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Water re-municipalisation as a new form of public service delivery

The Public Services International Research Unit (PSIRU) is organising a workshop entitled ‘Water re-municipalisation as a new form of public service delivery’ to be held on Tuesday 28 April from 2.30-5.00 in Hamilton House, Park Row, Greenwich, London SE10 9LS.

Water services in the UK and many other countries were privatised after the 1980s. In the last 15 years, there had been a growth in the number of municipal water services which have returned to public management and ownership. Re-municipalisation has emerged as a new global trend in water service reform, but remains under-researched.

This workshop will present the results of recent research on re-municipalisation of water services and discuss the developmental potential of this new form of public service delivery. This workshop is aimed at anyone interested in the future of the global water and sanitation sector. Students, NGOs, trade unions and civil society organisations will be especially welcome.

Programme

Lunch available from 13.00

14.30-14.40 Introduction

14.40-15.00 Prof. Esteban Castro, Newcastle University *Social origins of water re-municipalisation*

15.00-15.30 Emanuele Lobina, Dr. Jeff Powell and Dr. Yuliya Yurchenko, PSIRU, University of Greenwich *Results of the project “Post-New Public Management and water reform in the 21st century”*

15.30- 15.40 Barbara Anton, ICLEI, Local Governments for Sustainability – *Discussant*

15.40-15.50 Polly Jones, Global Justice Now – *Discussant*

15.50-16.00 Milo Fiasconaro, Aqua Publica Europea - *Discussant*

16.00-17.00 Questions and Discussion

If you would like to attend this seminar, please contact BusinessEvents@greenwich.ac.uk with the following information:

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Which workshop you would like to register for:

Institution/ Faculty:

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E-Users Network Objectives (Co-funded by Jean Monnet Networks, European Commission)

The EUsers network aims to encourage the diffusion of innovative teaching approaches, applied research and policy debate on services of general interest (SGI) in the EU from a citizens’ perspective, by creating a network of six universities.

Key questions:

How should governments define the missions, performance criteria and governance mechanisms of public enterprises providing SGI? How should they regulate private and mixed economy enterprises?

Partners: University of Milan (Lead partner), Åbo Akademi University School of Business and Economics (Finland), WU Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien (Austria), Université de Rouen (France), University of Leipzig (Germany); University of Greenwich

