

NEW FEMINIST PROTEST NETWORKS IN EAST CENTRAL EUROPE: POLISH WOMEN'S STRIKE & TRANSNATIONAL CONNECTIONS

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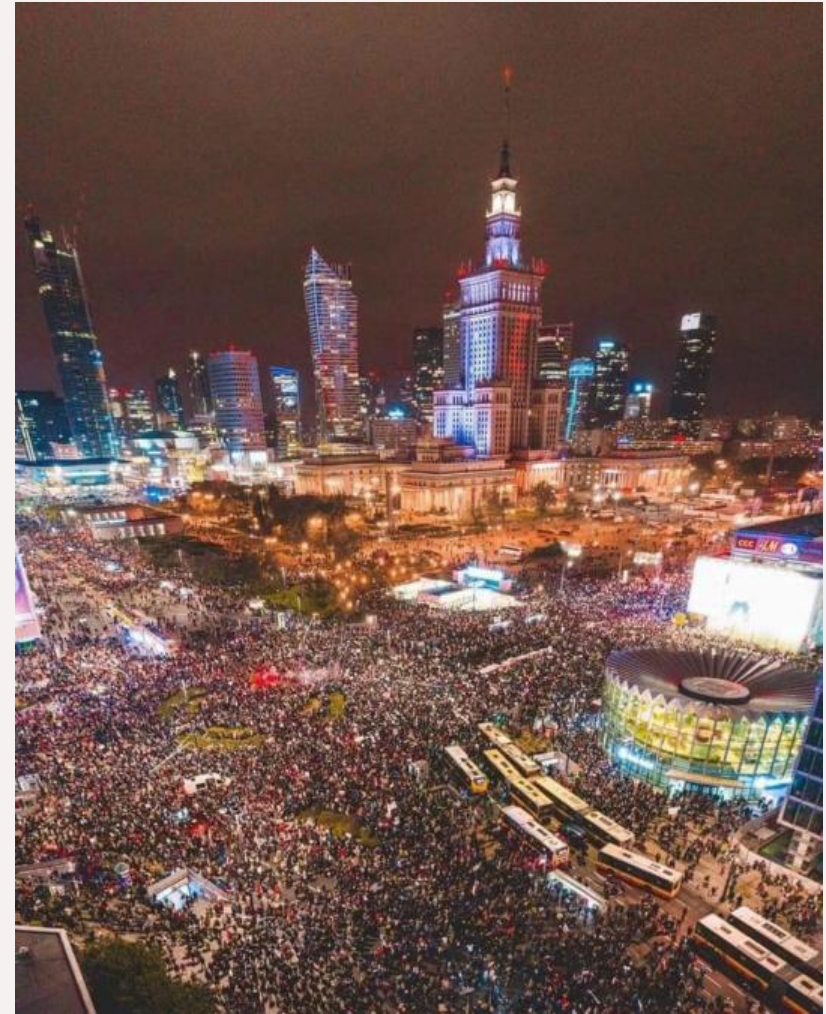
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Social Movements:

