

Social movements and research in action for social change

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Abstract:

In the Eleventh Thesis on Feuerbach, Marx remembers us that: "Philosophers have hitherto only interpreted the world in various ways; the point is to change it". Too often the academic world is perpetuating the current system or remaining in its ivory tower disconnected from the real world. However research and knowledge production are a key aspect in a movement that aim to change the social relation in today dominant capitalistic system.

Our workshop aim to:

- Explore the possibilities that the academic world can offer in terms of resources and knowledge
- Discuss which kind of knowledge the social movements need
- Enhance activists' best practice in knowledge production

Recently various attempts have been tried build bridges between the Academy and social movements however the discourse has been framed in a false binary relation between researcher and activist. Starting point of this workshop is different: put at the centre the necessity of social movements and identify which kind of research they need between theory and practice.

This workshop is designed with an opening part where key concepts and challenges will be introduced. Then, the topics of the workshop will be explored with participatory methodologies.