

# Political Action, Resilience and Solidarity

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An inter-disciplinary, inter-institutional workshop:

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## Programme

### Thursday, 18th September 2014

WAR STUDIES MEETING ROOM, 6TH FLOOR  
KINGS BUILDING

9.30-10.00 Arrival and Coffee

#### 10.00-11.45 **Resilience, Citizenship and Democracy**

Nicholas Michelsen: Resilience as Political Action

Jef Huysmans: Citizenship in times of resilience: from governance to politics.

David Chandler: Resilience and the Reconstruction of 'Political Action' and 'Solidarity'

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#### 1.15-3.00 **Solidarity & Resilience: A theoretical provocation**

Caroline Braunmuehl: 'Difference' and Solidarity in (Post-)Deleuzian and in Deconstructive Politics

Wanda Vradi: Solidarity and Resilience: Common Ground in an Age of Individualism  
Tudor Vilcan: Governing through resilience: Implications for social & political solidarity

COFFEE

#### 3.15-5.00 **Conflict and adaptation from below**

Esher Meininghaus: Resilience or solidarity? Civilian and armed opposition groups in Syria  
Jana Krause: Resilient Communities: Nonviolence and civilian agency in communal war

Maria Joao Barata: Identity, resilience and power in self-determination conflicts: The case of Western Sahara

CONFERENCE DINNER

### Friday, 19th September 2014

RIVER ROOM, 4TH FLOOR, KINGS BUILDING

#### 9.00-10.45 **Resilience and solidarity in a post-conflict contexts**

Maria O Reilly: 'Ambiguous loss' and 'ambivalent gains': Women's agency and resilience surrounding the search for missing persons in post-conflict Bosnia-Herzegovina

Mujibur Rehman: Making sense of resilience among the victims of anti-Christian violence in Odisha, India in 2008

Rebekka Friedman: Truth commissions and conflict transformations: An analysis of the Peruvian Comision de la Verdad y Reconciliacion

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#### 11.00-12.45 **Governmentality and political agency**

Raab, Jones & Szekely: Resilience: Theory and practice in a surveillance society

Kelly & Kelly: A grounded analysis of the meanings of 'resilience from below'

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#### 2.00 – 3.45 **Creative alternatives to the status quo**

Chris Rosedale: The Limits of Resilience: Solidarity as Deconstruction?

Daphe Plessner: What kind of citizen is a 'citizen artist'?

Yannick Rumpala: On the sociopolitical implications of experimental productive alternatives

COFFEE

#### 4.00-5.30 **Concluding Round-Table**

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