

Global Development Research Group

Calendar of events for 2013/2014

This academic year the special focus of the Global Development Research Group will be on social movements and the state in the developing world.

Events are held at 1-2.30pm in the Meetings Room, Department of International Politics building, unless otherwise announced.

First term

- **11 October 2013**, 1pm – Reading Group Meeting on Social Movements in World Politics. The reading group will discuss a selection of texts by Sidney Tarrow and RBJ Walker.
- **24 January 2014**, 1pm – guest lecture by Dr Artemy Kalinovsky, assistant professor at the University of Amsterdam, entitled: “In Dreams Begin Responsibilities: The Promise of Development and Soviet Modernity in Tajikistan” (event co-hosted with the International History Research Group)
Dr Artemy Kalinovsky’s current research examines Soviet development and modernising efforts in Central Asia. Based on extensive research in Tajikistan, and a close familiarity with sources in Russian and Tajik, Dr Kalinovsky explores the local interpretation and expression of broader Soviet visions of development and modernity.

Second term

- **14 February 2014**, 1pm - Reading Group Meeting focused on theoretical approaches to social movements. The reading group will discuss a selection of texts by Margaret Keck & Kathryn Sikkink and Martin Shaw.
- **14 March 2014**, 1 pm – Reading Group Meeting on social movements in the Global South, and their relationship with the state. The reading group will discuss a selection of texts by François Polet, Sara Motta & Alf Gunvald Nilsen, and Mark Boden.
- **8 April 2014**, 2pm – Social movements and social media. During this Reading Group Meeting we will look at the most recent instances of protest and revolution in the MENA region and in the post-Soviet space (Russia and Ukraine) and try to answer the question what was the role of social media in these social upheavals (this event is tentative)