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ABSTRACT

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Anti-Globalization and Anti-War Protest Events during the First Half of 2003

Since the late 1990s political activism has exhibited an intense pattern of mobilizations against neo-liberal globalization which were diffusing all over the world and on many occasions they were combined with an extended peace movement aiming to impede and terminate those wars related with the outburst of various global crises. Our aim is to analyze this type of protest events carried by anti-globalization and peace movements through a content analysis of newspaper data reporting on these events. By a protest event, we mean an unconventional contentious mobilization challenging the authorities (in this case on the ground of anti-globalization and anti-war issues) taking the form of demonstrative, confrontational or/and violent actions. Our project covers protest events occurring both in Greece and all over the world during the period from January 1, 1999, to June 30, 2003, the way they are mapped throughout the pages of various Greek newspapers. However, the results that we intend to present here are restricted only in the first half of 2003 and on newspaper data extracted from a single newspaper, *Eleftherotypia*, which is one of the major daily newspapers in Greece. In particular, for each protest event, we have been coding a number of different characteristics such as its thematic focus, the territorial level of mobilization, the organizations initiating and participating in the event, the form of the protest, the number and social characteristics of protesters, the banners and demands voiced, the targets and addressees of the protest, the possible use of violence, injuries, arrests etc. Our goal is to identify the networks of activism emerging through these protest events, to map their network properties and to analyze the mobilization structures linking anti-globalization with peace protests.