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RADICALIZATION, EXTREMISM AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

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We live in turbulent times when populism, ethno-nationalism, extremism and radicalization are on the rise. Scholarship in political science has characterised the wide variety of radical or extreme movements as ‘social movements’ because of their strategies for political mobilisation. Equally, scholars in the field of Global Citizenship Education (GCE) have likened it to a social movement and located the origins of global citizenship as an aim for education in the social movements of the global south. Much of the activism from the global south that inspires the critical scholarship on GCE are anti-systemic in nature, calling for ‘another world’ and not necessarily for transformation of existing institutions. At the same time Global Citizenship Education (GCE) is a central educational tenet of the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals and of UNESCO’s Preventing Violent Extremism through Education initiative. This invites consideration of the differences between education meant to ‘open people’s eyes and minds to the realities of the world, and awakens them to bring about a world of greater justice, equity and human rights for all’ (Maastricht Global Education Declaration 2002) and more organic, grassroots and self-organising forms of political mobilisation across the political spectrum. The question remains, how does GCE respond to an ever more complex global political landscape in which there is increasing competition for political allegiance, a wider variety of political mobilisations and in which there is more at stake over the ability to influence the ‘mind set’ of the public in terms of cost and benefits?

This call for papers invites contributions which engage GCE either theoretically or empirically in these questions of state-society relations, civil society, political mobilisations, social movements, radicalisation and extremism.

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