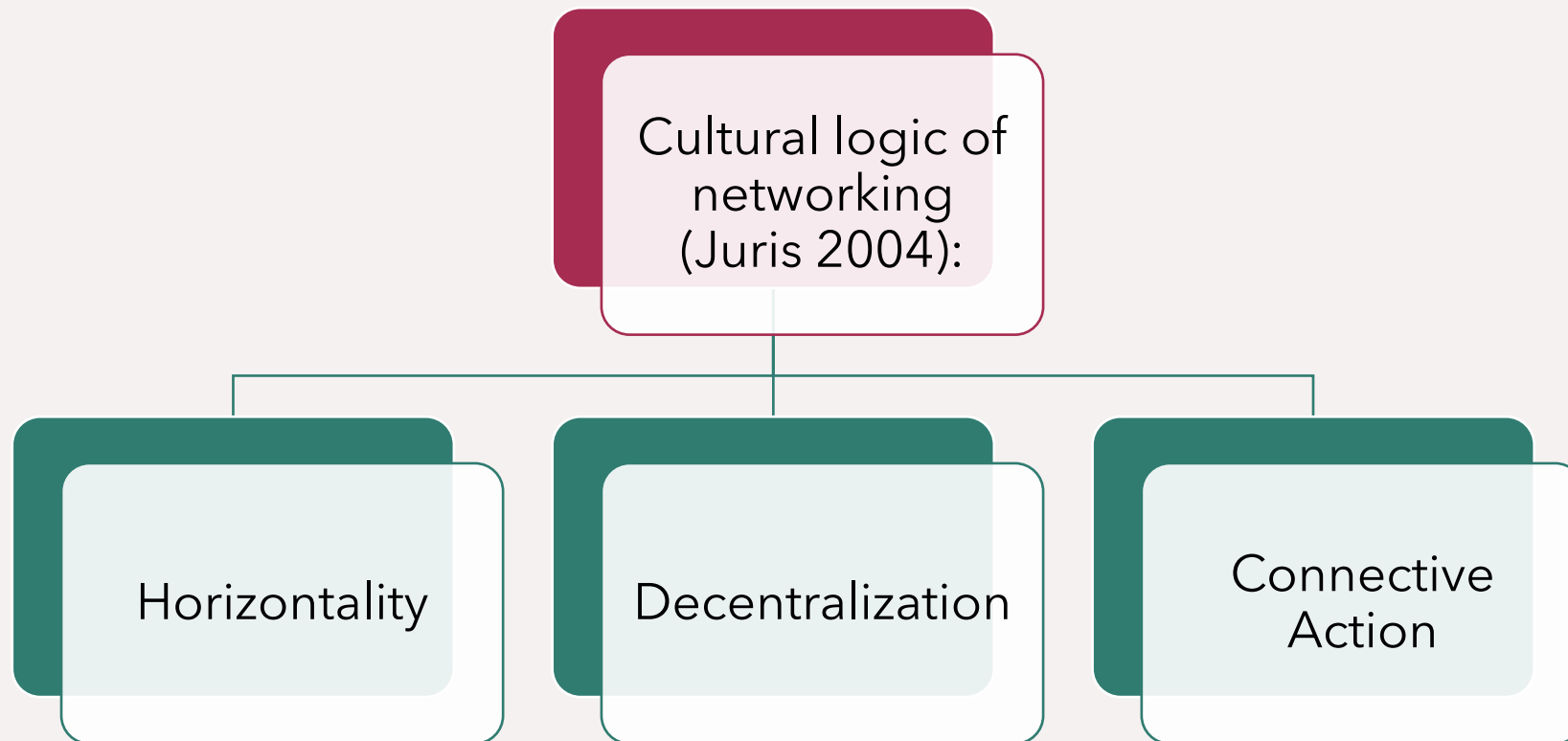
"A process" (Maeckelbergh 2018)

"A particular form of social organization that emerges out of repeated, patterned interactions between multiple actors" (Diani & Mische 2015)

"Cyclical phenomenon" (Haiven & Khasnabish 2014; Juris 2004; Maeckelbergh 2009)



I. Networked-based organizational forms



II. Network-based organizational forms

The building of **horizontal** ties and connections among **diverse** autonomous elements

