

Class 7: Movements

movement-parties

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Agenda for the day

- Opening notes
- Introduction to social movements
- Movement-parties
- Check-in on responses and counter-strategies (week 6)
- Sardines!
- Any questions, concerns, feedback for this class?

Opening notes



Presentation groups

Topics to me as soon as possible

June

July

May

Date	Presenters	Method
5 June:	Rasmus B., Andre D., Josefine E., Ioanna L., Santiago C.	surveys
12 June:	Omar B., Lela E., Niclas W.	network analysis
19 June:	NO CLASS MEETING	
26 June:	Colombe I., Konstantin S., Jakob W., Veronika L.	network analysis

Introduction to social movements

- collective behaviour theory
- resource mobilisation theory
- 'cultural turn' and new social movements
- political process theory



Collective behaviour theory (CBT)

- origins: shift from 'why' collective action to '**how**' collective action
- some key scholars: McCarthy & Zald, Tilly, Tarrow, McAdam
- focus on organisations: how they mobilise and campaign in **strategic** pursuit of goals
- degree of resources under the **control** of a movement
- key concepts:
 - **strategy** and **tactics**
 - types of resources: **material** (finances, property, supplies), **human** (quantity and expert quality of members/activists), **organisational** (capacity to disseminate and enact strategy), **moral** (solidarity support, legitimacy and sympathetic support)

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 - hierarchical vs. horizontal
- what strategies and tactics do movements use?
 - direct action vs. indirect/demonstrative action

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 - **emotions**
 - **framing** (Benford and Snow 2000): diagnostic, prognostic, motivational

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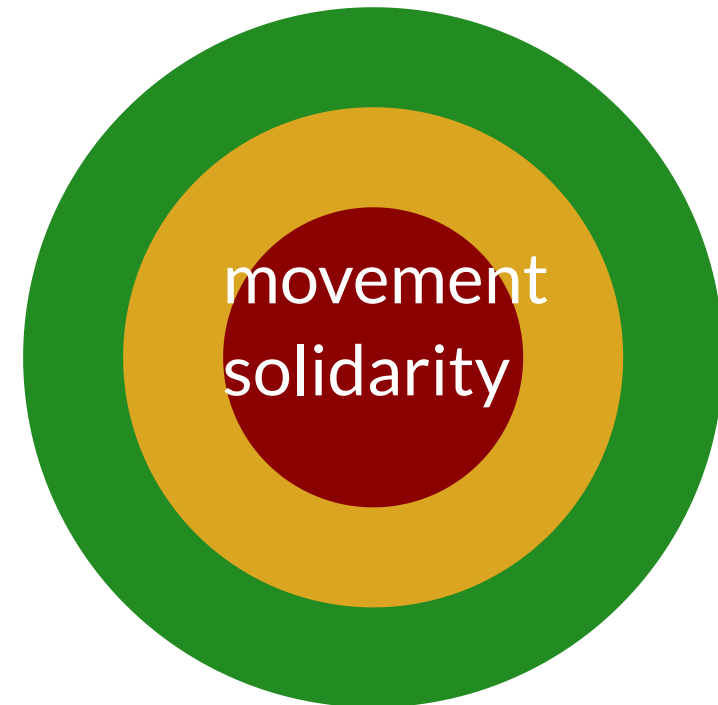
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Political process theory (PPT)

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Movement-parties

- what does this concept mean
- discussion: advantages and liabilities of acting as a party? as a movement?
- what are examples (historical, contemporary)



Movement-parties concept

- organised, registered as *political party*
 - fielding candidates, contesting elections (even if just locally)
- mobilises members and supporters in extra-institutional activism like *social movement*
 - protests, cultural events beyond purpose of supporting election

combine electoral representation with extra-institutional mobilisation (H. Kitschelt 2006)

- treating as parties neglects distinctive **movement-style activism**
- treating as movements neglects unique **instrumentalisation of institutional politics**

Movement-parties - discussion

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Why mix? Can it minimise
the liabilities and maximise
the advantages of both
types?

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Structure	Bureaucratic, stable	Fluid, network-based	Hybrid
Strategy	Policy platforms	Protest, activism	Mixed
Members	Formal	Informal, participation	Flexible

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both in transition from movement to party form (p377) – what has happened since 2018?



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What other cases do
you think this concept
describes?

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Sardines!

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Sardines (Colombo et al. 2021)

The Sardines held “anti-fascist, pro-equality, anti-intolerance, and anti-homophobic” views, they denounced a political communication based on racism, fascism, sexism and discrimination, standing their ground against it. (p5)



- mobilising against *Lega* (Salvini) in Italy's 2020 election campaign

RQ(s): how can support for FR be curbed? “we ask whether bottom-up mobilization against the far-right can undermine or boost support for the far-right. What happens when citizens mobilize in grassroots rallies against far-right political actors?”
(p2)

- cf. Lagios, Méon, and Tojerow (2022) and Ellinas and Lamprianou (2023)

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- possible mechanisms?
 1. **social pressure effect**, reinforcing stigmatisation of FR politics,
 2. **informative effect**, raising awareness of FR threats,
 3. **outing of (voting) intent**, committing demonstration participants/supporters to a certain electoral choice
- But also possible *backlash effects*

Any questions, concerns, feedback for this class?

Anonymous feedback here:

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