Social Movements, part of the

Life-Cycle of Projects

A project is an aggregate of artefact-mediated actions oriented to a common object
The Social Formation seen as an aggregate of projects

Institutions, social practices, everyday concepts, movements and capitalist firms, continuously making and remaking the social formation.
“Social Non-Movements”
(Asaf Byat)

People acting, just pursuing their everyday objectives, coming into conflict with social norms and the state.
“Social Movements”

People join projects collectively pursuing an ideal, searching for an adequate form and a banner to rally behind.
The Development of the Social Formation as a Totality

Projects make alliances, penetrate institutions and other movements and gradually change themselves and the whole social formation.
The Development of the Social Formation as a Totality

When the first signs of contradictions emerge

Logical distinctions, not really “phases”

When people first begin to pursue change collectively

When the movement first gains an adequate form and stability
The Three Books of Hegel’s Logic

The Concept (Begriff)

The logic of social change

Being (Sein)

Essence (Wesen)
Hegel for Social Movements