

Alternative Futures and Popular Protest, 2025

30th Anniversary Edition



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Welcome to AFPP 2025

We are delighted to welcome you to this thirtieth anniversary edition of Alternative Futures and Popular Protest. We have a busy programme with 90 paper presentations and two plenaries, which looks to be highly international, varied and thought-provoking. We're sure there will be rich discussions developing across the conference, which we're very keen to get underway.

Organising Committee

This year's AFPP Organising Committee are: Josh Bunting, Gemma Edwards, Simin Fadaee, Kevin Gillan, Lidia Yanez Lagos, Steven Speed, Meghan Tinsley, Daniela Fazio Vargas and Luke Yates.

If you have any questions during the conference, please come along to the registration desk in the HBS Foyer during any break time when you'll be sure to find one or two of the organising committee around to help. You can also contact us via afpp@manchester.ac.uk

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- Eduroam: if you have an Eduroam account and your device is already set up this should be the easiest option to connect without any further login details.
- UoM_Guest: for anyone else, you should be able to connect to the UoM_Guest network. You'll be asked to authenticate using an existing Facebook or LinkedIn account, or by a simple text message code.

Working Papers Collection

Thanks to those delegates who have shared papers in advance. You can access the collection via dropbox at: <https://bit.ly/4kFH8nh>

Programme Overview

Monday	12:00	Registration
	13:00	Sessions 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D
	14:40	Comfort Break and Refreshments
	15:00	Plenary: Patterns of Climate Disobedience 2018-2025
	17:00-18:00	Wine Reception, HBS Foyer
	18:30	Social Meal (Kim's Kitchen)*
Tuesday	09:00	Sessions 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D
	10:40	Comfort Break and Refreshments
	11:00	Sessions 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D
	12:30	Lunch Break, HBS Foyer
	13:30	Sessions 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E
	15:10	Comfort Break and Refreshments
	15:30-17:15	Plenary: What Does Solidarity Look Like? A Panel Discussion on Palestine
	17:30	Social Meal (Sandbar)*
Wednesday	09:00	Sessions 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D
	10:40	Comfort Break and Refreshments
	11:00-12:30	Sessions 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D
	13:00	Social Meal (Platt Fields Market Garden)*

* Pre-registration required for social meals. Further details at the back of this programme.

Monday, 13:00–14:40

Session 1A | Room G6 | Chair: Kevin Gillan

Protests as Resonant Events: Examining the Role of Music in the 2019 Chilean Uprising

Daniela Fazio Vargas (University of Manchester)

El Bogotazo or the construction of the photographic image of disaster

Richard Gerald-Rondón (Architectural Association School of Architecture)

Climate activism as dialogical counterculture: building bridges between Extinction Rebellion Finland and institutionalized art world

Sini Mononen (University of Helsinki), Heidi Partti (University of the Arts Helsinki)

Session 1B | Room G7 | Chair: Jenna Condie

The Jina Uprising: A feminist reimagining of resistance in Iran

Firoozeh Farvardin (Department of Political Science, University of Vienna)

Mobilising Care Against Crises: Framing Care in Social Activism in Hungary, Czechia, and Poland

Luca Sára Bródy (Södertörn University, Sweden & HUN-REN KRTK, Hungary), Michaela Pixová (Södertörn University, Sweden & Institute of Sociological Studies, Czechia) & Elżbieta Korolczuk (Södertörn University, Sweden & University of Warsaw, Poland)

The Shaheen Bagh movement and its care-focused aesthetic politics

Alisha Ibkar (University of Manchester)

Movements, Myth, or Mist? Exploring Perceptions of Chinese LGBTQ+ 'Movements' in a Demobilized Context

Ada Wang (University of Oxford)

Session 1C | Room G32 | Chair: Kamalpreet Kaur

Students of the Street: Understanding Bangladesh's Road Safety Movement and July Uprising

Anupam Debashis Roy (University of Oxford)

Urban struggles in Sweden: in need of new approach?

