

# Protest in the Post-Political Era

March 7  
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**9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Reception at 5:15 p.m.

**Knight Auditorium**

600 S. Gregory St, Urbana, IL 61801

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## SPRING SYMPOSIUM

### **Protest:**

a peaceful act of solidarity expressed through speech or a form of turbulent and deliberately disruptive resistance in which the bodily presence of the protesters makes a powerful demand for political change.

### **Post-Political:**

the idea that societies no longer govern by explicit political discourses and political instruments, but by subtle coercive constellations of representational regimes.

**Speakers** will address the history, mechanism, and goals of political protest, looking at it from the various perspectives of ethics, efficacy, communication, strategy, solidarity, public policy, parliamentary channels, and law.



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