

# Resistance and Its Repression: Illiberal Democracies East and West

Third Annual **Mobilization** Conference

May 10 –11, 2019 San Diego State University  
International Conference



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We will explore two questions: How does the erosion of liberal democratic institutions affect social movements? And what can we learn about the dark dance between new social-control efforts and collective actions to resist them? This conference is sponsored by the Hansen Foundation for Peace and Nonviolence, and is organized in conjunction with *Mobilization* and SDSU.

Plenary sessions will focus on illiberal democracies, and included several presentations on China. Open paper sessions will cover a wide range topics in our field, and will be organized thematically depending on submissions. To reserve your place, submit an abstract and formally register by the deadline, and commit to a completed paper by the conference. Our vision is an informal and friendly space for researchers in the social movements/contentious politics field to gather annually and discuss their work. In addition to this year's focus on illiberal democracies, we welcome papers of topics such as:

- Strategies of nonviolent resistance
- Trends in social movement theory
- The analysis of contemporary movements
- Social media and digital technologies
- Tactical variation and movement outcomes
- Crossnational and historical analysis of protest
- Collective identity and identity movements
- And more, depending on submissions

Previous conferences confirm the utility of smaller, congenial gatherings for our research community. To attend, submit your abstract/register by January 31. Questions? Contact [Mobilization.Quarterly@sdsu.edu](mailto:Mobilization.Quarterly@sdsu.edu)

The Third SDSU Conference on Social Movements and Nonviolent Protest:

Resistance and Its Repression: Illiberal Democracies East and West

This year's conference will explore two fundamental questions facing scholars of protest: How does the erosion of liberal democratic institutions affect social movements in the twenty-first century? Second, what can we learn about the dark dance between new efforts of social control and collective actions to resist them? This conference is sponsored by the Hansen Foundation for Peace and Nonviolence, and is organized in conjunction with the leading research journal in social movements and contentious politics, *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*, published at San Diego State University.

Organization of the conference will combine plenary sessions on protest and resistance in illiberal democracies with open paper sessions on a variety of topics in our field. The paper sessions will be organized thematically depending on submissions. To reserve your place: submit an abstract of your research by the deadline, commit to a completed paper by the conference date, and formally register when you submit your abstract submission. Our vision is to create an informal and friendly space for researchers in the social movements/contentious politics field to gather annually and discuss their work. Registration fees include meals and the reception. In addition to this year's focus on illiberal democracies, we welcome papers of topics such as:

- Strategies of nonviolent resistance
- Tactical variation and movement outcomes
- Trends in social movement theory/critical perspectives
- The analysis of contemporary movements
- Social media, digital technologies, and repertoire shift
- Cross national and historical analysis of protest
- Collective identity and identity movements
- And more, depending on submissions

Previous conferences attest to the utility of smaller, congenial gatherings for our community of researchers. Last year 100 attendees, 91 paper presentations, and 24 sessions comprised the *Mobilization* conference. We hope for an equally successful conference in 2019. If you would like to attend, submit your abstract and register by January 15. Questions? Contact [Mobilization.Quarterly@sdsu.edu](mailto:Mobilization.Quarterly@sdsu.edu)