



## **UNDISCIPLINED ACTIVISM**

**A workshop at the Undisciplined Environments conference**

### *Programme*

**WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH**

**Venue: KTH Campus, Seminar Room 1 (Teknikringen 74D, 5<sup>th</sup> floor)**

#### **Session I. Institutions and organizations**

Facilitators: Laura Centemeri and Lucie Greyl

Chris Church - Community Environment Associates (UK)

Mariella Bussolati - Ortodiffuso (Italy)

John Mark Mwanika - Amalgamated Transport and General Workers' Union (Uganda)

Nayla Naoufal - Laval University (Canada)

#### **Session II. Social Movements**

Facilitators: Laura Centemeri and Lucie Greyl

Sara Rocha – Coimbra in Transition (Portugal)

Sara Senese and Leandro Sgueglia - TerraNostra (Italy)

Laila Sandroni and Bruno Tarin - Tupi Vivo (Brazil)

Giorgos Melissourgos - Water Warriors (Greece)

#### **Session III. Sámi science/activism**

Facilitators: Laura Centemeri and Lucie Greyl

panel organizer: May-Britt Öhman

Henrik Andersson - Reindeer Herder (Sweden)

Tor Lundberg Tuorda - Photographer and film maker (Sweden)

Gunilla Larsson - UPPSAM, Researcher, Uppsala University (Sweden)

May-Britt Öhman - UPPSAM, Researcher, Uppsala University (Sweden)

## **THURSDAY, 24 MARCH**

### **Plenary Session**

Venue: Teater Reflex, Kärntorpsplan 14, Stockholm

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

### **Undisciplined Art/Activism**

Facilitators: Laura Centemeri and Lucie Greyl

John Angus - StoreyG2 (UK)

Revati Pandya - Natural Justice - and Evan Hastings - Shadow Liberation theatre (India)

Liselotte Wajstedt – Film-maker (Sweden)

Paula von Seth - Moderna Museet (Sweden)

### **Debate and conclusions**

Discussant: Amita Baviskar (India)

2 - 6 pm

Field Trips: The undisciplined political ecologies of Stockholm

## WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY

### Objective:

The workshop is meant to be an opportunity to share experiences of “undisciplined” activism. By undisciplined activism we mean, first of all, an environmental activism that challenges the standard understanding of what environmental activism is usually taken to mean. Second, an activism in which environmental issues are not separated from other relevant societal issues and struggles, but, on the contrary, joint efforts and actions are promoted in collaboration with a variety of activists and organizations (institutional and not).

The workshop is an opportunity to meet, and to discover, through the sharing of each other’s experiences, the huge variety of forms that undisciplined activism can take, in order to reflect together on its limits and potentialities, and to sustain change towards more just societies.

The workshop is also intended to be an opportunity for networking through gathering and sharing knowledge and practice. It is not expected to be a moment of theoretical analysis, but rather a privileged moment of reflexivity on practice, starting from the experience that the participants will share.

### I. Workshop sessions

Workshop participants are “**core speakers**” in their specific session, as presented in the Conference program. They are expected to be “**participants**” in all the workshop sessions.

**Facilitators** (Laura Centemeri and Lucie Greyl) will facilitate the sessions, while **moderators** (Stephanie Roth and Amita Baviskar) will take part to all sessions, summarize workshop outcomes and moderate the final discussion, in the plenary round table of the 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

Each session lasts 1h30, and it is organised in 4 moments (see below). Core speakers will have 10 minutes to introduce themselves (moment 2) and to address the core questions of each session (moment 3), before opening the floor to the participants’ feed and general debate (moment 4).

1. **Introduction:** Workshop and session introduction by facilitators: 5 min

2. **Presentations:** Each core speaker will present in 5 min her/himself and the specific experience he/she wants to share in this workshop. Each core speaker is supposed to synthetically explain/show in what terms his or her vision and practice of activism is undisciplined.

