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FOR A FAIR ELECTRONIC MODEL
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SHARED STRUGGLES OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH AND NORTH

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MOBILE SOCIAL CONGRESS

FOR A FAIR ELECTRONIC MODEL

This year, the Mobile Social Congress is celebrating its fifth edition. SETEM Catalunya is once again investing in a space where citizens can come together and reflect on the current model of production and consumption for information and communication technologies. This model generates serious human rights violations—especially regarding workers’ rights—and environmental consequences that are hidden at the Mobile World Congress.

The electronics industry is one of the most important and dynamic sectors in the global economy. Each February, Barcelona becomes its main showcase with the Mobile World Congress. There, the handful of international companies that dominate this business present their innovations and promote the constant, unsustainable consumption of new ICT products.

This industry has an insatiable need for non-renewable mineral resources that have an alarming environmental and social impact on the communities where mining takes place. Plus, the biggest brands in this industry are



responsible for the violation of human rights and health and safety regulations in the factories where they subcontract manufacturers as part of the murky global supply chain.

The pollution generated by electronic waste as a result of the programmed obsolescence of these products is a global problem, but it has uneven effects on the Global North and South. Irresponsible practices by the electronics industry shorten the lives of these products, leaving no room for them to be repaired, reused or recycled.

Finally, our user data is often kept in private servers and used for unknown ends, with companies granting access to our communications and data without our consent. The same capitalist logic promotes the privatization of knowledge—programs, for example—promoting a worldwide tech sector controlled by a handful of corporations.

At the Mobile Social Congress, we invest in technological sovereignty and fair electronics.

MOBILE SOCIAL CONGRESS 2020

SHARED STRUGGLES IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH AND NORTH. FOR A FAIR ELECTRONIC MODEL

In this edition of the Mobile Social Congress, we will take a look at the shared struggles of the Global South and Global North in the electronics industry. We are emphasizing these common struggles as we work to provide a connected, shared overview of the violations and obstacles generated by the electronics industry all around the globe. To this end, this year the Congress will focus on the violations of human rights and the environmental impacts that result from the electronics industry's current model of production and consumption in both the Global North and the Global South. We will also emphasize common ground and mutual dialogue among the different associations and labour unions.

MSC will kick off with a series of documentaries and short films on the social and environmental impact of the production and consumption of electronic devices in both the Global North and South.

The first day of the Congress will start with a general overview of the supply chain for the electronics industry. This will be followed by a panel discussion on gender inequality in the electronics sector, with cases of violations of worker security, health standards and rights. Next, we will hear from workers in the electronics supply chain and look at existing



synergies between associations and unions in the Global North and South. Meanwhile, we will hold a workshop on urban mining and a Restart Party (both will require prior registration). The workshop will take a look at the different materials our mobile devices are made of, where they come from and how to recycle them, while the Restart Party will teach us how to lengthen the lives of our electronics.

Day two of the MSC will start with an ideathon workshop in the morning where we will learn how to give new life to the components in our mobile devices to keep them from ending up on the landfill. In the afternoon, a panel discussion will look at the power of socially responsible public procurement in addressing gender inequalities in the supply chain of the electronics industry. We will also take a look at the criteria for best practice followed by different administrations.

We will continue to analyse the social and environmental impacts of the extractive industry on a global scale, looking at working conditions in Bolivian mines and the case of Congolese families who have sued companies like Apple and Google for forced child labour. Finally, we will present consumer alternatives in ICTs that ensure a fairer, more democratic model.



ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

Monday, February 24th

FILM FORUM, DISCUSSION AND SNACK TIME

5.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. - AUDITORIUM



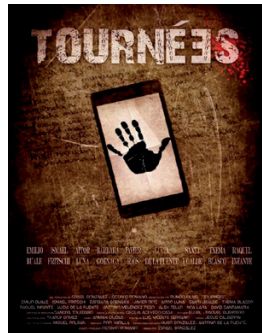
MIGRANT WORKERS

Danwatch

(Orig. version with Catalan subtitles) - 8:30 min

Migrant Workers (2019) is part of an investigation done by Danwatch, the award-winning Danish centre for research and independent media. This report shows how unskilled foreign workers are often forced to pay abusive recruitment fees in order to access unqualified jobs in Malaysia, and how this practice often drives entire families into a

chain of debt and exposes them to situations of servitude.



