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Protest Movements and Social Mobilisations in European Integration History

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104 Boulevard de la Duchesse Anne 35000 Rennes (France)

Thursday, 9 April

8.30-9.00 Welcome of the participants

9.00-9.30 Opening session and Introduction

Pablo DIAZ, Alan HERVÉ, Mathieu DUBOIS

9:30-11:00 **Panel 1** (Chair: Alan HERVÉ) ***Workers Protests in Coal and Steel***

Nicolas VERSCHUEREN (Brussels): *Disaster, Decline, Demonstration: Tracing the Europeanization of Coal Miners' Collective Action*

Stefan BERGER and Till TRAUTE (Bochum): *Saving European Steel? Protests against EC Plans for the European Steel Industry from the 1970s to the 1990s*

Jörg ARNOLD (Augsburg): *Left Euroscepticism. The British trade union movement and their critique of the European project (1960-1998)*

11.00-11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30-12:30 **Panel 2** (Chair: Jürgen FINGER) ***Confronting the Single Market***

Nadia HILAL (Strasbourg): *European Mobilisations in Land Transport from 1990 to 2005: Building a Repertoire of Collective Action at EU-level*

Matt MYERS (Oxford): *British and French Water Workers and European Policy Directives from the 1970s to the 1990s*

12.30-14.00 *Lunch break*

14.00-15.30 **Panel 3** (Chair: Lorenzo MECHI) ***Agriculture and Fishing policies***

Carine GERMOND (Trondheim): *No Big Tractors, No Big Arms? Farm and Rural Women's Contestation in the EC*

Sergio MOLINA GARCÍA (Madrid): *When the Sea Mobilizes: Social Movements in the Fishing Sector during the First Two Enlargements of the EEC, 1970-1986*

Luca ALTERI and Alessandro BARILE (Rome): *Before the pro-EU Euphoria: Territories Against the European Single Market. The case of "Cobas latte" in 1990's Italy*

- 15.30-16:00 *Coffee break*
- 16.00-17.00 **Panel 4** (Chair: Gerd-Rainer HORN) ***European Mobilisations for Jobs***
 Steffen GAFFNEY (Brussels): *Jobs for all? Trans-European Politicisation of Unemployment and the 1997 Euromarch to Amsterdam*
 Jean-Philippe TONNEAU (Nanterre): *Renault Vilvoorde: A Turning Point in the Mobilisation Strategies of European Trade Unions?*
- 19.00 *Dinner (Brasserie de la Paix)*

Friday, 10 April

- 09:00-10:30 **Panel 5** (Chair:) ***New Social Movements and EC Policies***
 Micheal J. GEARY (Trondheim): *From the streets to Brussels – The Anti-Apartheid Movement and the European Communities in the 1970s and 1980s*
 Frieda OTTMANN (Munich): *Testing the Waters, Resisting the Channels: Performing Europe through Transnational Environmental Protest*
 Eloisa BETTI (Padua): *Women's Movements and the History of the European Parliament: Political Mobilizations and Debate to improve women's condition in Europe and beyond (1970s-1980s)*
- 10.30-11.00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00-12:00 **Panel 6** (Chair:) ***External Constraint and Mobilisations***
 Mathieu DUBOIS (Paris): *The Completion of the Common Market and the Social Protests of the long 1960s*
 Francesco PETRINI (Padua): *"Getting rid of an unbearable burden". Italy's economic establishment and European monetary integration in the early 1970s*
- 12.00-13.30 *Lunch break*
- 13.30-15:00 **Panel 7** (Chair: Laurent WARLOUZET) ***Accession process and Mobilisations***
 Matthieu TROUVÉ (Bordeaux): *From Euro-Enthusiasm to Euroscepticism? Anti-European Criticism and Protest in Spain (1980s-1990s)*
 Guya ACCORNERO (Lisbon): *The Critical Europeanist Stance of Portuguese Social Movements: From Accession to Austerity*
 Michele MIONI (Venice) : *Mobilizing for the "European Social Model": Enlargement and Cross-Border Integration through Interregional Trade-Union Councils between Italy and Yugoslavia, 1991-2000s*
- 15.00-15:30 *Coffee break*
- 15:30-16.30 **Conclusion / Discussion** (Chair: Mathieu DUBOIS)
 Gerd-Rainer HORN (Paris), Lorenzo MECCHI (Padua), Laurent WARLOUZET (Paris)