#### 3. Exploring undisciplined activism

In each session we have defined some key-questions that each “**core speaker**” will have to address in **5 minutes** (the same rules as in point 2 apply concerning format):

##### Session 1: Institutions and organisations

How is undisciplined activism possible when working inside institutions and organisations or in collaboration with institutional or collectively organized actors? Is undisciplined activism possible, in forms that are not an open antagonism towards existing institutions and organisations? In your experience (that you are specifically sharing in the workshop), what are the main strengths/potentialities and the main limits you can identify in such an activism inside or at the frontier of institutions/ organizations?

##### Session 2: Social movements

How can undisciplined activism succeed in federating a plurality of issues in a same, shared struggle? How to deal with the variety of actors involved and their conflicting ways to define what is at stake in the struggle? In your experience (that you are specifically sharing in the workshop), what are the main obstacles to such form of activism?

**Session 3: Sami science/activism**

How can research be exercised as a form of undisciplined activism? How can knowledge production cross the boundaries between academia and civil society and what problems does it encounter in the process? How can issues of identity and representation be addressed in a de-- colonial perspective?

**Session 4: Undisciplined Art Activism**

In what terms is an art--activist an undisciplined artist and an undisciplined activist? In your experience (that you are specifically sharing in the workshop), how does art changes socio-- environmental mobilizations and how do mobilizations change art? How and why, in your experience, is art necessary for undisciplined activism?

**4. Participants' Feeds and General Discussion**

The floor will be open to a general discussion involving all participants. Laura and Lucie will facilitate the discussion. Core speakers will have 2 minutes each to synthetically comment on the issues the facilitators and the participants have pointed out;

**II. Workshop final round table (plenary)**

The final round table will last 1hour (after the last session on art-activism). All workshop participants are expected to actively contribute to the discussion. The discussant Amita Baviskar will offer her comments on the issues and questions that emerged during the sessions of the workshop and that will be presented to the general public for a further debate.

**Short Bios**

**Amita Baviskar** is currently an Associate Professor in the Sociology Unit of the Institute of Economic Growth in Delhi. She is widely recognized as the premier sociologist of social movements involving environment and development in contemporary India. She received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in Economics and Sociology respectively from the University of Delhi in 1986 and 1988. Professor Baviskar then obtained a Ph.D. in Development Sociology from Cornell University in 1992. She is co--editor of India's flagship sociology journal Contributions to Indian Sociology along with Nandini Sundar. She is on the Boards of several academic journals and non--governmental organizations working on environmental and social justice issues. She has received numerous awards. Her research interests include environmental politics with a focus on social inequality and resource conflicts, environmental and indigenous movements, the anthropology of development, urban environmental politics, state formation and the environment in South Asia.

**Laura Centemeri** is an environmental sociologist at the French CNRS, in the laboratory CEMS--IMM of the EHESS in Paris (<http://cems.ehess.fr/index.php?3393>). In her work, she develops a political and economic sociology of the plurality of modes of valuation of the environment, as a contribution to the understanding of environmental issues and struggles. She has worked on the issue of post--catastrophe environmental damage reparation, conflicts against mega projects (in Italy), the transformations of environmental activism (through studying permaculture activism in Italy and France).

Her publications are available on the platform HAL: [https://hal.archives--ouvertes.fr/search/index/q/%2A/authFullName\\_s/Laura+Centemeri/](https://hal.archives--ouvertes.fr/search/index/q/%2A/authFullName_s/Laura+Centemeri/) or on Academia.edu: <https://cnrs.academia.edu/LauraCentemeri>:

**Lucie Greyl:** is an activist of A Sud ([www.asud.net](http://www.asud.net)) and co-founder of the Documentation Centre on Environmental conflicts -- CDCA ([www.cdca.it/en](http://www.cdca.it/en)) European and research project manager. Lucie has worked on the last 8 years as CDCA coordinator and developed researches and tools in support to local communities involved in environmental conflicts. Recently she has been coordinating the community narration project Epicentro, WP9 Law and Institutions of the EJOLT project ([www.ejolt.org](http://www.ejolt.org)) on environmental justice and the european training project Compass on sustainable conversion (<http://projectcompass.jimdo.com>).

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