Dominika V. Polanska (Södertörn University, Sweden) & Lisa Kings (Södertörn University)

The urban space in Colombian protests as layer of political identity

Omar Andres Campos Rivera (University of Manchester)

The Estallido Social from the perspective of the protesters of the Paro Cívico de 1993: the development of a stock of legacies for urban protests in Bogota, Colombia

Carolina Cepeda-Másmela (Universidad Javeriana-Bogotá)

Session 1D | Room G33 | Chair: Elise Imray Papineau

Young Chinese feminists organising in Japan: The transformation of political subjectivity through social movement participation

Yushuang Yang (Ritsumeikan University, Japan)

'The World We Re-met': the reinterpretation, renovation and reproduction of protest cultures

Ji-Eun Ahn (University of Edinburgh)

Shifting temporality: representation and governance in digital social movements

Claire Crawford (University of Cambridge)

Monday, 15:00–17:00

Patterns of Climate Disobedience 2018-2025

Plenary | Cordingly Lecture Theatre

This session focuses on experiences and analysis of the cycle of climate disobedience that began in the UK in 2018. It is based around a dialogue between academics who have researched UK climate disobedience in this period from different perspectives, and activists who share their first-hand experiences to reflect and consider future directions.

Chair: Peter Cox (University of Chester)

Discussant: Brian Doherty (Keele University)

From Tell the Truth to Truth-Telling: Climate Disobedience in the English Courts, 2019-2025

Graeme Hayes (Aston University)

Climate Disobedience as Prophetic Action: Learning from the intersection between religion and climate activism

Gemma Edwards & Finlay Malcom (University of Manchester) with Rev'd Mark Coleman

From spy journalists to tech surveillance: We are policed out of climate protest

Lex, Climate Action Support Pathway

Our Panel

Brian Doherty is an Emeritus Professor of Political Sociology at Keele University. He has worked with and published on many environmental movements, including green parties, UK roads protests in the 1990s, Friends of the Earth International and Extinction Rebellion (with Graeme Hayes and Clare Saunders). He is currently working on a study of criminal trials of protesters with Graeme Hayes, Steven Cammiss and Jo Gilmore.



Graeme Hayes is Reader in Political Sociology at Aston University. His teaching and research focus on environmental protest, civil disobedience, and the criminal trials of activists for their participation in disruptive non-violent direct action. His most recent books are *Breaking Laws: Violence and Civil Disobedience in Protest* (Amsterdam UP, 2019, with Isabelle Sommer and Sylvie Ollitrault), and *La Désobéissance civile*, now in its third edition with Presses de Sciences Po. He is a former Editor of both *Environmental Politics* and *Social Movement Studies*.



Gemma Edwards is a Senior Lecturer in Sociology at the University at Manchester. She has researched the high-risk activism of suffragettes and is currently involved in an AHRC project on religion and climate activism. Publications include the book *Changing Climate, Changing Religion* (Routledge, forthcoming, with Peter Scott, Celia Deane-Drummond and Finlay Malcolm), 'Mapping Suffragettes Political Journeys' in the *Routledge Companion to British Women's Suffrage* (2024, ed. Krista Cowman), and *Social Movements and Protest* (2014, CUP).



Finlay Malcolm is a Research Associate at the University of Manchester. His work currently investigates movements of environmental activism and advocacy amongst religious groups in the UK. He has published on topics including environmental activism, the epistemology of groups and networks, democratic reform, and the ethics of trust and faith. He is the co-author of the monographs *Changing Climate*, *Changing Religion* (Routledge, forthcoming, with Peter Scott, Celia Deane-Drummond and Gemma Edwards), and *A Philosophy of Faith* (Routledge, 2022 with Michael Scott).



Reverend Mark Coleman is a priest in the Church of England. He was Vicar of Rochdale and served as the Bishop of Manchester's Borough Dean until his early retirement in 2020. He is an active supporter of Christian Climate Action, Extinction Rebellion, Insulate Britain, and Just Stop Oil. Mark has been arrested 18 times, and been imprisoned twice for his protest. He remains subject to several High Court injunctions. He intends to serve the public good through nonviolent resistance, community building and truth-telling.



