

Course title	<i>Sociology of Social Movements</i>
Credits	6
University	UCM
Language of the course	English
Learning outcomes	<p>LO1. understand the different disciplinary approaches to European Studies, including the way in which the different disciplines interact and enrich each other, so that they can grasp the richness of disciplinary perspectives on Europe and reflect on the added-value of multidisciplinary knowledge to understand Europe.</p> <p>LO2. have multidisciplinary knowledge on the fundamental aspects and values of the European Union and European integration as well as of European states and societies, which allows students to grasp the multi-dimensional issues, interests and ideas that are necessary to understand Europe as a political, economic, cultural and societal process in past and present times.</p> <p>LO4. be able to grasp the need for a general knowledge of different conceptual, theoretical and methodological perspectives to analyze and understand the European Union, and consequently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use various conceptual frames, theoretical approaches and methodological tools, that attempt to provide answers to the fundamental and practical questions that the European project is confronted with; • utilize means of comparison to answer to which degree similarities and differences across Europe exist, and how they define Europe at large; <p>LO7. have acquired analytical skills to conduct research under supervision, as well as present and report, clearly and comprehensively, both orally and in written form knowledge concerning questions of European Studies so that overall, students are able to formulate research questions, understand academic literature, collect and analyse data, critically reflect on research findings and weave this into the scientific-academic presentation of their own research results.</p>

Course objectives	<p>The course will analyze the emergence and development of European social movements as well as the impact of Europeanization on the agenda of these movements and the transnational dimension of protest. The course pursues the following nine objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To acquire the fundamental notions and concepts for the study of social movements and contentious politics. 2. To know the different perspectives in the sociological study of social movements, with a particular focus on European approaches. 3. To make arguments on cases and situations related to social movements in Europe. 4. To know the central research topics that currently guide a large part of the social movement research agenda in Europe. 5. Learn to read sociologically research, articles or reports derived from empirical analysis on European contention. 6. To become familiar with methodological issues related to the study of social movements and contentious politics in Europe. 7. To acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to analyze social movement processes in the framework of the broader process of Europeanization. 8. To make judgments about conflicts, cases or current situations related to European social movements using sociological reasoning. 9. To know how to consult basic sources in the sociological analysis of European social movements.
Content	<p>The course will be structured into four major blocks. The first block will deal with conceptual and theoretical issues related to the study of social movements. The second block will be devoted to the symbolic dimension of collective action while the third block will focus on forms of participation in European movements. The four block will deal with the evolution and transnational diffusion of European protest while the fifth and final block will assess the impacts of social movement in Europeanization and democracy. The contents of the course will be structured as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Main concepts and theoretical approaches. 2. Framing and emotions in social movements. 3. Collective action and identity. 4. Participation in European movements: networks and organizations. 5. The evolution of European contention over time. 6. The transnational dimension of European protest. 7. Social movement outcomes: Europeanization and democracy.
Work format(s)	<p>The course will be divided into three types of sessions: lectures, seminars and practical applications. Teaching will consist of a combination of lectures, student presentations, and class debates on general questions and specific issues. Practical applications will introduce students in the empirical study of European movements. Students are expected to be present, demonstrate active participation. It is desirable that the student has some prior knowledge of sociology and politics. Fluency in oral and written English is also of utmost importance.</p>
Manner of assessment	<p>Evaluation will be based on reactions to readings, class exercises and a final essay. Active participation will be considered for the final evaluation.</p>

Literature (required/ recommended)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • della Porta, Donatella (ed.) 2014. <i>Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research</i>, Oxford University Press. • della Porta, Donatella and M. Diani (eds). 2015. <i>The Oxford Handbook of Social Movements</i>, Oxford University Press. • della Porta, Donatella and Manuela Caiani. 2009. <i>Social Movements and Europeanization</i>, Oxford University Press. • della Porta, Donatella and Mario Diani. 2020. <i>Social Movements. An Introduction</i>, 3rd Ed., Blackwell. • Diani, Mario and Doug McAdam (eds). 2003. <i>Social Movements and Networks</i>, Cambridge U. Press. • Fillieule, Olivier and Guya Accornero (eds). 2016. <i>Social movement studies in Europe</i>, Berghahn. • Goodwin, Jeff et al. (eds), 2001. <i>Passionate Politics: Emotions and Social Movements</i>, U. of Chicago Press. • Imig, Doug and Sidney Tarrow (eds.) 2001. <i>Contentious Europeans</i>, Rowman & Littlefield • Johnston, Hank and J.A. Noakes (eds). 2005. <i>Frames of Protest</i>, Rowman & Littlefield. • Klandermans, Bert and Nonna Mayer (eds.) 2005. <i>Extreme Right Activists in Europe: Through the Magnifying Glass</i>, Routledge. • Kouki, Hara and Eduardo Romanos. 2011. <i>Protest Beyond Borders: Contentious Politics in Europe since 1945</i>, Berghahn. • McAdam, Doug, Sidney Tarrow and Charles Tilly. 2001. <i>Dynamics of Contention</i>, Cambridge University Press. • Monforte, Pierre. 2014. <i>Europeanizing Contention. The Protest Against "Fortress Europe" in France and Germany</i>, Berghahn. • Snow, David A. et al. (eds). 2019. <i>The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Social Movements (2nd ed.)</i>, Wiley-Blackwell. • Tarrow, Sidney. 2011. <i>Power in Movement (3rd ed.)</i>, Cambridge U. Press. • Teune, Simon (ed.) 2010. <i>The transnational condition. Protest dynamics in an entangled Europe</i>, Berghahn.
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