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Democracy of Public Spaces:
World Wide Protests
by Nilüfer Göle

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Thursday, 5 December 2013, 5.30 pm
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Please join us for tea at 5 pm

We are witnessing a new type of worldwide protest. From the Arab world to the western capitals, from Turkey to Brazil, a wave of protest movements, in spite of the differences among them, all use public space to manifest new forms of citizenship. They all reveal a gap between social agency and the political agenda - and solicit new approaches to established concepts of democracy. They open up a new public space for democratic imaginaries, bringing the micropolitics of everyday life into the realm of democracy.

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