Lex is an international activist who left the legal profession to pursue justice and total liberation through democratic means. Disillusioned by increasing corruption in UK law, Lex has found that the only legitimate route to justice is through people-powered organising and nonviolent direct action. They are the co-founder of Climate Action Support Pathway (CASP) which works to support those who have taken action. Today, they work with different movements and groups to empower activists in the courtroom and to expose the violence and corruption of the elite.



Tuesday, 09:00–10:40

Session 3A | Room G6 | Chair: Josh Bunting

Education rights and teaching controversial issues: Considering the relationship between schools and social movements in Hong Kong and Thailand

Helen Hanna (University of Manchester)

The Anti-Patriarchy Movements Led by Chinese Female Students in Japan: A Study of the Magazine of The New Chinese Woman in the Late Qing Dynasty

Jin Dou (Ritsumeikan University)

Persistent Masking as Social Movement Development and Learning

Kaela Jubas (University of Calgary)

The kitchen-work of collaborative research: recipes for transformative methodologies

Michaela Pixová (Södertörn University, Stockholm)

Session 3B | Room G7 | Chair: Chris Saltmarsh

Forging Multispecies Justice Alliances

Heather Alberro (University of Manchester)

Unmasking sustainable development: Eco-development as a potential solution from the South to the Global Environmental Crisis.

Javiera Estenssoro (University of Bristol)

Resisting capitalist pressures against Indigenous Peoples: Ambivalent coalitions in the case of the Philippines

Karin-Ulrike Nennstiel (Hokusei-Gakuen-University)

Session 3C | Room G32 | Chair: Claire Crawford

Serbia's "Movement Society": How the Student Movement Led Non-Institutional Resistance to Its Peak

Filip Balunovic (Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade)

The 'People' and the politics of Assembly

Udeepa Chakravarty (New School for Social Research)

Amplifying Voices Through Alternative Means: Facebook's Role in Strengthening Social Movements in Angola

Israel Campos (University of Leeds)

Session 3D | Room G33 | Chair: Meng Kou

Ordinary Criminals or Political Revolutionaries? Hunger Strikes in Colonial Indian Prisons, 1929-1933

Kamalpreet Kaur (University of Manchester)

'Brown'-ing the way out of Caste Privilege: The erasure of caste in feminist movement spaces

Bhavani Kunjulakshmi (Maynooth University)

From Mau Mau to Gen-Z protests in Kenya: Lessons for contemporary social movements

Peninah Wangari-J (University of Manchester and the Racial Justice Network) & Njuki Githethwa (University of Johannesburg)

Shame, violence and the stigma machine: Reckoning with the ethics of forensic psychiatry

Piyush Pushkar (University of Manchester)

Tuesday, 11:00–12:30

Session 4A | Room G6 | Chair: Cláudia Araújo

Dilemmas of the Climate Movement

Chris Saltmarsh (University of Sheffield)

The Failure of Fridays for Future in Singapore: How a Climate Movement Can Succeed Under Authoritarian Environmentalism

James Everett Hein (National University of Singapore) & Claire Low Qian Ling (Force of Nature)

Activating parent-led climate action communities through caring economies: a pilot study of kids' clothing and toy swaps

Jenna Condie (Western Sydney University)

Voices Against Speculation. The Controversies of a Non-participatory Transition to Sustainability in Sardinia

Nicholas Atzei (Sapienza University of Rome)

Session 4B | Room G7 | Chair: Akangshya Bordoloi

Intersectional Activism Challenges Mainstream Movements: The Case of Disabled Queer Activists in Taiwan

Shanshan Ouyang (Ritsumeikan University)

Reflections on the achievements and challenges of Ni Una Menos and ROSA in combatting violence against women in Argentina and Ireland

Brogan Gallagher (Maynooth University)

Grassroots women push for health justice policies: How immigrant women from the French Antilles and West Africa fight against inequalities in sickle cell disease treatment

Meng Kou (École Normale Supérieure de Paris)

Faces of a "Maternal Revolution": Scotland's Iranian diaspora and a new visual culture of Martyrdom

Parisa Hashempour (The University of Edinburgh)

Session 4C | Room G32 | Chair: Alexandre Nogueira Martins

The politics of research on real estate transformations: collective actions and knowledge production

Ioana Florea (Södertörn University, Stockholm and Common Front for Housing Rights, Bucharest) & Enikő Vincze (Babes-Bolyai University and Social Housing Now!)

