



Dear Colleagues,

## Renationalisation and remunicipalisation – national and international perspectives

The [Public Services International Research Unit](#) (PSIRU), University of Greenwich would like to invite you to the seminar on 'Re-municipalisation, nationalisation and compensation' to be held on **Monday 6th February 2017 9.00am - 17.00pm** in [Hamilton House](#), Room HH103, University of Greenwich, 15 Park Vista, SE10 9LZ (via train to Maze Hill, DLR to Cutty Sark, or 188 or other buses). To register please email [businessevents@gre.ac.uk](mailto:businessevents@gre.ac.uk) with your name and contact details.

The seminar will examine the factors behind recent re-municipalisation and nationalisation in a number of countries, including new management approaches, and the issue of compensation in the process of transition to public sector. UK, European and international perspectives will be covered, including presentation of a new global database by the Transnational Institute (TNI). The seminar is aimed at all interested in the future of public services, including public sector workers, academics, trade unions, students, NGOs and political groups. For further info contact [d.j.hall@gre.ac.uk](mailto:d.j.hall@gre.ac.uk)



### Programme (for speaker bios, see overleaf)

9.00 -13.00: Re-municipalisation and renationalisation: trends and factors

- Welcome and Introduction: Why Transition to Public? Jane Lethbridge (PSIRU)
- Global trends in remunicipalisation and renationalisation: Satoko Kishimoto (TNI)
- Spain: remunicipalisation in Barcelona and elsewhere: Eloi Badia (Barcelona City Councillor)
- Germany: Municipal renewable energy in Berlin and Hamburg: Soeren Becker ((Leibnitz IRSS)
- Hungary: public ownership under a nationalist government: Gabor Scheiring (Cambridge Univ)
- UK: overview and issues: Cat Hobbs (We Own It)

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 17.00 Compensation and processes

- Compensation and political process in water remunicipalisations: Emanuele Lobina (PSIRU)
- UK: historical context and the case of PFI: Helen Mercer (University of Greenwich)
- UK: potential compensation approaches in utility sectors: David Hall (PSIRU)
- Discussion: constraints and strategies

Jane Lethbridge, Director, [Public Services International Research Unit](#) (PSIRU) Faculty of Business,  
University of Greenwich

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## Speakers

**Jane Lethbridge** is Director of [Public Services International Research Unit](#) (PSIRU) at the University of Greenwich. She has published reports and articles on a [wide range of public service issues](#), especially health and social care, in the UK and internationally, including digitalisation, social dialogue and democratic professionalism.

**Satoko Kishimoto** is a researcher at [Transnational Institute \(TNI\)](#) working on water justice, energy democracy and remunicipalisation. She has co-ordinated the Reclaiming Public Water (RPW) Network since 2005, and co-authored numerous reports on the water sector. She is now responsible for the development of a global database on remunicipalisation in public services.

**Eloi Badia Casas** is an elected councillor of [Barcelona City Council](#), as part of the grouping 'Barcelona en Comu' which won control of the city following the election of 2015. He is responsible for water and energy policy of the city council, which is committed to remunicipalisation. For the last 10 years he was a leading campaigner on water issues in Spain and internationally with Ingeniería Sin Fronteras (ISF).

**Sören Becker** is a Research Associate in the [Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space](#) in Erkner near Berlin. His main research focus is the emergence of new forms of organization and collective ownership in transitions to renewable energy. He has published several articles on energy and remunicipalisation in Germany.

**Gabor Scheiring** is a [researcher at Cambridge University](#) working on the impact of privatisation on mortality. He has previously researched water policy issues for UNRISD, and policy processes for the Hungarian Institute of Political Science. He was active in the Hungarian progressive NGO Vedeglyet, an elected MP for the Hungarian green party (LMP) from 2010, and is now is Chairman of the Progressive Hungary Foundation.

**Cat Hobbs** is the founder and director of [We Own It](#), a UK organisation opposing privatisation and encouraging public ownership, with over 40,000 supporters. It provides a focus for campaigns in a range of local and national services, builds [a cumulative evidence base](#) for public ownership in the UK, and provides a voice for the widespread public support for public ownership.

**Emanuele Lobina** is a principal lecturer in [Public Services International Research Unit](#) (PSIRU). He has [researched and published extensively](#) on the water sector, re-municipalisation, and public sector alternatives, in the UK and internationally, including a leading role in developing the concept of public-public-partnerships (PUPs).

**Helen Mercer** is an economist in the Faculty of Business in the University of Greenwich. She is currently researching the history of nationalisation in the UK, and working with groups campaigning against PFI schemes in the NHS to develop a way for [reclaiming these projects for public service](#).

**David Hall** is a visiting professor and former director at PSIRU. He has recently written a paper on the cost and process of [bringing the UK electricity industry into the public sector](#).

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