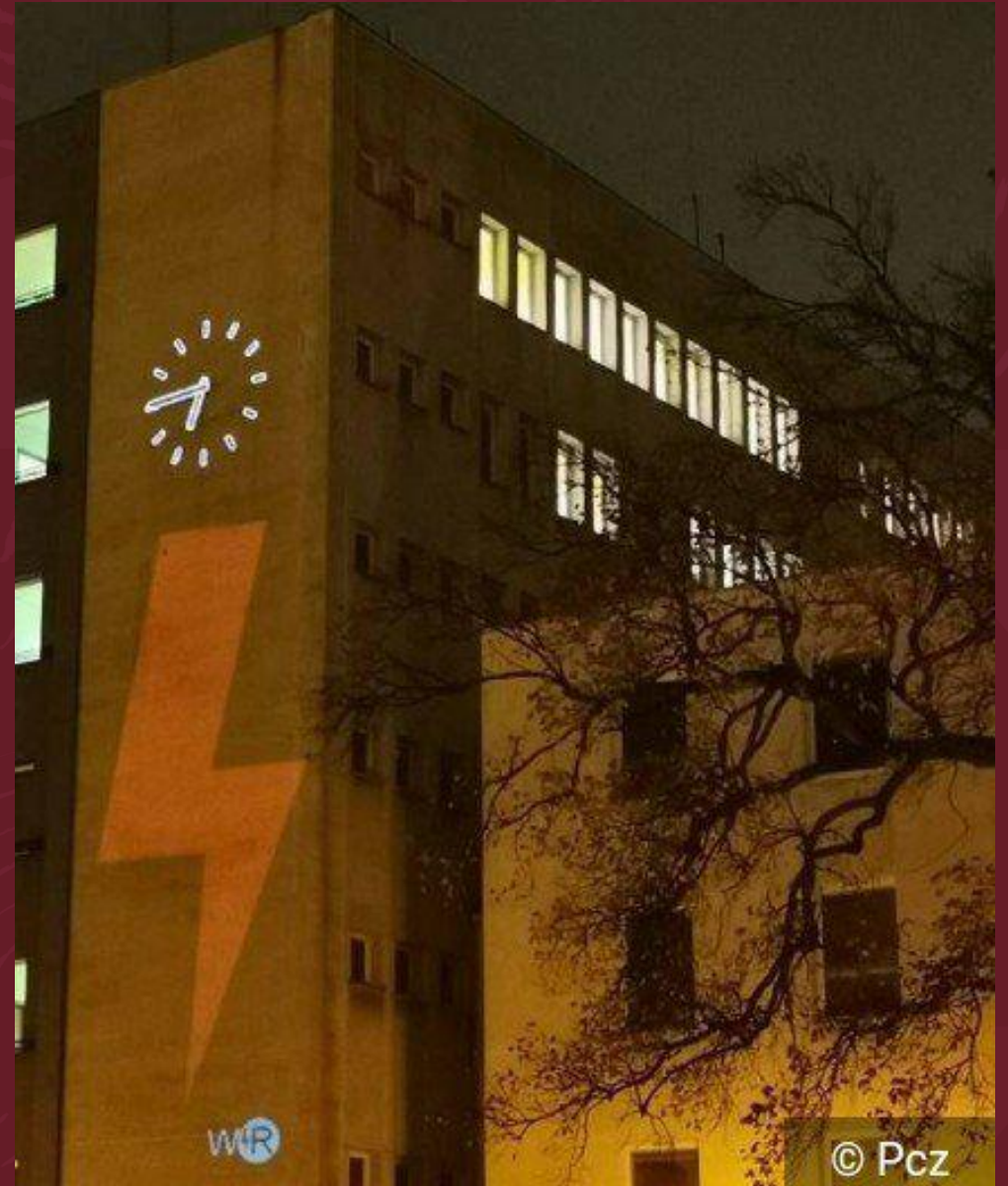
The **open** circulation of information

Collaboration through **decentralized** coordination

Self-managed networking

III. New ways of “doing politics”

“It is because it was done locally and, in very small cities, you have several people doing things: they do the protests for a forest protection, about the abortion ban, the same people are doing the protests outside the Courthouse for judiciary independence. This is the strength of the local coalitions. This is much harder in the big cities because there are so many divisions and everybody requires so much time to discuss the programs, the words, the narratives... In a small city, when there are only few people to do things, they have to do things together, and that is how it happened.” (M. Lempart; Interview for Civic Forum)



I. Transnational Networking Practices



II. Transnational Networking Practices

- Powered by technological infrastructure
- Constructed through communicative practice and struggle
- Digital technologies facilitating transnational coordination and communication



III. Towards the resistance against international anti-gender movement

- “We need to build as powerful a network among us, as they have built this incredibly politically powerful network, affecting our everyday lives.”(Excerpt from the interview)



Questionmarks for the near future

If anti-gender international networks build a new illiberal political movement, what should be the response of feminist movements in East Central Europe and worldwide?



To jest wo**na.**



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