

EMERGING BOUNDARIES OF HUMAN RIGHTS, CONVIVIALITY, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES OF GLOBALIZATIONS: CRITIQUES IN SEARCH OF NEW DYNAMICS

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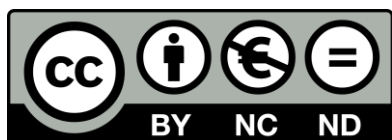
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Abstract

The panel deals with three interrelated issues – even if their commonness does not seem that obvious – of the current transformations of global societies and social sciences across very diverse geographical areas around the globe: human rights, conviviality (Caillé) and the issue of the “global” in social sciences. Each subject is contested. Each has reached a “frontier” and the debate turns around the question of regress or new ways of expansion. So, the question is what are the dynamics of new phenomena that try to cross the frontier.

Accordingly, from the late 1990s, there is a clear questioning of human rights as a “political” movement as being progressive or not (Cohen 2007; Yamin 2005). Is the frontier of human rights still at the social rights front or is it moving in other directions? What are the central and emerging challenges at present? What connections with the current pandemic and its aftermath or the question of justice and social rights and protections?

The second contested frontier is related to the Convivialist Manifestos (*Manifeste convivialiste* and *Second Manifeste convivialiste* – 2013 and 2020; Caillé 2013, 2014 and Caillé et al. 2020) and its lack of diversity, especially from the global south. What are the contested frontiers of the convivialist Manifesto, considered from the South and other marginal observers? What are the difficulties of a convivialist emergence in capitalist economies in the North and in the South? Is the convivialist movement a way to cross the frontier of human rights?

Finally, what are the current problem facing social sciences in the current phase of globalization and what new challenges are emerging? What connections are being made between human rights issues and studies and social sciences? Interestingly, the proponents of the Convivialist manifesto are also proposing new frontiers for the global sciences. What are the implications in this respect? There is a thread between the different topics – human rights, convivialism and globalization – and it has to do with social and labor rights as well as the transformation of work and employment. The issue of (forced) migrations is central to the question of human rights, conviviality, and globalization. A regression in terms of openness present in the globalization and internationalization of social interaction is a serious concern for human rights activism and compliance. Is *mondialité* (Glissant) a way to expand the boundaries of globalization in new directions, to transform it, and to promote human rights and a more open and convivial society?

This panel is open to other approaches within the combinations of the three dimensions – human rights, convivialism and globalization - highlighted above. All three topics question the boundaries of human nature and “milieu”.