



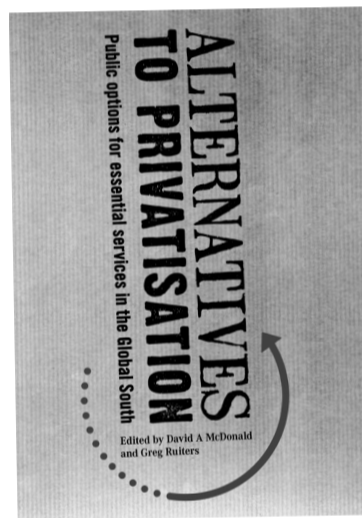
ALTERNATIVES TO PRIVATISATION

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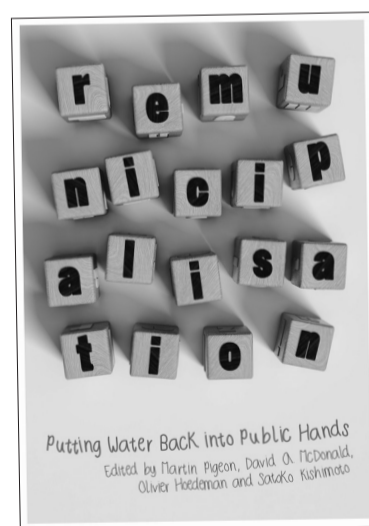
PUBLIC TALK AND BOOK LAUNCH

on Thursday, 22 March 2012, 20.00h @ CREA Nieuwe Achtergracht 170, Amsterdam

Those who oppose the privatisation of public services are often confronted with the objection that they present 'no alternative'. Yet, over the last decade, initiatives around the world to democratise public services and ensure equal access for all, have resulted in some interesting demonstrations of successful alternatives in practice. Two new books, co-published by TNI and the Municipal Services Project this month, show that there are a wide range of alternatives in the form of successful, non-commercialised public services in health, water, sanitation and electricity.



Alternatives to Privatisation: Public Options for Essential Services in the Global South (2012) provides a global survey of alternatives to privatisation, a rigorous evaluation of different models of public service delivery based on data from over 40 countries. The book provides a unique insight into what kind of public models work, how transferable they are from one place to another and what their main strengths and weaknesses are. The book also explores the role of labour and trade unions in developing alternatives to privatisation, through democratising and improving public services. Co-edited by David McDonald and Greg Ruiters, published by Routledge.



The book *Remunicipalisation - Putting water back into public hands* (2012) features in-depth case studies of cities from around the world that experienced dramatic failures with water privatization and took back control of their municipal water services. This process of 'remunicipalising' water is a new and exciting global trend that recognises the universal right to water and sanitation, while also providing a fascinating case of participatory democracy in action.

We will hear from three speakers - each dedicated activists and researchers in the field of public services and democracy - about these revolutionary initiatives. **What works? what doesn't?** and how are communities resisting the neoliberal ideology which has failed to deliver on peoples' basic human rights?

David McDonald
Hilary Wainwright
Daniel Chavez
Martin Pigeon

Moderated by *Tuur Elzinga, SP*
Senator and trailblazer new trade union movement in the Netherlands