Strategic Geographies and The Contentious Rebirth of Social Housing in New York City

John Krinsky (The City College of New York, CUNY)

The Political Socialization of Activism: Short-term Cultural Impacts of Participation in the Housing Movement in Spain

Oriol Barranco (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain), Robert González-García (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) & Lluís Parcerisa (Universitat de Barcelona)

Single Parent Action Network: a legacy of intersectional solidarity and collective action at local, national and EU levels.

Tove Samzelius (Malmö University) & Sue Cohen (Honorary Fellow at Bristol University)

Session 4D | Room G33 | Chair: Peninah Wangari-J

A People's History of the Anti Nazi League

Geoff Brown

Affective Strategies: How movements counter the authoritarian appeal

Aurel Eschmann (Activist/Independent)

Anti-authoritarian strategies at the end of the end of history

Börries Nehe (International Research Group on Authoritarianism and Counter-Strategies, Rosal-Luxemburg-Stiftung and University of Potsdam) & Aurel Eschmann (Activist/Independent)

Introducing The Working-Class Movement Library

The Working-Class Movement Library is an independent library and archive. We care for and give access to our collection, which covers 200 years of working-class history. The library supports research, organising and community projects and offers tours, events and exhibitions whilst continuing to develop our collection.

We welcome individual research visits, student group workshops, and guided tours of the archive. We're also keen to hear your ideas for collaborative projects or funding opportunities.

WCML staff will be attending the conference during lunchtime on Tuesday. And if you are in Manchester on Wednesday afternoon, they are offering a tour for AFPP delegates. If you haven't pre-registered for this, please enquire about available space at their desk in the HBS Foyer.



Tuesday, 13:30–15:10

**Session 5A | Room G6 | Chair: Lucía Guerrero
Rivière**

Protest Policing in Portugal and Spain, 2000-2020: stewarding democracy or hindering democratic rights?

Cláudia Araújo (University of the Andes)

International solidarity, political altruism and mobilisation against the war in Palestine: five protest campaigns compared.

Angelo Galiano (University of Salento)

Fundamental British Values as a Tool to Criminalise the Palestinian Cause

Ümit Kemal Yıldız (The University Manchester)

Session 5B | Room G7 | Chair: Alisha Ibkar

Memory, Authority, and Gender: Women's Scholarly and Literary Contributions to Qatar's Historiography

Kaltham Alsuwaidi (University of Manchester)

"The movement as a whole": gender, race, self-determination and class in the struggles for freedom during the 19th century

Marcelo Badaró Mattos (Universidade Federal Fluminense—Brazil)

I Hear Voices: How Listening to the Thomas M. Bello Papers 1970-1971 Amplifies the Sounds of Student Protest at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Mick Anderson (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

The Performative Possibilities of Temporal Work in the Syrian Refugee-Diasporic Counter-Archiving Movement

Talia Sharkawi (Lancaster University)

Ambedkar reframing the Idea of 'what constitutes a global'

Sagar Ashok Kamble (Freie Universität Berlin)

Session 5C | Room G32 | Chair: Heather Alberro

Let's talk clean air: Emerging themes from a summer spent interviewing activists, campaigners, advocates and complainers.

Kathryn Miller (Lancaster University)

What are the barriers? Local food, community energy and developing subaltern strategy in advanced fossil neoliberal conditions

Stephen Graham (Lancaster University)

Who's Afraid of Disruption? What Europe's New Criminalization of Environmental and Solidarity Protests Reveals about Power

Markus Holdo (Lund University)

Session 5D | Room G33 | Chair: Luca Sára Bródy

Futures found and lost? Revisiting post-work imaginaries in an era of 'polycrisis'

Kevin Gillan (University of Manchester)

Utopia vs. Uchronia: Social Movements on the Left & Right

Robert T.F. Downes (University of Connecticut)