TOURNÉES

Israel González and Octavio Romano

(Spanish) - 19 min.

Kaimwa is a Congolese miner; Etxabe is an executive from a multinational mobile phone company. They share an unexpected journey that brings them from the war in North Kivu to the Basque Parliament, albeit with different motives. The short film *Tournées* (2018) has been selected for 26 festivals and is the winner of three awards.



BLAME GAME

Juan Solera and Albert Julià

(Orig. version with Spanish subtitles) - 49 min.

Blame Game (2018) tells the story of the illegal trade in electronic waste and the main players behind this phenomenon. It looks at

the decisions affecting the inhabitants of the Agbogbloshie dump in Ghana, one of the most toxic places in the world. *Blame Game* has won two awards at international festivals and has been distributed across more than seven regions and a range of different platforms

AUDITORIUM DISCUSSION

Octavio Romano, scriptwriter and producer of *Tournées*

Juan Solera, co-director of *Blame Game*

Moderator:

Sara Domínguez, Enginyeria Sense Fronteres / SETEM Catalunya

Octavio Romano

Octavio Romano holds a bachelor's degree in law and a master's degree in international cooperation from the University of the Basque Country. He worked for the Spanish Committee of UNHCR from 2001-2008 and has since served as the technician for Africa for the NGO Alboan. His frequent visits to the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo drove him to write the script for the short film *Tournées*.

Juan Solera

Juan Solera has worked in the distribution and production of documentaries for a decade. He has worked on a large number of music videos, advertisements, fiction pieces and short documentaries, and, alongside Albert Julià, completed his first documentary as a director one year ago.

Sara Domínguez

Sara Domínguez is an engineer with more than nine years of experience in the industrial electronics industry. She also has abundant experience as a volunteer for organizations like SETEM and Enginyeria Sense Fronteres, where she has served as an activist in electronics campaigns. Sara fights for social and environmental progress in the electronics sector in order to reduce the negative impacts of each phase of the life cycle of electronic devices.

Tuesday, February 25th

PANELS

3:30 p.m. - AUDITORIUM

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW OF THE ELECTRONICS SUPPLY CHAIN

Elena Romagosa, SETEM president

The session will start by welcoming participants in the Congress. This will be followed by a general presentation of the life cycle of mobile devices, from manufacture to obsolescence. We will also address the different social and environmental impacts of each stage.

Elena Romagosa

Within SETEM Catalunya, Romagosa has served as camp coordinator, a member of the Camps Council, a member of the Nicaragua Committee and the founder of the Africa Committee. Recently, she took part in the creation of the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan. Professionally, Romagosa has worked in both the private sector and with associations and NGOs.

PANEL 1

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - AUDITORIUM

GENDER INEQUALITY IN THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY

Speakers:

Isabella Szukits, Sudwind

Aneesh Manjunath, Civedep India

Núria Vergès, Donestech

Moderator:

Mónica Vargas, Transnational Institute

The first panel will look at the conditions of female workers in Bolivian mines involved in the extraction of minerals for the electronics supply chain. We will also address the health and job safety problems they face and the



double impact the toxins used in mining and manufacturing have on these workers. Finally, we will discuss the obstacles and exclusion women face in ICTs, and experiences of female techno-activists will be shared.

Isabella Szukits

Isabella Szukits works on transparency and human rights issues in the electronics industry at Südwind, an Austrian NGO. Her research focuses on the role of women in tin and zinc extraction in the cooperatives on the Bolivian Plateau.

Aneesh Manjunath

Aneesh Manjunath works as the coordinator for legal research and training at Cividep India, a workers' rights organization involved in research, training and the improvement of working and living conditions for those employed in the global supply chain. He has directed Cividep's work in the electronics sector since June 2018 and has also worked in the Plantations and Garment sectors.

