



## **Services for All: Theory, Practice, Struggle**

March 28-29, 2007

Jubilee Centre, 21 Nelson Road, Observatory, Cape Town

### **DAY 1 – Wednesday March 28**

#### **REGISTRATION**

**8:00 – 9:00am**

Welcome and Conference Overview  
9:00 – 9:30am

#### **OPENING PLENARY**

**9:30 – 11:00am**

*Exhausted Nationalism and the South African State:  
Prospects for Progressive Change?*

John Saul  
(York University)

*The “Struggle” for Municipal Services in Africa:  
Reflecting on the Newly Formed African Anti-privatization Coalition*

Virginia Setshedi  
(Freedom of Expression Institute)

#### **Break**

**11 – 11:30am**

**Parallel Session A  
11:30am – 1pm**

**THEORY  
(BLUE ROOM)**

**PRACTICE  
(YELLOW ROOM)**

**STRUGGLE  
(RED ROOM)**

**COMMODIFYING LIVES: THE  
MICROPOLITICS OF  
NEOLIBERALISM**

*Decommodifying the Air* Patrick Bond (Director, Centre for Civil Society, University of KwaZulu Natal)

*Privatization as Social Process: Towards a Feminist Materialist Methodology* Melanie Samson (York University)

*Prepaid Meters & Disciplinary Commodification* Ahmed Veriava

**FALLING APART: HEALTH AND  
SAFETY OF FRONTLINE  
WORKERS IN CAPE TOWN**

Industrial Health Research Group, University of Cape Town South African Municipal Workers Unions (Samwu)

**NGOS ENGAGING THE STATE**

*Engaging in Government-led Processes: How Useful for Civil Society*

Patrick Dowling (Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa)

*Experiences of Engagement: The Water Leaks Project in Cape Town-* Thabang Ngcozela and Jessica Wilson (Environmental Monitoring Group)

*The Citizen's Voice Project* Danie Klopper and Emile van Heyningen, City of Cape Town

**Lunch  
1:00 – 2:30pm**

**Parallel Session B  
2:30 – 4:30pm**

**ELECTRIC CAPITALISM: THE  
ENERGY SECTOR AND NEW  
MODES OF ACCUMULATION**

*Escom to Eskom: From Racial Keynesian Capitalism to Neoliberalism* Lenny Gentle (ILRIG)

*Recolonizing Africa on the Power Grid* David McDonald (Queen's University)

*Seeing RED: The Trials and Tribulations of the Regional Electricity Distributors in South Africa* Dinga Sikwebu (ILRIG)

*Renewing Peoples Power Through Renewable Energy* Liziwe McDaid (The Green Connection)

**HIV, MENTAL HEALTH AND THE  
COMMERCIALIZATION OF  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

*How Depressing: Poverty, Mental Health and Municipal Services in South Africa* Leslie Swartz (Department of Psychology, University of Stellenbosch)

*Marketization, Daily Life and HIV in South Africa* Kevin Kelly (Centre for AIDS Development, Research and Evaluation, Rhodes University)

**SOCIAL MOVEMENTS: CONTESTING  
MUNICIPAL REFORMS**

*Health Professionals as Gatekeepers or Facilitators of Community Agency: Can a Social Movement Realize the Right to Health?*

Leslie London & Jacky Thomas (University of Cape Town and People's Health Movement Campaign)

*Between Social Movements & Political Parties* Trevor Ngwane (Soweto Electricity Crisis Committee)

*Municipal Participation and Implication for Services* Ronald Wesso (ILRIG)

**DAY 2**  
**Thursday March 29**

**Parallel Session C**  
**9 – 11am**

**THEORY**  
**(BLUE ROOM)**

**PRACTICE**  
**(YELLOW ROOM)**

**STRUGGLE**  
**(RED ROOM)**

**SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND BASIC SERVICES**

***Power to the People?: A Rights-Based Analysis of South Africa's Electricity Services***

Jackie Dugard (Centre for Applied Legal Studies, University of the Witwatersrand)

***The Constitutional Court Case on Prepaid Water Meters*** Virginia Setshedi (Freedom of Expression Institute)

***Africanizing the Human Rights Approach to Health: The Art of Caring***

Nomafrench Mbombo (Community & Health Sciences, University of the Western Cape)

**BEYOND INFRASTRUCTURE: CHOLERA, HAND WASHING AND WATER**

***The Problem of Handwashing and Paying for Water in South Africa***

David Sanders and Mickey Chopra (School of Public Health, University of the Western Cape)

***Still Paying the Price: Revisiting the Cholera Epidemic of 2000–01 in South Africa***

David Hemson (Human Sciences Research Council)

**DIALOGUES IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE UNIVERSAL DELIVERY OF WATER AND SANITATION IN SOUTH AFRICA**

***What role can a formalized process of dialogue play in the struggle for the universal delivery of water and sanitation in South Africa? The Water Dialogues - South Africa is a multi-stakeholder process asking how PPPs, PuPs and other institutional approaches affect delivery outcomes.***

Mary Galvin (Coordinator: The Water Dialogues, South Africa)  
Jessica Wilson (EMG)  
Abri Vermeulen (government: DWAF)  
Jean-Pierre Mas (private consultant)  
Hameda Deedat (civil society: SA Water Caucus)

**Break**  
**11 – 11:30am**

**Parallel Session D**  
**11:30am – 1pm**

**NEW “PUBLICS” IN SERVICE DELIVERY: EXPLORING ALTERNATIVES TO PRIVATIZATION**

***The Private Affairs of Public Pensions in South Africa: Debt, Development and Corporatisation***

Fred Hendricks (Rhodes University)

***Are PUPs an Alternative to PPPs? The Case of Rand Water***

Carina van Rooyen (University of Johannesburg)

***Improving Public Services: A Labour Perspective from Canada and Beyond***

Anthony Pizzino (Director of Research, Canadian Union of Public Employees)

**FREE BASIC SERVICES**

***Free Basic Water: How Far Have We Come?***

Abri Vermeulen (Department of Water Affairs and Forestry)

***Free Basic Water: Social Upliftment or Social Control?***

Greg Ruiters (Rhodes University)

***“Beyond Noble Aims, Unintended Consequences”***

Hameeda Deedat (SA Water Caucus).

**SOCIAL MOVEMENT DIALOGUE – OPEN FORUM**

***An open forum on the successes, failures and challenges of social movements with respect to municipal services in South and Southern Africa.*** All social movement representatives are encouraged to attend.

M.P. Giyose (Jubilee, South Africa) and Prishani Naidoo (Anti-privatisation forum).

Lunch  
1 – 2:30pm

**CLOSING PLENARY**  
2:30 – 4:00pm

*How the Neoliberal Counter-Revolution Backfired*

Giovanni Arrighi (Johns Hopkins University)

*Neoliberalism in South Africa: What it is and How to Fight it*

Trevor Ngwane (Soweto Electricity Crisis Committee)

**CLOSING REMARKS**  
4:00 – 4:15pm