Programme:

Friday, April 3

15.30 Arrival and registration

16.00 Opening addresses:
Jörg Huffschmid, coordinator of PRESOM
Dominik Sobczak, EU-Commission, DG R+D

16.30 – 18.30 Panel 1:
Privatisation in Europe

Chair:
Jörg Huffschmid, Bremen

Speakers:
Marica Frangakis, Athens, PRESOM, Privatisation in Western Europe, An overview
Karoly Lorant, Budapest, Privatisation in Eastern Europe
Ulrich Thöne, Frankfurt, president of German educational workers union GEW, Privatisation in education, experiences from Germany
Neal Lawson, London Compass (UK), Privatisation of the British Post Office? (tbc)

18.30 – 19.00 Break

19.00 – 21.00 Panel 2:
The EU and the public sector

Chair:
Birgit Mahnkopf, Berlin

Speakers:
Frank Bsirske, Berlin, president of German services workers union Ver.di
Rainer Rilling, Berlin, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, The crisis of privatisation and the return of the public space
Representative of the European Commission, Brussels
DG Internal Market, A European framework for public services? (tbc)
David Hall, London, PSIRU and PRESOM, A critique of European liberalisation policies

Saturday, April 4

10.00 – 12.00 Panel 3:
The financial crisis and privatisation/ liberalisation

Chair:
Joze Mencinger, Ljubljana

Speakers:
Laszlo Andor, Budapest, University of Budapest
Dominique Plihon, Paris, Université de Paris 13
Trevor Evans, Berlin School of Economics
Jörg Huffschmid, Bremen, PRESOM

12.30 – 14.30 Panel 4:
Defending the Welfare state

Chair:
Miren Etxezarreta, Barcelona

Speakers
Christoph Hermann, Vienna, PRESOM
Christoph Aguitton, Attac France (tbc)
Penny Clarke, Brussels, Head of EU policy and officer for local and regional government, European Federation for Public Service Unions (EPSU)
Asbjörn Wahl, Oslo, Norwegian Union of Municipal and General Employees and National co-ordinator, Campaign for the Welfare State

14.30 – 14.45: Concluding remarks

Working languages are English and German. There will be simultaneous translation.
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