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## Monday, April 14

8:30-9:00 am Coffee and tea		
<b>9:00-10:30 AM PARALLEL SESSION 1</b>		
<b>Public Finance for Public Services</b> Thomas Marois (Turkey) <i>Reclaiming state-owned banks</i> Armando Rosales Garcia (Mexico) <i>State investment in municipal water systems: The case of Mexico City</i> Irfan Zamzami (Indonesia) <i>Groundwater tax as alternative financing for public water services: The case of Jakarta</i> Chair: Emanuele Lobina	<b>Gendering Justice in Public Alternatives</b> Chandra Talpade Mohanty (USA) <i>Gender matters: Theoretical and methodological reflections</i> Elena Kim (Kyrgyzstan) <i>Peasant women and public irrigation practices in post-socialist Central Asia: An institutional ethnography</i> Alexandra Müller (South Africa) <i>Public health care for South African LGBT people: Health rights violations and accountability mechanisms</i> Chair: Bipasha Baruah	<b>Beyond the State</b> Christoph Hermann (Austria) <i>Assessing the public nature of public services: Use over exchange values</i> Lisa Hanley (USA) <i>Public services under austerity: A critical look at the role of social enterprises in Mexico and Colombia</i> Yoswa Dambisya (South Africa) <i>Faith-based health services in Uganda</i> Chair: Susan Spronk
10:30-11:00 am Break		
<b>11:00 AM-12:30 PM PARALLEL SESSION 2</b>		
<b>Legislation and Human Rights</b> Claudia Campero Arena (Mexico) <i>Promoting transparency and a human rights perspective in Mexico City's water system</i> Mova Al'Afghani (Indonesia) <i>Can Indonesian administrative law protect citizens in the face of neoliberalism?</i> Dieter Wartchow (Brazil) <i>National sanitation laws in Brazil: An opportunity lost?</i> Chair: Mary Galvin	<b>Electric Futures</b> Sandra van Niekerk (South Africa) <i>Renewable energy through the public sector in Africa: The potential for democratic electrification</i> Daniel Chavez (Uruguay) <i>Beauty and the Beast: Latin America's social experiments in public electricity</i> Bipasha Baruah (Canada) <i>Women in the renewable energy sector in India</i> Chair: Lenny Gentle	<b>Citizenship and Elected Politics</b> Leila Harris (Canada) <i>Assessing states and evaluating publics: Narratives of service delivery in Accra and Cape Town</i> Marcela López (Colombia) <i>Out of the network, out of the game: Reclaiming citizenship through access to water in Medellín</i> Erick Palomares (Mexico) <i>Winning elections, providing public services: Exploring the tensions in Latin America</i> Chair: Azwell Banda
12:30-2:00 pm Lunch		
<b>2:00-3:30 PM PARALLEL SESSION 3</b>		
<b>Public-Public Partnerships</b> Emanuele Lobina (UK) <i>Institutional determinants of successful public-community partnerships</i> Marcela Olivera (Bolivia) <i>All for one and one for all: An experience of reciprocity in the Americas</i> Satoko Kishimoto (Belgium) <i>Assessing the UN's Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA)</i> Chair: Qamar Mahmood	<b>Radicalizing Universal Health Care</b> Short video: <i>Universal health: From private coverage to public care</i> Luis Hernández (Mexico) <i>Universal health systems in Latin America: The contrasting models of Chile and Costa Rica</i> Chan Chee-khoon (Malaysia) <i>The Malaysian health system in transition: The ambiguity of public and private</i> Amit Sengupta (India) <i>Back to the future: Primary versus universal health care</i> Chair: Monica Mutesa	<b>Transforming Waste Management</b> Melanie Samson (South Africa) <i>Including the informal, transforming the public: Insights from innovations in the waste sector</i> Federico Parra (Colombia) <i>Recognition of the 'recicladores' as public managers of waste in Colombia</i> Poornima Chikarmane (India) <i>Of users, providers and the state: Solid waste management in Pune, India</i> Chair: Mary Ann Manahan
3:30-4:00 pm Break		
<b>4:00-6:00 PM PLENARY 1</b>		
<b>The Future of Public Enterprises: A Global Overview</b> <b>Book Launch</b>	Rethinking Corporatization and Public Services in the Global South (Zed Press, 2014) David McDonald, editor of the book and co-director of the Municipal Services Project Reorienting Development: State-Owned Enterprises in Latin America and the World (TNI, 2014) Daniel Chavez, co-editor of the book and Fellow at the Transnational Institute Carolina Cosse, President of ANTEL, Uruguay's state-owned telecommunications company	
7:30 pm Group dinner (limited spaces)		

