

**WORKSHOP 3: 1968, SPACE, POLITICS,
AND RADICAL GEOGRAPHY**

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**Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018, 10am-3pm,
Lunch 12-1pm**

**River Room, King’s Building, King’s
College London, Strand campus, London
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Mustafa Dikec, École d’urbanisme
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With reference to the legacies of
1968, this workshop will explore the
relationship between space and
politics. We will consider how both
space and politics have been
theorised since 1968 and how that
conceptualisation opens up new ways
of considering the politics of urban
social movements. While geographers
and urban theorists have engaged
directly with Paris, 1968 through
Lefebvre’s *Urban Revolution*, along
with Situationist writings and
artworks from Debord, Vaneigem and
Constant, the long-1968 was also
crucial to the emergence of radical
geographical thought and practice
seen in works such as William
Bunge’s *Fitzgerald* and
Harvey’s *Social Justice and the City*.
In recent years, the question of
politics has been foregrounded more

in theorizing the relation between space and politics, which implies the need for a new set of conceptual resources that may or may not fit so conveniently with those drawn on in the past. While drawing in particular on Dikeç's reading of Jacques Rancière, this workshop will seek to consider the relation between space and politics alongside other key thinkers in radical geography and critical urbanism.

Specific questions to consider will include:

* What might it mean for both critical urbanism and for interpretations of 1968 to "place politics at the heart of radical urban political theory"

* How might critical urbanists integrate an understanding of politics into their interpretations of urban insurrections?

* In what ways does Rancière's understanding of politics provide a challenge to earlier ways of interpreting "the urban political"?

Suggested preparatory reading:

Dikeç, M., 2005. Space, politics, and the political. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, 23(2), pp.171-188

Dikeç, M. and Swyngedouw, E., 2017. *Theorizing the politicizing city.*

International Journal of Urban and
Regional Research, 41(1), pp.1-18.

Rancière, J. 2001, Ten Theses on
Politics. Theory and Event 5:3.