The Utopian Afterlives of Revolution

Laurence Davis (University College Cork)

Postcapitalism and the Post Office: An overview of my PhD Thesis

Martin John Greenwood (University of Manchester)

Session 5E | Cordingly Lecture Theatre | Chair: John Krinsky

A Critical Observation and Analysis of Leftist Political Groups in Manchester: Formation, Strategy, and Continuity (2021–2025)

Laya Hooshyari (The University of Manchester)

Worker-Peasant Alliance and Fight against Imperialist Neoliberalism: Lessons and Challenge from the Indian Farmers' Movement (2020-21)

Shamsher Singh (Faculty of Sociology, FLAME University, Pune, India).

Forging Collective Political Identities through Mobilisation: Comparative Case Study of #EndSARS and #ThisFlag

Nicholas Chukwudike Anakwue (Queen Mary University of London)

Land Sovereignty in Scotland: Common Grazing, Crofts & Community Land Trusts

Steven Speed

Tuesday, 15:30–17:15

What Does Solidarity Look Like? A Panel Discussion on Palestine

Plenary | Cordingly Lecture Theatre

This year, Palestinians commemorate the 77th anniversary of the Nakba whilst Gaza is undergoing a genocide, ongoing for over 19 months. Across all of Palestine, Israel is still subjecting Palestinians to policies of ethnic cleansing, forced displacement and oppression.

As people dedicated to engaging with social movements, it only seemed fit to hold a panel on the significance and tactics of solidarity with Palestine, as well as the role of our academic institutions in supporting the Israeli colonial regime. Through insights from campaigners, staff members, students and activists from the university and beyond, we aim to instigate both meaningful conversation and action and link our knowledge to struggles on the ground.

Chair: Josh Bunting (University of Manchester)

Our Panel



Hala Marshood is a Palestinian PhD student in Sociology at the University of Manchester. More importantly, Hala is part of the Palestinian campaigning groups inside university and in Manchester in general, a political activist in Palestine as well.



Omer Aijazi is a transdisciplinary scholar of disaster and conflict, interested in how people imagine and claim their worlds in the wake of colonial rule and environmental ruin while in the shadows of empire. He teaches at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute, University of Manchester, and is the author of *Atmospheric Violence: Disaster and Repair in*

Kashmir.



Tony Erizia is an activist with Manchester Palestine Action, with experience in teaching and music. Following decades of activism on a range of issues, from the Black struggle in Britain to the struggle against Apartheid South Africa, Tony got involved in MPA after seeing a live video of protestors outside a Zionist shop in Manchester's King Street.



Istahil is a masters student and a member of the Youth Front For Palestine (YFFP) Founded in 2022, YFFP has been campaigning against complicit institutions in Manchester and Birmingham and last year, launched a targeted student campaign against Tel Aviv University (TAU's) ties with University of Manchester, building up from past student campaigns at the

University.

Wednesday, 09:00–10:40

Session 7A | Room G6 | Chair: Martin Greenwood

Bite Back: Food and care in spaces of community organising

Reka Polonyi (SALC, University of Manchester), Elise Imray-Papineau & Alisha Ibkar

Toward communities of care—social clinics and the concept of health

Kala Dobosz (Doctoral School in Social Sciences, Jagiellonian University)

Women's Movements and The Politics of Care: The Case of Zimbabwe

Yvonne Jila (Lund University, Sweden)

Plight within Indonesia's social movements and the significance of collective care

Fathimah Fildzah Izzati (SOAS University of London)

Session 7B | Room G7 | Chair: Markus Holdo

Agileocracy: Reimagining Governance Through Collaborative and Adaptive Alternatives

Jasmina Nikolic (Agile Humans Ltd & University of Belgrade) & Biljana Markovic (Agile Humans)

Assessment of the public expression of political views by Polish judges during social protests in the light of qualitative research.

