



**WHEN DISOBEDIENCE IS «SOCIAL»: DEMOCRATIC
PROTESTS AND NEW FORMS OF COLLECTIVE ACTION**

**Department of Education
University of Catania
October 21-22, 2021**

Conference LINK

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The main heuristic intent of the conference concerns the concept of “social disobedience”. Traditionally, disobedience is expressed through protest, as an alternative to the status quo. Today all the process related to a disobedience definition need to be differently declined shifting from the civic to the “social.” Disobedience is not only a right granted to the individual within democratic systems and/or duty imposed in the interest of society also in a pro-social sense, i.e. defence of human rights and a tendency towards equalization, but it also became an alternative process, often symbolic, of construction of reality. In the present historical-social context, disobedience represents a method of political participation and a means through which forms of active citizenship can challenge any authoritarian drift, and underlining, moreover, social problems and morally controversial issues.

The classical idea of disobedience no longer adheres to contemporary social reality intrinsically multicultural and globalized: it turns out rather be a case of a range of wider collective actions that need to be studied and structured in the form of “ideal type.” A new definition asks to stress the distinction between civil disobedience, pro-social disobedience and antisocial disobedience. This distinction will be useful to explore the processes related to the disobedience collective action to construct a typical-ideal model as the output of the conference.

The several new forms of collective action offer fertile ground for social and human interdisciplinary research. Among all we could recall the idea of *solidarity citizens*, and all the forms of protest aiming at defending rights or claims of the “others.” By placing the “others” in the present (i.e. migrant rights) or in the future (i.e. “future generations” in the case of environmental protests).

The main focus of the international conference is (but not limited to): a) reconstruct from a theoretical and conceptual point of view social disobedience and the relative state of the art with the intent to explore its capabilities heuristics also a multidisciplinary perspective, current and innovative; b) analyse its phenomenology concerning a territorial horizon defining the different empirical facets with the objective of uncovering social and pro-social aspects related to today’s forms of disobedience.



OCTOBER 21, 09.30 – 13.00
VENUE: MICROSOFT TEAMS

WELCOME GREETINGS

Francesco Priolo, Rector – University of Catania

Rosa Loredana Cardullo, Educational Sciences Department Director
– University of Catania

Massimo Pendenza, Coordinator – AIS Teorie Sociologiche e
Trasformazioni Sociali

Liana M. Daher, President ISA RC48 – Social Movements, Collective
Action and Social Change

INTRODUCTION

Liana M. Daher – University of Catania

OPENING SESSION

Civil and Social Disobedience: Challenging Issues

Chair: Benjamín Tejerina – University of the Basque Country

- Helena Flam – Universität Leipzig
The Puzzle (of) Civil Disobedience
- Teresa Serra – Sapienza University
From the Civic to the Social. Disobedience as Need of
Transition to the Democracy of Future
- Jennet Kirkpatrick – Arizona State University
Tocqueville Considers Bad Civil Society
- Tova Benski – The College of Management-Academic Studies,
Israel
Between Civil-Military-Social Disobedience

DISCUSSION

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SESSIONS

Disobedience in Pandemic Times

Chair: Augusto Gamuzza – University of Catania

- Chiara Sagone – University of Catania
The Handling of the Covid-19 Pandemic and Regional or Local "Disobedience"
- Miriam Gal Ezer – Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee
Israel Covid-19 Authoritarian 'Disaster-Capitalism' and Media: Obedient Populist Collectives' Organised Violent Actions against Disobedient Democratic Social? - Civic Collectives' Protests
- Francesco Antonelli, Santina Musolino – University "Roma Tre"
Social Movements and Social Disobedience at the Time of Covid19 Crisis: the Case of the Italian University

Discussant: Emanuele Toscano – Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi-Roma

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Disobedience and the Law

Chair: Caterina Drigo – University of Bologna

- Fausto Vecchio – Kore University of Enna
Disobedient Judges as a Reaction to Political Populism
- Edoardo C. Raffiotta – University of Milano Bicocca
The Role of "Private Sovereigns" in the Political Choices of States
- Augusto Sperb Machado – University of Lausanne
The 'Standard' Definition of Civil Disobedience between the Fidelity-to-Law Requirement and the Rule-of-Law Ideal

Discussant: Manuel Anselmi – UnitelmaSapienza, University of Rome

Social Dissent and Disobedience in Education

Chair: Liana M. Daher – University of Catania

- **Maurizio Merico, Nadia Crescenzo – University of Salerno**
Education and Dissent: Rethinking Kenneth Keniston's Contribution to Youth Studies
- **Anna Maria Leonora, Augusto Gamuzza – University of Catania**
Cosmopolitan Educational Disobedience. A Theoretical Proposal for Changing Times
- **Giorgia Mavica, Alessandra Scieri – University of Catania**
Disobedience in Pandemic Times: Protests for and against Distance Teaching in Italy

Discussant: Mariagrazia Santagati – Catholic University of the Sacred Heart - Milan

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Disobedience as a Form of Resistance: the Interdisciplinary Outlook

Chair: Anna Maria Leonora – University of Catania

- **Caterina Drigo – University of Bologna**
From Civil Disobedience to Social Disobedience: New Paths on a Globalised World. Theoretical Framework and Case Studies
- **Vito Giannini, Nicola De Luigi, Ilaria Pitti – University of Bologna**
Why Disobeying the Law? Emotions and Reasons in the Protest against the Trans-Adriatic Pipeline
- **Francesco Paterniti – University of Catania**
Children in the Context of Homosexual Couples, Between Legislative Limits and the Disobedience of Would-be Parents. Reflections on a Problem Awaiting Solution
- **Emanuele Coco – University of Catania**
Philosophy of Disobedience. The Detachment from the Rule as a Theoretical Act

Discussant: Andrea Borghini – University of Pisa

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OCTOBER 22, 09.00 – 13.00
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Disobedience and Solidarity Processes

Chair: **Ilaria Pitti** – University of Bologna

- **Camilo Gomez** – University of Huddersfield
Understanding the 2021 Colombian Protests as an Act of Social Disobedience: Places, Spaces, and Bodies of Resistance and Solidarity
- **Lina Vosyliute** – CEPS (Centre for European Policy Studies),
Stephanie Brenda Smialowski – SciencesPo
Guilty without Crime: Policing of Solidarity with Refugees and Other Migrants
- **Davide Nicolosi** – University of Catania
Prosocial Activism: First Evidences from the Protests for Migrants' Rights in Sicily
- **Martin Julian Acevedo Miño** – Pontificia Universidad Católica
Civil Disobedience as a Current Form of Resistance: the Tax Rebellion of the Agricultural Sector in Argentina

Discussant: **Kaan Agartan** – Framingham State University

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CLOSING SESSION

Looking for a Definition of Social Disobedience: Evidences from the Sessions

Benjamín Tejerina – University of the Basque Country

Augusto Gamuzza – University of Catania

Caterina Drigo – University of Bologna

Anna Maria Leonora – University of Catania

Ilaria Pitti – University of Bologna

Concluding Remarks: **Liana M. Daher** – University of Catania

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