Session I: 10h00-12h30
ALTERNATIVES TO PRIVATIZATION AND NEW MEANINGS OF PUBLIC

This workshop presents the findings of our new book on ‘alternatives to privatization’. It looks at water, health care and electricity in over 40 countries in the global South and celebrates the women and men who are reinventing the meaning of ‘public’. We discuss the diversity of public models, we evaluate their ‘success’ and reproducibility.

Speakers
DAVID MCDONALD Municipal Services Project, Canada
MARCELA OLIVERA RedVIDA, Bolivia
MARY ANN MANAHAN Focus on the Global South, Philippines
YOSWA DAMBISYA University of Limpopo, South Africa
 DANIEL CHAVEZ Transnational Institute, Netherlands

Session II: 13h-15h30
RESEARCH AND ACTIVISM: TOGETHER IN DEFENSE OF PUBLIC SERVICES

This participatory workshop explores how researchers and activists can join forces in the fight against privatization and the search for improved public services. Examining this relationship is critical to understanding where the movement for public services is going and how research can reinforce action.

Speakers
GREG RUITERS Municipal Services Project, South Africa
AMIT SENGUPTA People’s Health Movement, India
MAUDE BARLOW Council of Canadians, Canada
CARLOS CRESPO Universidad Mayor San Simón, Bolivia
SUSAN SPRONK University of Ottawa, Canada

Session III: 15h30-18h00
RE MuniciPAlisAtion: Putting wAter bAck in Public hAnds

This workshop explores the growing remunicipalisation trend in the water sector through five recent case studies (Argentina, Canada, France, Malaysia and Tanzania) of water service transfers from private to municipal operators. It shows public can outperform private worldwide and offers insights into campaign strategies and lessons learned.

Speakers
MARTIN PIGEON Corporate Europe Observatory, Belgium
DAVID MCDONALD Municipal Services Project, Canada
SATOKO KISHIMOTO Transnational Institute, Canada
CARLES ESCOLANO ATTAC, Spain
NILA ARDHIANIE Amrta Institute, Indonesia
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