

## **On Being Political: Theory & Activism**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June @ SOAS University of London

“we must continually claim theory as necessary practice within a holistic framework of liberatory activism.” - bell hooks, *Theory as Liberatory Practice*.

Within the academy, a false dichotomy is often drawn between those who *practice* politics and those who *theorise* it. In spite of this, liberatory movements have long regarded theory as both a venue for and a driver of political activism. This workshop aims to examine the relationship between political theory and political activism, especially as it is understood from the Global South. To this end, we invite submissions treating the following (non-exhaustive) list of topics:

- Environmental Activism
- Theory as a Space of Contentious Politics
- Everyday Activism and the Limits of Theory
- Conceptualizing Disobedience, Direct action, and Protest
- Theorising the Activist
- Theory as a Liberatory Practice
- Comparative Approaches to Activism
- Theories of Resistance

This workshop is open to academics at any stage of their careers, including post-graduate students. Those wishing to take part should submit a title and abstract (300 words) to [CCPTWorkshop@gmail.com](mailto:CCPTWorkshop@gmail.com) by **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. Limited funds will be available to support participants' attendance at the workshop in line with individual needs.

In order to facilitate an open and productive discussion, we will ask participants to circulate their papers beforehand. However, as the workshop is intended to provide space for developing new ideas, we encourage participants to submit works in progress, including those at an initial stage of development.