Núria Vergès

Núria Vergès holds a doctorate in information and knowledge society (IN3-UOC), a master's degree in public and social policies (UPF and John Hopkins), a PhD in political and social sciences (UPF) and a bachelor's degree in political science and public administration (UAB). Her focus is on the crossroads between society and technology, gender and family studies, as well as the application of ICT in research. She is co-founder of Donestech.

Mónica Vargas

Mónica Vargas is a researcher for the Corporate Power Project, part of TNI's Economic Justice

Program. Since 2015, she has facilitated the Global Campaign to Reclaim Peoples' Sovereignty, Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity.

PANEL 2

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - AUDITORIUM

THE VOICE OF WORKERS: FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION

Short documentary:

THE VOICE OF WORKERS

Speakers:

Aneesh Manjunath, Cividep Índia

Peter Pawlicki, Electronics Watch

Patxi Fernández, former Amazon employee (CNT member)

Moderator:

Esther Caballé, Fundació Pau i Solidaritat - CCOO Catalunya

This session will begin with a short documentary by bubalus.org that gives voice to the workers exploited by big corporations in the textile and electronics industries. We will then take a look at the dialogue and synergies that exist among worker's movements from the electronics supply chain (including transport and logistics) in the Global South and North, from India to Barcelona.

Aneesh Manjunath

Aneesh Manjunath works as the coordinator for legal research and training at Cividep India, a workers' rights organization involved in research, training and the improvement of working and living conditions for those employed in the global supply chain. He has directed Cividep's work in the electronics sector since June 2018 and has also worked in the Plantations and Garment sectors.

Peter Pawlicki

Currently living in Germany, Pawlicki has over 15 years of experience in research on the globali-

zation of the electronics industry and its effects on working conditions and workers' rights. He serves as the director of outreach and education at Electronics Watch, an organization that fights for responsible public procurement as a way of promoting decent working conditions in the supply chain of electronic products.

Patxi Fernández

A former Amazon employee, he is a CNT member who has been punished for his union membership. He was part of the first group that worked to open Amazon's logistics centre in El Prat de Llobregat, where he was part of the Outbound Department (packing and shipping). He is currently involved in activism against Amazon and the new forms of exploitation used by big corporations.

Esther Caballé

Esther Caballé holds a bachelor's degree in political science and public administration from the UAB with a specialization in international relations. She also holds a bachelor's degree in law and a master's degree in international cooperation for development and humanitarian action from the UOC. She is currently the director of CCOO Catalunya's Fundació Pau i Solidaritat, where she has also worked as an expert in international cooperation.

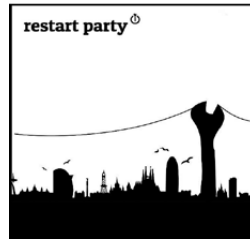
WORKSHOPS

17:00 p.m. - 18:00 p.m. - SALA PLATÓ (Prior Reg. required)
URBAN MINING

Facilitator:

Solidança

This workshop encourages us to take apart our obsolete mobile devices to find out what is inside. We will learn how to identify the different components in our devices, where they come from, and how to recycle them appropriately and responsibly.



6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - SALA PLATÓ (Prior Reg. required)

RESTART PARTY

Facilitator:

Restarters

In this workshop, a group of volunteers with technical abilities will show us how to repair our broken electrical and electronic devices. We will learn that our devices can really be recycled, and we will see how easy it can be to extend their usefulness.

Wednesday, February 26th

WORKSHOPS



9:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - AULA 1 + AULA 2 (Prior Reg. required)

IDEATHON

Facilitators:

Pangea, Andròmines, Fundació Trinijove, Innoground

How can we give new life to the components in our obsolete mobile devices to keep them



from ending up on the landfill? This ideathon will use design thinking methods to generate innovative solutions. The activity will be part of a competition held throughout the month of February. Still, if you want to learn how to come up with new solutions and share your ideas, feel free to take part in the workshop!

