

Call for papers

CIGAL 2019
12th to 16th June 2019

Rabastens (Tarn) – France



Political and scientific context

The first International Conference of Anarchist Geographers and Geographies¹ held in Reggio Emilia, Italy, in 2017 was part of a renewed interest in historical figures such as Pyotr Kropotkin (1842-1921) and Elisée Reclus (1830-1905).

Anarchist ideas and practices influence the current struggles for social liberation all over the world. After the special issues on anarchism and geography published by international journals such as Antipode and ACME, fundamental books have been published on the subject at the international level.

We think for example of the works of James Scott, David Graeber or Simon Springer². In the academic world networks of anarchist studies are multiplying - ASN, NAASN, RGL³ - and recent calls for papers or symposia bear witness to this:

- the March 2017 call for papers for the journal *Journal des anthropologues* "Anthropologie et anarchisme";
- the conference "Anarchism and social sciences" organized in Lille in March 2018;
- the study days on "Commons. News of the libertarian municipalism ", organized in Saint Denis in May 2018;
- the call for papers on "Anarchism and Animal Liberation" for the Fifth International Conference of the ASN at Loughborough University, 12-14 September 2018,

This movement is related to the rise of experiences based on localized self-management practices (AMAP, SEL⁴, etc ...), and the multiplication of struggles that are based on the occupation and appropriation of space (movement Squares, Squat, ZAD ...).

Territorial context

The ICAGG 2017 aim was to create a place where researchers and persons interested in anarchist perspectives and practices could exchange and create meaningful connections in an international context.

The 2019 edition is the second CIGAL (International Conference of Anarchist and Libertarian Geographers). It is organized in Rabastens, a village in the south-west of France. This village is located in a region marked by its workers' struggles and more recently by the ZAD of Sivens.

It is home to a dense network of associations sensitive to philosophies and emancipatory and libertarian practices that allow to question and nourish local reflections and actions. That's why this place is conducive to discussions between researchers and inhabitants from all backgrounds. This symposium offers, from

¹ ICAGG, International Conference of Anarchist Geographies and Geographers.

² James Scott (2009), *The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia*. Yale Agrarian Studies. New Haven & London: Yale University Press.

David Graeber (2004), *Fragments of an Anarchist Anthropology*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Simon Springer (2016), *The anarchist roots of geography: toward spatial emancipation*, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

³Anarchist Studies Network, North American Anarchist Studies Network, Réseau des Géographes Libertaires

⁴Associations pour le Maintien d'une Agriculture Paysanne, Système d'Echange Local

experience and research from around the world to **question the dynamic of struggle and reappropriation of space.**

Problems/themes

As part of the preparation of this second edition, a general theme emerged at the interface of discussions between academics and inhabitants of the region:

Reclaiming territories, fighting against dominations.

We will discuss how the actors, means, objects and issues, contexts, but also the theoretical contributions play on the dynamic of territories' reappropriation.

***Protagonists**

Who wishes and can participate, to act in the sense of an reappropriation of the territory? What forms of organization and interaction mobilize inhabitants, local associations, political organizations, networks of activists, experts, etc.?

***Means**

From occupation of space to the development of local currencies, to the narrative of territories by inhabitants, what modalities of action, of appropriation, do we observe or wish to put in place (disobedience, direct action, anti-authoritarian practices, individual changes of our relations to time, mutual aid, exchange, sharing)?

***Objects and issues**

What items and strategic issues for a reappropriation of the territory: decision making, agriculture, economics, consumption, relation to living beings, waste, energy consumption / production, education, migration, mobility, commons, mapping, planning

***Contexts**

Presentations of research carried out on specific problematics such as wars, colonialism, geopolitics, local power relations, social relations of gender or the intersectionality of power relations are welcome.

***Theoretical approaches and scientific posture**

We will likewise reflect on what anarchists studies and associated postures are or should be, transversally discussing what experiences, theoretical reflections and contributions geographies and more broadly anarchist studies can share.

Implementation modalities

According to a libertarian logic, it is worth analysing the relations between science and society in the construction of knowledge. The CIGAL is also an opportunity to try other ways of producing and disseminating knowledge and, thus to re-examine the epistemological distinctions which produce social cleavage, between "learned or "scientific" knowledge and "Popular" or "local" knowledge. Therefore, we will try our best to ensure that the discussions and contributions involve local movements and militant situations beyond the academic world in addressing a wide range of empirical, theoretical, historical and interdisciplinary work.

***Proposals formats**

On the form, the conference will articulate plenary and workshops. Authors can propose one and / or the other.

The plenary format will be interactive and take the form of a 15/20 minute presentation with some multilingual support (text or slideshow) to help mutual understanding, and exchanges with the audience.

The workshop format should favour the circulation of speech and will be organised for a limited number of participants. The workshop can be animated by a group or an individual and take more diverse forms: workshops readings shared and commented, walks, artistic creations (visual, poetic, ...), discussions, film projection, dance, observation etc.

The call is open to everyone: inhabitants, associations, animators of communities, cultural agitators, artists, researchers, geographers or not, anarchists or not.

Proposals will be formulated in a language accessible to all, and presentations will adopt a format that is supportive of understanding and exchange.

***All proposals should be sent to "cigal_2019@riseup.net" with:**

- * a title - * the first names of the authors - * about 4 keywords
- * the desired form for your intervention: plenary format or workshop format
 - if "plenary format" a summary of 250 words - in English, Spanish or French;
 - if "workshop format" send a 250 words summary associated with a technical sheet with the number of people expected for the workshop and the specific material needed.

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| FORMAT | Workshop |
| Summary | 250 words |
| Keywords | 4 |
| Number of people (max) | |
| Type of room | Suitable for projection or other ... |
| Necessary material | Video projection, boards, tables, etc. |

Scientific committee:

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Local organizing committee:

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KEY DATES:

Submitting proposals: 21 December 2018

Answers to the proposals by scientific committee: 1st February

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