

# The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest - 1500 to the Present

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This definitive 8-volume reference is a comprehensive print and electronic resource covering the history of protest and revolution over the past 500 years – throughout the modern era of mass movements. The first historical encyclopedia of its kind, it contains:

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- Clear, concise explanations of events and larger social movements, and biographies of key people – ranging from 500 to 5000 words
- Summaries of major uprisings and protest movements: the ideas, ideologies, and activists that propelled them; how they unfolded; their roots, goals, tactics, and influence; and their successes and failures
- Over 150 photographs, figures, and maps

In addition, the online version provides:

- Regular revisions and new entries – updated once a year
- Links to comprehensive collection through Blackwell Reference Online
- Links to other resources available on the web
- Powerful searching, browsing, and cross-referencing capabilities, including - Open URL linking

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## Reviews

### **Some praise for *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest***

"This eight-volume encyclopedia is an indispensable reference tool for scholars, students, and activists seeking information about revolutionary social movements, left-politics, and radical leaders. Immanuel Ness has put together a very impressive team of international scholars, many of whom have defined their fields. The result is a comprehensive compilation that reflects the most recent scholarly interpretations. What distinguishes this encyclopedia is the way it incorporates the social history literature of the past two generations with its focus on protest movements, ordinary working people, and the how the struggle for social justice was defined by class, race, gender, and ethnicity. This encyclopedia provides a window into the process of revolutionary social change, the relationships between leaders and rank and file, workers, peasants, and state power. Its transnational perspective clarifies the role that revolutionary nationalism and the struggles against European colonialism played in the world-wide movement for social change. This is the definitive reference work in its area."

#### **Michael Nash, Director, Tamiment Library, New York University**

"Ness (political science, Brooklyn Coll.), author of numerous works on labor organizing, trade unions, migration, and unemployment, has assembled a team of contributors from around the world to work on what may easily become the definitive reference on the topic of protest. The set begins with short bios of the editors and contributors, then launches into an introduction outlining the project and aims of the set: to cover 500 years of protest and revolution from a historical, social, cultural, and political view so that readers may understand the origin, significance, and success of various world events from a neutral and inclusive perspective. It then offers a chronology of significant events followed by a lexicon organizing entries under subject headings, followed by a set of political maps of the world. The 1600-plus A-to-Z entries (from "Abalone Alliance" to "Zwingli, Huldrych"), ranging from 500 to 5000 words in length, contain cross-references to other relevant entries as well as lists of suggested readings. **BOTTOM LINE** The exhaustive nature and truly impressive scope of this set make it a valuable research tool for scholars. Those who opt for the e-version will benefit from regular revisions and new entries added annually, links to other online resources, and open URL linking."

#### **Library Journal**

"This voluminous encyclopedia is a timely and wonderful thematic compilation of peer-reviewed reference material that will contribute significantly to a broad range of social science disciplines."

#### **Diana Lachatanere, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York Public Library**

"For this work Immanuel Ness has assembled an impressive team of international scholars...Undoubtedly, this will become an essential reference on world revolutionary and protest movements, and an important addition to the collections of academic and larger public libraries. I know I will recommend it to our students and faculty, and will consult it frequently for my own research."

#### **Thomas Twiss, Government Information Librarian, University of Pittsburgh**

"An indispensable tool for social scientists and historians who wish to be aware of their rich and colorful past. The scope is breathtaking - with a wealth of engagingly presented detail gathered by

an army of researchers under the sure guidance of Immanuel Ness. Wiley is to be congratulated."

**Raymond Markey, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand**

"Finally a scholarly reference work that provides a substantive approach to world history that accounts for the essential role played by popular movements in the processes of revolution, social change and progress. The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest traces the efforts of peasants and workers in the global South and North as they struggle for justice and power from the emergence of European colonialism to the present."

**Gary Younge, The Guardian and The Nation**

"This compilation of historical essays provides a unique contribution to the study of social radicalism. The encyclopedia fills a critical void with its extensive examination of the progression of revolutions and protests throughout the world. The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest is sure to become the definitive reference work in this area of study."

**Pat Newcombe, Western New England College School of Law Library**

"[A] valuable resource for students of social movements and social change."

**Stephen H. Aby, University of Akron**

"Brings together not only a vast amount of information on protest from several dimensions, but the articles on Japan also provide a vibrant sense of activist consciousness as well as events on the ground. In addition to the organizations and movements of the early postwar era . . . today's surging community union movement is covered as well. Students of labor as well as protest movements will find the materials valuable."

**Charles Weathers, Osaka City University, Japan**

"The editors have done a marvelous job bringing alive the rich tradition and critique of revolution and resistance. This encyclopedia is a gem! This is one of the most important works of social history of our time."

**Cornel West, Class of 1943 University Professor, Princeton University, Center for African American Studies & Department of Religion**

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## Editors

### **About the Editor**

**Immanuel Ness** is Professor of Political Science at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, United States.

He is also the Director of the Graduate Political Science Program at the Brooklyn College Graduate Center for Worker Education in New York City, and has taught at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Union Leadership Program and Cornell University Institute for Labor Relations. His current research examines the working class and labor unions from an historical-comparative perspective in a regional, national, and global context.

Ness is a graduate of New York University and Columbia University, and holds a PhD in Political Science from the City University of New York. He is author of scholarly articles, chapters, review essays, and books on labor organizing, trade unions, migration, and unemployment, including *Immigrants, Unions, and the New U.S. Labor Market* (Temple University Press, 2005), and *Chains of Migration* (forthcoming), and (as editor) the *Encyclopedia of American Social Movements*, recipient of an American Library Association Best Reference Award in 2005. In 2006, Ness received the Christian Bay Award for best written paper presentation in New Political Science from the American Political Science Association.

Since 1999, Ness has been editor of *Working USA: The Journal of Labor and Society*, a peer-review quarterly social science journal on labor and class. He is founder of the Lower East Side Community Labor Coalition, which received a Proclamation from the City Council of New York in 2001 for advancing labor standards in low-wage occupations.

Ness lectures widely at universities and research institutes in the United States, Caribbean, Europe, East and South Asia.

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