

Contention, Change, and Explanation: A Conference in Honor of Charles Tilly

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Charles Tilly was one of the giants of social science and remains through his teaching, writing, and leadership a formative influence on the study of politics, social movements, inequality, states, French and British history, and historical social science in general. In recognition of his extraordinary achievements, Tilly was selected the winner of the 2008 Albert O. Hirschman prize, awarded by the Social Science Research Council. Alas, Tilly died April 29th. To celebrate Tilly's many contributions and explore themes close to his heart, the SSRC and Columbia University are convening a conference in his honor. This will be held at Columbia October 3-5. All events are in the Italian Academy except the Memorial in Low Library.

Friday October 3

5:30pm: Public event featuring the formal award of the Albert O. Hirschman Prize and remarks by Ira Katznelson and Joan Scott.

Saturday October 4

9:00 – 10:45 a.m.: First panel: Recent graduate students and younger members of Chuck's seminar will talk about Chuck as teacher and mentor. Sun-Chul Kim, Mona El-Ghobashy, Ernesto Castaneda and Andreas Koller will kick this off with brief comments and there will be time for others to comment from the floor.

11:00am – 12:30 p.m.: Memorial at Low Library; Doug McAdam, Ron Aminzade, David Stark and other representatives of Columbia will speak.

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.: Lunch.

2:00 – 3:45 p.m.: Second panel: States, Social Change, and Historical Social Science (Immanuel Wallerstein, William Sewell, John Merriman, Jack Goldstone)

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.: Third panel: Contentious Politics (Sidney Tarrow, Javier Auyero, Mike Hanagan, Adam Ashforth).

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.: Reception followed by informal dinner and time for further reminiscences.

Sunday October 5

9:00 – 10:45 a.m.: Fourth panel: Social Inequality (Wayne te Brake, Barry Wellman) .

11:00am – 12:45 p.m.: Fifth panel: Explanation in Social Science and Everyday Life (Harrison White, Lynn Eden, Viviana Zelizer, Roberto Franzosi).