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Contesting Austerity

Social Movements and the Left in Portugal and Spain (2008-2015)

Contesting Austerity compares the contentious responses to austerity in Portugal and Spain between 2008 and 2015. While in Spain a sustained wave of mobilisation lasted for three years and led to a transformation of the party system, in Portugal social movements mobilised only in specific instances, trade unions dominated protest and institutional change was limited. *Contesting Austerity* shows that trajectories and outcomes in these countries are linked to the nature and configurations of the players in the mobilisation process.

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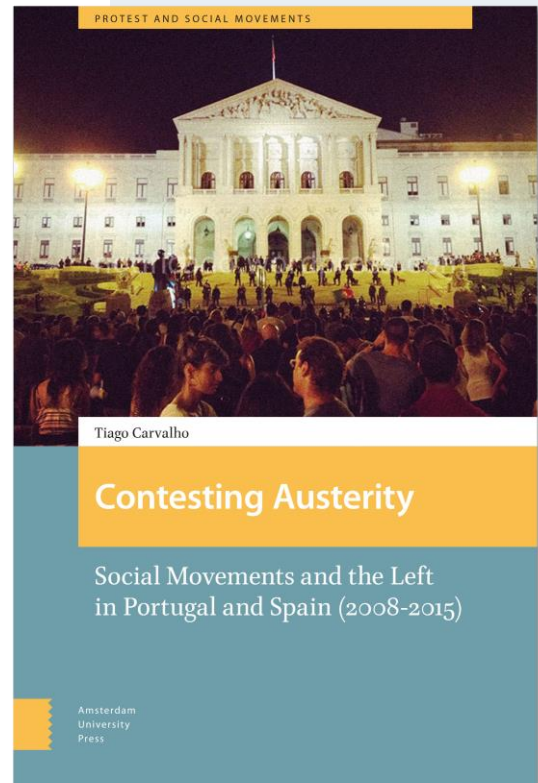
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