

## Call for Abstracts for "Social Movements as Actor-Networks", Special Issue in SMS.

**Deadline for submissions: 20 March 2016**

Special Issue: Social Movements as Actor-Networks, Social Movement Studies: Journal of Social, Cultural and Political Protest.

This special issue <http://explore.tandfonline.com/cfp/bes/csms-social-movements-as-actor-networks> encourages empirical and theoretical contributions that explore and enrich the intersection between Science & Technology Studies (STS), particularly

Actor-Network Theory (ANT), and the study social movements and other forms of non-governmental politics.

As editors, we are interested in how ANT's relational and empirical sensibility, coupled with its orientation towards materiality and more-than-human forms of agency, complements and challenges more established conceptualisations of social movements:

- What are the theoretical, methodological and political implications of defining social movements as actor-networks?
- What are the tensions and debates that the idea of network employed by ANT introduces in other well-known relational, and networked, perspectives (e.g. Castells, Melucci, Juris, social network analysis)?
- How does a focus of materially heterogeneous assemblages transform the notion of political agency (and responsibility)?
- What forms of distributed agency can be empirically observed in social movements?
- What forms of entanglement between humans and non-humans, technology and society, science and politics can be observed in social movements (and how are they conceptualised by activists themselves)?
- How well does this analytical repertoire travel into the domain of social movements?
- What tensions and limits does this theory encounter beyond its more common application to scientific laboratories and institutions?
- How does the notion of actor-network change shape when focused on less-established and privileged actors?

### Submission Instructions

Interested scholars should submit proposals of up to 300 words to the

Editors at [politics.socialmovement@keele.ac.uk](mailto:politics.socialmovement@keele.ac.uk) by March 20th, 2016.

Accepted submissions will be notified in March, and final drafts are due on \*July 30th\*, 2016 (max 9000 words, inc. all endnotes and bibliography).

Please bear both the word length and the deadlines in mind when considering whether you would like to submit a proposal. Final drafts will undergo peer review and be subject to the decisions of the Editors. We aim to publish this special issue in late 2017.