

Institute for Social Transformation Research, in cooperation with
The School of History & Politics, Faculty of Arts

‘COLLABORATIVE STRUGGLE’ CONFERENCE

University of Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia

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Keynote address: ILAN PAPPÉ, UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

Author of *The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine* (2006), *The Modern Middle East* (2005), *A History of Modern Palestine: One Land, Two Peoples* (2003), and *Britain and the Arab-Israeli Conflict* (1988)

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The ‘Arab Spring’ and the ‘Occupy Wall Street’ movements have both, in their very different ways, brought to life the idea that ‘the people’, long thought to be missing, can and do make a difference. This conference is interested in the possibilities these kinds of ‘collaborative struggles’ are opening up for new ways of thinking about politics, citizenship, identity and indeed life itself. What happens when Palestinians and Jews struggle together to defeat the segregation that nourishes the continuation of their conflict? What if a society of white privilege were to give way to an integrative way of life in Australia? This conference discusses different aspects of joint action – or ‘collaborative struggles’ – as the way to exit colonial divisions and oppressive relations in contemporary societies. We assume that the way we choose to struggle is the way we choose to create the new.

INVITED SPEAKERS: HENRY REYNOLDS – UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA; CHRIS WEEDON – CARDIFF UNIVERSITY; LORENZO VERACINI – SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY; MATT ALLEN – UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG; SIMONE BIGNALL – UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Convened by Ian Buchanan and Marcelo Svirsky



CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference invites 20 minute papers on different aspects of ‘collaborative struggle’:

joint activism and decolonisation in settler-colonial societies * radical activism and capitalism *
civil society and collaborative action * ‘shared history’ and critical narratives * collaborative
struggles and cultural studies * transversal activism * bilingualism and interculturalism *

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