PANELS

PANEL 3

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - AUDITORIUM

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Speakers:

Carla Canal, Barcelona City Council

Michael McLaughlin, Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges, Scotland

Josefine Hintz, ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability)

Moderator:

Mercè Corretja, Public Procurement, Government of Catalonia

This panel will focus on the power of socially responsible public procurement in improving working conditions in the electronics industry. We will discuss the potential for influence in how the public sector applies social clauses in its purchase of ICT products and in monitoring contracts. This will include a look at two practical cases, with the Barcelona City Council and APUC's experience as affiliates of Electronics

Watch. We will also discuss how to face gender inequality in the supply chain through public procurement.

Carla Canal

A political scientist with a master's degree in public policy and international cooperation, she has worked on the coherence of public policies for sustainable development both for the Government of Catalonia and the Barcelona City Council. She currently works in the Department for Global Justice and International Cooperation of the Barcelona City Council.

Michael McLaughlin

Michael McLaughlin has 18 years of experience in procurement functions in both the public and private sectors. He spent nine years working in international manufacturing settings, first in electronics and then in the automotive sector, before moving on to the educational sector. He currently manages the procurement of information services at APUC, one of the founding members of Electronics Watch. McLaughlin works to promote collaboration, sustainable supply chains and circular procurement.

Josefine Hintz

Josefine Hintz works with ICLEI's Sustainable Economy and Procurement Team, providing support for global and European projects like Make ICT Fair, AI4Cities, Global Lead Cities Network, the One Planet Network's Sustainable Public Procurement Programme or Circular PP. Previously, she studied at the MSc program in Sustainable Urbanism at UCL's The Bartlett. She has also worked as an associate researcher at UCL's Circular Cities Hub in London, UK.

Mercè Corretja

The general director of Public Procurement for the Government of Catalonia since February 2016, Corretja holds a bachelor's degree and a doctorate degree in law from the UB and a master's degree in Catalan law from the UAB.

She is a member of the Legal Counsel for the Government of Catalonia and has served as the deputy director of the Legal Services of the Government of Catalonia and the Institute for Self-Government Studies, where she has held a range of positions. Corretja has served as an associate professor of Administrative Law at Pompeu Fabra University and the University of Barcelona.

PANEL 4

5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. - AUDITORIUM

THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY: SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Audio-visual report:

LITHIUM EXTRACTION IN CHILE

Speakers:

Charlotte Christiaens, CATAPA

Terry Collingsworth, International Rights Advocates

Alfons Pérez, Observatori del deute en la globalització

Moderador:

Santiago Saez, *Climàtica* (la Marea magazine)

This session will start with the viewing of the audio-visual report *Lithium Extraction in Chile* (2019) by Danwatch, part of a broader journalistic investigation. This will be followed by the presentation of a report on the social and environmental impacts suffered by the workers in a mining area in Bolivia, where mining communities face severe human rights violations and serious damage to the local environment. Then, International Rights Advocates will explain the recent lawsuit presented in the United States in the name of 14 Congolese families against tech giants Apple, Google, Dell, Microsoft and Tesla for their contribution to child slavery. Finally, we will address greenwashing in the North and how green marketing can be misleading.

Charlotte Christiaens

Charlotte Christiaens holds a master's degree in social and cultural anthropology with a specialization in Latin America. As a CATAPA coordinator, she has spent over a decade working with communities affected by mining activity. Christiaens is currently involved in the Make ICT Fair Project, which is focused on transparency and traceability in the mineral supply chain.

Terry Collingsworth

Terry Collingsworth is the founder and executive director of the International Rights Advocates organization. He has been involved in advocacy in the United States for over 35 years, specializing in international human rights lawsuits. Collingsworth has worked all over the world, from India and West Africa to most countries in South America, taking on a wide range of rights issues. Recently, he has focused on preventing multinational corporations from violating the human rights of children who are forced by poverty and other issues to work in the global supply chain.

