

CALL FOR PAPERS
INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM:
PRIVATIZATION AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE COLLABORATION**

UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA,
Barcelona, June 12-13th 2006

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In the last decades, many analytical efforts have been devoted to study the theoretical foundations as well as the empirical evidence on local privatization, thus analyzing the factors explaining the privatization decision, as well as the economic results from privatization. Empirical studies do not provide clear evidence on the costs and benefits of privatization. Moreover, in practice, concerns about service quality, social equity, and employment conditions raise skepticism of privatization.

TOPICS:

Within this general framework, the key themes for the Workshop are the following ones:

- Theoretical underpinnings for local privatization.
- Factors explaining the decision to privatize.
- Economic consequences of privatization: Form of production and costs.
- Monitoring activities and contracting costs as a consequence of privatization.
- Privatization, market concentration and competition.
- Alternatives to privatization.
- Reverse privatization
- Concerns with meeting wider government obligations to citizens (public service) which can be undermined in the market delivery process.
- The suppression of compulsory competitive tendering in the UK in 1998. Causes and consequences

Registration fee will be waived for accepted papers

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:

Abstract with the proposal must be sent before December 31, 2005 (MAIL TO:
workshops@gmail.com).

Decisions on abstract acceptance will be made before the end of January 2006.

Full papers must be sent before April 15, 2006.

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