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## 23rd June

09.00 – 10.30 | Plenary:

### **"Nature-society relations after the 2008 financial crash. An academic-activist dialogue"**

Erik Swyngedouw (University of Manchester), Nuria Hernández-Mora (Plataforma Nueva Cultura del Agua and Universidad de Sevilla), and Bill Adams (University of Cambridge)

11.00 – 13.00 | Panel 1:

### **"The entrenchment of the neoliberal agenda. Conflicts and contestations in Europe"**

Stefania Barca (Universidade de Coimbra), Aris Chatzistefanou (Infowar, author of the documentaries 'Debtocracy' and 'Catastroika'), Maria Christianou and Anni Vasileiou (Ierissos - SOShalkidiki), Mike Geddes and Madeleine Wahlberg (European Network against Useless Imposed Megaprojects), and Peter Thomas (Brunel University of London).

**Chair:** Jessica Hope (University of Cambridge)

14.00 – 16.00 | Panel 2:

### **"Feeding the global grab. The privatization of natural resources after the crisis"**

Meera Karunanathan (The Blue Planet Project), Costis Hadjimichalis (Harokopio University), Damien Short (Extreme Energy Initiative), Ioana Florea (Quantic Association in Bucharest), and Gabriela Vazquez (Ecologistas en Acción).

**Chair:** Dan Brockington (University of Sheffield)

16.30 – 18.30 | Panel 3:

### **"Cashing in on protected nature. Neoliberal conservation in the Global North"**

Bram Büscher (Wageningen University), Katja Neves (Concordia University), Mumta Ito (Rights of Nature Europe), Friedrich Wulf/Sandra Bell (Friends of the Earth), Elia Apostolopoulou (University of Cambridge), and Jose Cortes-Vazquez (University of Sheffield).

**Chair:** Dimitrios Bormpoudakis (University of Kent)

## 24th June

10.00 – 12.00 | Panel 4:

### **"From the Rights to the City to the Rights to Nature. New urban struggles and resistances"**

Luz Marina García Herrera (Universidad de La Laguna), Alex Loftus (King's College London), Bill Perry (Lambeth Housing Activists), Mary Van de Water (Lambeth Housing Activists), and Michele Lancione (University of Cambridge).

**Chair:** Eszter Kovacs (University of Cambridge)

13.00 – 15.00 | Panel 5:

### **"The nature valuation debate revisited: a critique of environmental markets, carbon trading and wetland banking"**

Morgan Robertson (UW-Madison), Larry Lohmann (The Corner House), Romain Felli (Université de Genève), Elena Gerebizza (Re:Common), and Erik Gomez-Baggethun (Norwegian University of Life Sciences).

**Chair:** Elisa Greco (University of Manchester)

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