



136155 Labor Movements

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Dates	Timetable	Topic	Room
10 March	01.00 - 4.00 pm	Introduction to labor movement research	6
17 March	01.00 - 4.00 pm	Actions and actors of today's labor movements: beyond strikes and unions	6
24 March	01.00 - 4.00 pm	Group discussion on specific case studies	6
31 March	01.00 - 4.00 pm	Group discussion on specific case studies	6

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE

Over the past decades, and particularly in the aftermath of the 2008 economic crisis, worker protests in Europe have experienced a marked resurgence, reaching peak levels between 2011 and 2014. Scholars have largely attributed this trend to the revitalization of labor movements. This workshop examines contemporary forms of workers' collective action by integrating insights from different strands of scholarship, particularly contentious politics and industrial relations. It focuses on empirical analyses of current labor mobilizations, exploring the evolving repertoires of action adopted by workers, the changing role of both established and emerging unions in worker representation, and the growing diversification of workers' claims, with particular attention to labor protests in Italy since 2008. In addition, through selected case studies, students will engage in comparative discussions of contemporary workers' struggles across different global contexts.

The seminar is organized into two sessions including 1) introduction to labor movement research; repertoire of actions, main actors, claims and targets of today's labor movements and 2) group presentations and guided discussions of case studies on contemporary labor movements around the world selected by students.

TARGET STUDENT

The seminar is designed for students in bachelor's and master's degree programs particularly LT Sociology and International Studies and LM GLOCAL and SSR students..

REGISTRATION

Registration is obligatory and must be done online at <http://www.sociologia.unitn.it/100/seminari-di-credito> by 20/02/2026 (minimum number of enrollment(s) for activation: 6 - maximum number: 25)

Please take note of the SANCTIONS PROVIDED for those who do not show up for the first and/or next meeting without having given proper notice. See <http://www.sociologia.unitn.it/100/seminari-di-credito>

EXCEEDING ACTIVITY

Students will earn 2 credits (CFU) by attending at least 9 hours of the seminar and taking part to the group presentations. Assessment will be based on active participation and the group presentation