Alfons Pérez

An engineer with a master's degree in sustainability from the UPC, Alfons Pérez is a member of the Observatori del Deute en la Globalització (Observatory on Debt in Globalization). Pérez has focused his work on the world of energy, climate and finance, and has analysed the consequences of fossil fuel extraction and European energy policies abroad, the role of public financial institutions in the energy transition and the impact of mega-infrastructure projects. He is also a member of Catalonia's Xarxa per la Sobirania Energètica (Network for Energy Sovereignty) and, since 2020, of Rebel·lió pel Clima (Climate Rebellion), an international climate justice campaign.

Santiago Saez

Santiago Sáez is a journalist and translator. He collaborated with and led *La Marea's* climate coverage for four years until the creation of *Climàtica* in June 2019. Sáenz currently coordinates the publication, which specializes in the climate crisis. He



has also written for international publications such as *Deutsche Welle*, *Al Jazeera* or *Mongabay*. Previously, Sáenz worked as a producer in the news department of the international television network CNBC. He holds a master's degree in journalism, media and globalization from the University of Aarhus and the City University of London.

PANEL 5

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - AUDITORIUM

CONSUMER ALTERNATIVES TO ICTS – TOWARDS A FAIRER, MORE DEMOCRATIC MODEL

Speakers:

Mireia Roura, eReuse

Ramon Roca, Guifi.net

Oriol Alfambra, Mensakas App

Moderator

Laia Tresserra, *Opcions*

In this final panel, we will present three consumer alternatives in ICTs, from efficient recycling to options that guarantee the rights of others. In spite of their diversity, these proposals share a common objective: promoting a fairer, more responsible consumer model for ICTs.

Mireia Roura

Mireia Roura is an environmental biologist with a degree from the University of Barcelona (UB), a master's degree in journalism (Columbia University and UB) and a master's degree in corporate social responsibility, accounting and social auditing (UB). Roura has worked on a number of environmental projects and has 10

years of experience in scientific and environmental communication and media outreach. For the last four years, she has served as project manager in the construction of eReuse circuits to promote the reuse, certification, traceability and final recycling of electronic devices.

Ramon Roca

Ramon Roca holds a bachelor's degree in law from the University of Barcelona but has focused his career on information technologies, holding positions in the corporate field for over thirty years. He is the co-founder and current president of Guifi.net.

Oriol Alfambra

In May of 2017, messengers in Barcelona for companies like Deliveroo, Glovo or UberEats created the trade union campaign RidersXDerechos to defend their rights. These messengers have protested and gone on strike in opposition to their condition as falsely self-employed. A number have been fired as a result, and have denounced their situation before the courts. In April 2018, they created Mensakas SCCL, a cooperative run by its workers; Oriol Alfambra is a co-founder of the company.

Laia Tresserra

Laia Tresserra holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and is the current director of *Opcions*, a publication that provides information and criteria for consumer awareness. *Opcions* is a digital publication specialized in conscientious consumption that provides all the information consumers need to consume less and more effectively.



PROGRAM SUMMARY MSC 2020

FILM FORUM

FEBRUARY 24th

5:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. - AUDITORIUM
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**MIGRANT WORKERS
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THE VOICE OF WORKERS: FREEDOM OF
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7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - AUDITORIUM
PANEL 5:
TOWARDS A FAIRER, MORE DEMOCRATIC
MODEL



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MAKE ICT FAIR



#MakeICTFair is a three-year project with funding from the European Union that involves 11 EU organizations.

Member organizations include **Electronics Watch**, an independent foundation that monitors working conditions in factories for the public sector, and SETEM Catalunya, the organization behind the Mobile Social Congress.

The organizations in the consortium, many of which are part of the **Good Electronics** network, specialize in working conditions and manufacturing safety or the defence of communities affected by the mining that provides raw material for the sector.

With this project, we are working together to protect human rights in the global electronics industry. You can follow the project's public activity with the hashtag **#MakeICTFair**.





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