

The Center for Social Justice and Democracy in Memory of Yaakov Chazan and
The Contemporary Turkish Studies Forum at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

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Cordially invite you to

Perspectives on Privatization in the MENA Region: International Workshop on the Cases of Turkey and Israel

Sunday-Monday, October 11-12, 2015

The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, 43 Jabotinsky St., Jerusalem

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Both Turkey and Israel have adopted a policy of privatization since the 1980s. In Israel, privatization has been the most comprehensive and consistent reform in the political-administrative system since the mid-1980s. In Turkey, privatization reform has become part of the political agenda since 1986, but the process was limited until the 2001 crisis. After 2001, institutional changes were introduced and Turkey began to undergo wide-scale privatizations.

The aim of this workshop is to enable experts from Israel and Turkey to establish a forum that will deal with topics such as state responsibility and the boundaries of privatization. Experts from both countries will discuss and evaluate the privatization processes in each country:

Who benefits and who loses from privatization? Has privatization succeeded or failed in different sectors? Are there untouchable sectors which should remain under government control? and more.

The workshop will be conducted in English.

Sunday, 11 October 2015

9:30 Gathering and Refreshments

10:00 GREETINGS AND WELCOME

Prof. Gabriel Motzkin, Director, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Dr. Werner Puschra, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Israel Office

10:30 SESSION 1

A HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROCESSES IN TURKEY AND ISRAEL

Chair: **Ms. Daniela Kuzu**, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Turkey Office

Israel Economy: Evolution and Selfie

Prof. Michel Strawczynski, Head of the Economic and Society Program at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Former deputy head of the Research Division at the Bank of Israel

Some Observations on Gendered Impacts of Post-2000 Economic Transformation in Turkey

Dr. Yelda Yücel, Department of Business Administration, Istanbul Bilgi University

12:00 Coffee Break

12:30 SESSION 2

THE PRIVATIZATION PROCESS IN TURKEY AND ISRAEL

Chair: **Dr. Ronen Mandelkern**, Polonsky Fellow and a researcher at the Chazan Center for Social Justice, the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Privatization in Turkey: Aims, Implementations and Some Results

Prof. İzzettin Önder, Emeritus Professor, Department of Economics, Boğaziçi University; Department of Sociology, Mimar Sinan University

State Responsibility and the Boundaries of Privatization: An Overview of the Privatization Process in Israel

Prof. Itzhak Galnoor, Academic Director of the Privatization and Regulation Project of the Chazan Center for Social Justice, the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

14:00 Lunch Break

15:00 SESSION 3

PRIVATIZATION OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM: DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO THE ISRAELI CASE

Chair: **Mr. Rami Adut**, Policy Change Director, the Chazan Center for social Justice, the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Options for Managing the Public/Private Mix in Israeli Health Care

Prof. David Chinitz, The School of Public Health at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem-Hadassah; Researcher, the Chazan Center for Social Justice, the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

The Three Modes of Privatization of Health Care in Israel

Prof. Dani Filc, Department of Politics and Government, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

16:30 Coffee Break

17:00 SESSION 4 (AT POLONSKY AUDITORIUM)

PRIVATIZATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES: HEALTH AND WELFARE IN THE TURKISH CASE

Chair: **Prof. İzzettin Önder**, Emeritus Professor, Department of Economics, Boğaziçi University; Department of Sociology, Mimar Sinan University (TBC)

Neoliberal Health Reforms in Turkey

Prof. Kayihan Pala, Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, Uludağ University

Contemporary Transformation of Social Work in Turkey: Blending Marketization with Conservatism

Dr. Burcu Yakut Çakar, Department of Social Work, Kocaeli University

18:30 End of the First Day

Monday, 12 October 2015

9:30 SESSION 1

PRIVATIZATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES:
CASES OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Chair: **Adv. Eti Livni**, Former Knesset Member

Challenges of Privatization of Natural Resources in Environmental Regulation in Israel

Adv. Tzipi Isaar-Izhik, Director, Center for Environmental Protection, the School of Law at Netanya Academic College; Researcher, the Chazan Center for Social Justice, the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Public Initiatives against Privatization in Energy and Environment

Mr. Özgür Gürbüz, Journalist at Birgün daily newspaper

Discussant: **Dr. Mickey Haran**, Former Director of Ministry of Environmental Protection; Head of Environmental Management Specialization, Ono Academic College

11:30 Coffee Break

12:00 SESSION 2

PRIVATIZATION OF EDUCATION

Chair: **Ms. Lili Ben-Ami**, Founder of the Coalition for Direct Employment in Education

The Privatization Process in the Education System in Israel

Dr. Varda Shiffer, Research Director of the Educational System in Local Government, the Chazan Center for Social Justice, the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Neoliberal Education Reforms in Turkey: Privatization of Education

Prof. Hasan Hüseyin Aksoy, Department of Education Administration and Policy, Ankara University

13:30 Lunch Break

14:30 SESSION 3

EFFECTS OF PRIVATIZATION ON WORKERS
AND WORKERS' UNIONS

Chair: **Mr. Micky Drill**, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Israel Office

The Privatization Process and Its Impact on Workers in Turkey

Dr. Serkan Öngel, Researcher at the Research Institute of Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions (DISK); Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Gaziantep University

Labour Law in an Era of Privatization

Dr. Amir Paz-Fuchs, Senior Lecturer, University of Sussex; Academic Director of the Privatization Project, the Chazan Center for Social Justice, the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

16:30 Coffee Break

17:00 CONCLUDING SESSION

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

INSIGHTS, NOTES, CONCLUSIONS

Chair: **Prof. Itzhak Galnoor**, the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Open discussion

18:30 End of the workshop

To attend the seminar, please register
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