Mateusz Zaremba (Stowarzyszenie "Świetlica Kulturalna") & Cezary Wąsowski

Counter-Hegemonic Human Rights and International Solidarity with Kurdistan: Potentials, Pitfalls and Translations

Daniel Brown (LSE Sociology)

Movements before Mechanisms: Limitations and Possibilities for a Citizen-Driven Justice Response in Post-Conflict Iraq

Nadia Siddiqui (Social Inquiry) & Roger Guiu (Social Inquiry)

Session 7C | Room G32 | Chair: Scarlet Harris

Conceptualizing the State: Tactical Decisions and Violence at the ZAD Lützerath

Anton Vandevoorde (Ghent University)

What can a wound do: Collective Responses to Police Brutality in Colombia, Chile, and Iran

Lucía Guerrero Rivière (University of Exeter) & Camilo Tamayo (University of Huddersfield)

Resisting State Violence under the regulatory model of sex work activism in New Delhi

Akangshya Bordoloi (Maynooth University)

Session 7D | Room G33 | Chair: Benjamin Abrams

Changemakers: thinking through radical strategies for social movement organising

Jane Holgate (University of Leeds) & John Page (Ella Baker School of Organising)

Doing resistance after Bourdieu: problems and prospects

Shanglin Liu (University of Manchester)

Spontaneity and bureaucratisation in contemporary social movements

Kostas Kanellopoulos (National Centre for Social Research (EKKE), Greece)

Wednesday, 11:00–12:30

Session 8A | Room G6 | Chair: Udeepa Chakravarty

Striking Similarities? Applying Protest Event Analysis to Platform Workers' Struggle

Morgan Rhys Powell (University of Leeds)

The Future in Social Movements: Entangled Temporalities of Anti-Neoliberal Political Action

Alexandre Nogueira Martins (Freie Universität Berlin)

Rethinking Resistance: Overcoming the Oversight of Neoliberalism in Social Movement Theory

Margaux Schulz (International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University of Rotterdam)

Session 8B | Room G7 | Chair: Ümit Kemal Yıldız

Mapping social reactions to migration: The social effects of anti-migrant mobilisations in Kent

Matthijs Gardenier (University of Montpellier — Paul Valéry)

Re-writing Citizenship: Migrant Women's Activism in Manchester

Sugandha Agarwal (University of Manchester)

Where theories of racial capitalism meet abolitionist praxis: possibilities for anti-racism

Scarlet Harris (University of Cambridge)

(Post)coloniality and Commemoration in Martinique

Meghan Tinsley (University of Manchester)

Session 8C | Room G32 | Chair: Steve Speed

The Demobilization of Spontaneous Mass Protest in Black Lives Protests: A 'Desynchronization' Effect

Benjamin Abrams (UCL)

From the Street to the Cell: An Exploration of Language and Power in Activist-Police Encounters

Elise Imray Papineau (University of Manchester) & Ida Stevia Diget
(University of Queensland)

Soulèvements de la terre: broad antagonistic alliances and a wide spectrum of tactics show the way for Europe's radical climate movement

Judith Pape (ICTA-UAB, Barcelona)

Theorising Initial and Sustained Protest Participation: From Emotional Energy to Fictive Kinship

Mathis Ebbinghaus (University of Oxford)

Session 8D | Hanson Room



Control Room

Control Room (Pilot): Simulating Organizational Viability Through a Cyber-Systemic LARP

Felipe Ignacio García Soriano, Malena Fabregat &
Raúl Ruiz-Callado (Universitat d'Alacant)

This is a participatory pilot session of *Control Room*, a live-action role-playing game (LARP) designed to simulate the internal dynamics of a grassroots organization under crisis. The game allows 8–14 participants to embody key systemic roles—operations, coordination, strategy, and leadership—and experience firsthand the tensions of navigating uncertainty, fragmentation, and overload.

To take part in this session as a game participant, please sign up at the registration desk in the HBS Foyer. Observers are also welcome, with structured reflection tools available.

Colin Barker Memorial Prize

In 2023 we inaugurated the Colin Barker Memorial Prize for the best paper by an early career scholar or research student. We are delighted to announce our 2024 winners below. We will be on the look out for prize-worthy papers throughout the conference. Please feel free to nominate a paper by emailing afpp@manchester.ac.uk

2024 Winners

Andres Emiliano Sierra Martinez for 'Neighbourhood environmental activism as a theme of urban social movements and protest: analytical insights from a case study in Mexico City'.

