must be done by Pay Pal in the event site.**

**\*All prices are in Brazilian reais. Exchange Rates Fluctuate.**

**The fee can be paid in US dollars or Brazilian reais (exchange rates are adjusted to correspond to fluctuations). To confirm your registration, please login and pay the fee using the online password protected portal.**

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