

## **PLSC 380A - Protest Behaviors and Dynamics**

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### ***Course Description:***

This course critically examines the process of how social movements organize and overcome collective action to engage in protests. Protests, or street politics, have evolved throughout the 20th century; we will discuss this evolution and how social agitation has continued to evolve in the 21st century paying particular attention to the influences of technology. While the course is grounded in the broad context of social movements and protest activity, it will pay particular attention to the recent Occupy Wall Street movement in the U.S. and the Arab Spring.