Through a detailed study of a neighbourhood organisation confronting water scarcity in Mexico City, Andres illustrated the key characteristics of environmentalism in local, urban movements. Processes through which attachments to place are formed and local capacities are amplified are linked to the development of contingent spatial solidarities.

Loren Lok Yung Ma for 'Different struggles, same oppressor: the role of identity in the Anti-CCP coalition between Hong Kongers, Tibetans and Uyghurs'.

On the basis of interviews with people organising protests against the Chinese Communist party from three distinct diasporic groups, Loren unveiled the 'complex and multi-layered role of identity' in building a transnational coalition. Recognition of shared experiences, the adoption of broad master frames and the development of tolerant identities were shown to be crucial in organising across cultural difference.

Socials

For those who have registered to join us for food, we'll be looking forward to continuing discussions at the following locations.

Monday, 6.30pm: Kim's Kitchen, 49 Old Birley St, Manchester. M15 5RF

Kim's is an independent café and bar opposite the garden centre in Hulme, an area important in Manchester's squatting scene in the 1970s/1980s and where some of the bigger coop housing projects are based.

Getting there: turn right onto Higher Cambridge Street, which runs behind the HBS building, then turn left at the traffic lights onto Booth St West, follow the road, then the pedestrian footprint, all the way to the end. Kim's is round the other side of the student buildings and big yellow cooperative housing project. (13 minute walk)

Tuesday, 5.30pm: Sandbar, 120 Grosvenor St, Manchester. M1 7HL

Sandbar is a long-established, favourite after-work pub located in an old Industrial Revolution-era mill building.

Getting there: go back to Oxford Road and turn left; follow the main road and turn right at the second set of traffic lights onto Grosvenor Street (a park and a pale green modernist building on the corner). Sandbar is a few doors down on your left. (8 minute walk)

Wednesday, 1pm: Platt Fields Market Garden, Platt Fields Park, Manchester. M14 6LT

Platt Fields Market Garden sits on a former bowling green in a city park that has been transformed into an urban community garden space with holds regular workshops and cultural / alternative-food events.

Getting there: Either the bus or walking are straightforward and follow one big road. Turn right onto Oxford Road, and walk up past the hospital and Whitworth Park, through Rusholme to Platt Fields Park on your right. The garden is roughly in the middle, near the tennis courts, the kids playground and the Oxford Road side of the pond. A scenic 30ish mins walk or 15 minutes on our recently re-franchised bus service (opposite side of the road, ask for Platt Fields, nearly all buses go there, certainly the 41, 42, 142, 143 do, it's a £2 flat fare for a single journey).

30 years of AFPP

The first Alternative Futures and Popular Protest conference took place at Manchester Metropolitan University in 1995. At the initiative of Colin Barker and Mike Tyldesley, an international gathering of activists and scholars came together to make sense of the social movements of the day, and discuss their visions of a better world.

Over the next decades, Colin and Mike built a hugely successful series of conferences, known for their welcoming and comradely atmosphere and a strong focus on the political conflicts of the day. Hundreds of scholars and activists from over sixty countries came through AFPP over the years with established scholars participating on an equal footing to PhD students and early career researchers. In 2018, Colin and Mike, by then both retired, approached colleagues attached to the research group movements@manchester to discuss the future of AFPP and we were pleased to take on the responsibility of carrying this tradition forwards. Colin sadly passed away before the first University of Manchester edition of AFPP in 2019, during which we remembered his incredible contributions to social movements and to scholarship. Colin's presence will always be missed at AFPP.

In this anniversary year we would like to prompt memories of the past and thoughts about the future of the conference. You'll see ways to contribute to this on pin boards around the HBS Foyer, and we will be developing some online record of these reflections as well as an AFPP Reading List – intended as a living document to highlight publications that bear the imprint of conversations from the conference. If you'd like to add any AFPP reflections (or citations) online, please visit our testimonials page via this link: <https://bit.ly/4n0mEH7>. And please look out for our post-conference feedback survey, which will be circulated over the coming weeks.

Notes

