Radicalizing democracy from social movements. The compared cases of Podemos in Spain and Frente Amplio in Chile Radicalizar la democracia desde los movimientos sociales. Los casos comparados de Podemos en España y del Frente Amplio en Chile

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In this paper, we analyse the causes that allowed social movements in 2011 to transform into political parties in Spain and Chile. For this, an in from the premises of radical democracy regarding the construction of the antagonistic other and the notion of party-movement. From this framework is made a comparative analysis of the cases of Podemos and the Frente Amplio, carried out based on four political change dimensions: socio-economic conditions, political-cultural rupture, actions and discourses of hegemonic construction, and solidification of a generational break. Based on this analysis it is possible to verify, although with different intensity, that political and cultural factors existed that allowed to materialize in political parties the dynamics of opposition to the neoliberal social structure of social movements.