## Sunday, April 13

4:00-5:00 pm	Registration
<b>5:00-7:00 PM</b>	<b>OPENING RECEPTION</b> <i>Drinks and light food will be served</i>
<b>Welcome &amp; Conference overview</b>	David McDonald and Greg Ruiters Co-directors, Municipal Services Project
<b>Keynote address</b>	Trevor Ngwane University of Johannesburg Research Chair for Social Change

## Tuesday, April 15

8:30-9:00 am Coffee and tea		
<b>9:00-10:30 AM PARALLEL SESSION 4</b>		
<b>Labour-Community Alliances</b> Dale McKinley (South Africa) <i>South African labour-community alliances to promote public services</i> Michael Blake (South Africa) <i>Invited spaces and meaningful working class engagement in the City of Cape Town</i> Madeleine Bélanger (Canada) <i>Public workers in defense of 'acueductos comunitarios' in Valle del Cauca, Colombia</i> Chair: Tengo Tengela	<b>Democratizing Public Health: Community-Based Monitoring</b> Abhay Shukla (India) <i>People are reclaiming the public health system: Community-based monitoring in Maharashtra, India</i> Walter Flores (Guatemala) <i>Political empowerment of marginalized indigenous communities through monitoring of public healthcare services in Guatemala</i> Ariel Frisancho Arroyo (Peru) <i>Community monitoring to inform people-centred policies in Peru's health sector reform</i> Chair: Yoswa Dambisya	<b>Environmental Justice and Public Water</b> Taryn Pereira (South Africa) <i>Civil society's responses to punitive water demand management in the context of climate change</i> Mary Galvin (South Africa) <i>Dealing with shit in sub-Saharan Africa: The impact of "new" approaches to sanitation on human rights</i> Michela Marcattelli (Italy) <i>What is 'public' about water in the Waterberg? A perspective on public water services from rural South Africa</i> Chair: Jessica Wilson
10:30-11:00 am Break		
<b>11:00 AM-12:30 PM PARALLEL SESSION 5</b>		
<b>Decommodifying Public Health in South Africa</b> Jane Doherty (South Africa) <i>The leadership role of clinical staff in district hospitals: possibilities and challenges</i> Jonathan Grossman (South Africa) <i>Care-givers and the struggle for compassionate care as an essential public service</i> Hanne Jensen Haricharan (South Africa) <i>Improving primary health care through community participation in health</i> Chair: Chris Colvin	<b>Post-Privatization Publics</b> Short video: <i>Remunicipalisation: Putting water back into public hands</i> Julieta del Valle (Argentina) <i>Guaranteeing access to public water and sanitation: 'Acompañamiento social' in Buenos Aires</i> Susan Spronk (Canada) <i>A reflection on Bolivian water reforms since the Water Wars</i> Mildred Warner (USA) <i>Insourcing versus outsourcing in the United States</i> Chair: Leonard Shang-Quartey	<b>Building a Global Pro-Public Movement</b> Mary Ann Manahan (Philippines) <i>From deconstruction to reconstruction: Lessons from water justice campaigns</i> Meera Karunanathan (Canada) <i>Mobilizing for public control of water</i> Louis Reynolds (South Africa) <i>Public meanings of Health for All</i> Chair: Amit Sengupta
12:30-2:00 pm Lunch		
<b>2:00-4:00 PM PLENARY 2</b>		
<b>Post-Apartheid Publics in South Africa</b>	Irvin Jim General Secretary, National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa David Sanders Emeritus Professor, School of Public Health, Univ. of the Western Cape Greg Ruiters, Professor, School of Government, Univ. of the Western Cape Samantha Ashman Associate Professor of Economics, University of Johannesburg, and Co-Director of PERSA Chair: Walter Theledi General Secretary, South African Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu)	
5:00 pm Happy Hour (optional)		

## Wednesday, April 16 \*Limited spaces, priority to international panelists

9:00 am	Field Trip: Departure from Townhouse Hotel
10:00 am-2:00 pm	Visit to one or more of the following sites: Manenberg Peoples Center, Progressive Youth Movement – Khayelitsha, Hanover Park
3:00 pm	Drop off at Townhouse Hotel

### Municipal Services Project

The MSP is a research project that explores alternatives to the privatization and commercialization of service provision in electricity, health, water and sanitation in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Our objective is to conduct research that is relevant and useful to policy makers, scholars and organizations working on the ground. Our network is composed of academics, labour unions, non-governmental organizations, social movements and activists from around the globe.

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