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We are delighted to announce that the *Contemporary Political Theory* Annual Prize for 2013 has been awarded to:

**Marina Prentoulis and Lasse Thomassen** for their article 'Political theory in the square: Protest, representation and subjectification', *Contemporary Political Theory*, Volume 12, Number 3 (2013), pp. 166–84.

Marina Prentoulis is Lecturer in Media and Politics at the University of East Anglia, UK.

Lasse Thomassen is Senior Lecturer in Politics, Queen Mary University of London, UK.

*The judges' citation was as follows:*

This article is an impressive example of 'engaged' political theory. The protests in Greece and Spain in 2011 were some of the most obvious public challenges to the crises of capitalism.

The authors' interest in new forms of politics proceeds according to an analysis of the actions and arguments of the protestors themselves, which provides the kind of evidence from which to work that theory often needs but lacks.

The authors' emphasis on the protestors' drive for equality captures a central feature of contentious politics today. At the same time, the interplay of horizontal and vertical organization – in the case of existing politics and the protest movements – involves unavoidable contamination by inequality and hierarchy regardless of how strongly horizontality is pursued.

The result, however, is not resignation or defeat, but a clearer idea of how protest movements illuminate the unacceptable reality of existing politics even as they fall short of their ultimate aims.

The judging panel was chaired by Professor Maurizio Passerin d'Entrèves, Stellenbosch University, South Africa, and supported by Professor Asma Abbas, Bard College at Simon's Rock, USA, and Professor John Grant, King's University College, Western University, Ontario, Canada.