



YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE POLITICS OF OUTRAGE AND HOPE¹

**AN INVITATIONAL TWO (2) DAY
CONFERENCE AND EDITED COLLECTION**

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***A society at war
with its children is
a society in deep
crisis
(Conway, 2012)***

***Hope is a way of
dreaming up
possible futures:
an anticipatory
virtue that
permeates our
lives and activates
them
(Braidotti, 2013)***

***Conference location:
Deakin University,
Melbourne City
Centre, 550 Bourke
Street.***

**Please see over page for
submission details.**

Presenters will be asked to
contribute to an edited
collection.

¹ Manuel Castells (2012) *Networks of Outrage and Hope*

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Rationale:

Fifteen years into the 21st century millions of young people around the globe are marginalised in educational, cultural, social, economic and political contexts that are local and global; that are characterised by increasing wealth and poverty, and a widening gap between them; by the remaking of the markers of marginalisation in which some forms appear to wane while new forms seem to emerge; by global ruptures that are marked by austerity, recession and the remaking of the welfare state in the aftermath of the GFC; and which have been characterised, variously (and not unproblematically), as signalling a 'clash of civilisations', as the 'end times' (Žižek 2010).

During the so called Year of the Protester (Time 2011) we witnessed many young people around the world - the Spanish *Indignados*, the global Occupy movement, the young people of the various and different revolutions in the Arab Spring, and those participating in, and caught up by, the riots in many cities in the UK during August 2011 - voice their anxiety, uncertainty and anger about their experience of these diverse and emerging circumstances.

High levels of youth unemployment and precarious employment, student debt accompanying increased costs for higher education, housing costs that lock many out of home ownership, and the challenges for young people's physical and mental health and well-being are re-shaping young people's sense of self and of their chances for meaningful participation in relationships and settings that traditionally identified someone as an adult, as a citizen.

This conference/collection, drawing on a range of theoretical, methodological and empirical work, will identify, explore, map and debate the challenges and opportunities, the possibilities and limitations, of the politics of outrage and hope that should accompany academic, community and political discussions about the futures that young people will inherit and make.

Call for Abstracts (Expressions of Interest)

If you are interested in presenting a paper at the conference AND contributing a chapter to this proposed book, please provide the following details in a word document, and email to lyn.harrison@deakin.edu.au by **Friday, January 30, 2015**. Abstracts will be reviewed by convenors and a decision on inclusion made by the start of **March 2015**.

Name of author(s), Institutional affiliation and email address.

Title of paper/chapter

Abstract (250-300 words)