

## Mobilizing for Refugees

Donatella Della Porta, statsvetare vid Center on Social Movement Studies, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italien inleder utifrån hennes senaste studie *Contentious moves: Mobilizing for the refugees during the Long Summer of Migration*.

Discussant är Shahram Khosravi, docent i socialantropologi och forskare vid CEMFOR, som bland annat studerar papperslösa migranter i Stockholm och vad som händer med de flyktingar som tvångsutvisas till Afghanistan

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**Plats:** Seminarierummet på IBF (Institutet för bostads- och urbanforskning) Trädgårdsgatan 18.

### **Contentious moves: Mobilizing for the refugees during the Long Summer of Migration**

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**Abstract:** The wave of mobilization in the ‘long summer of migration’ in 2015 was started by what critical citizenship studies define as an act of citizenship. Mobilizations in solidarity of the refugees developed then all along the route that, from Turkey to Sweden, migrants took during their journey. Bridging social movement studies with critical citizenship studies, the paper surveys in particular the research on the so-called ‘poor people’s’ movements, singling out their peculiarities vis-à-vis the social movements that have been mostly covered in social movement studies. With reference to political opportunities, it locates the mobilizations within a critical juncture that challenged existing institutions in the neoliberal conceptions of migration. Based on cross-national qualitative and quantitative research, the presentation will discuss the mix of advocacy and solidarity in the campaigns in support of refugees’ rights. Appropriation of opportunities, mobilization of resources and issues framing vary along the migration routes in the different physical spaces – such as camps and borders – but also of their contestation. Spaces of arrival, transit and destination provide for different opportunities and constraints for mobilizations that assert the ‘right to have rights’, challenging institutions of citizenship.



**Biography:** Donatella Della Porta is professor of political science, dean of the Institute for Humanities and the Social Sciences and Director of the PD program in Political Science and Sociology at the Scuola Normale Superiore in Florence, where she also leads the Center on Social Movement Studies (Cosmos). Among the main topics of her research: social movements, political violence, terrorism, corruption, the police and protest policing. She has directed a major ERC project *Mobilizing for Democracy, on civil society participation in democratization processes in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America*. In 2011, she

was the recipient of the Mattei Dogan Prize for distinguished achievements in the field of political sociology. She is Honorary Doctor of the universities of Lausanne, Bucharest and Göteborg. She is the author of 85 books, 130 journal articles and 127 contributions in edited volumes. Her publications include *Movement Parties in Times of Austerity* (Polity 2017); *Where did the Revolution go?* (Cambridge University Press, 2016); *Social Movements in Times of Austerity* (Polity 2015); *Methodological practices in social movement research* (Oxford University Press, 2014); *Mobilizing for Democracy* (Oxford University Press, 2014) och *State Power and the Control of transnational protest* (2011).