

7th
edition



MOBILE SOCIAL CONGRESS

FOR A FAIR ELECTRONIC MODEL

Let's place

TECHNOLOGY

at the **SERVICE**
of **LIFE**



Labour Rights / Unionism / Socially Responsible Public Procurement / Green Transition
Recycling and Repair / Mass surveillance / Cyberactivism

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This 2022, SETEM Catalunya's Fair Electronics Campaign is celebrating the 7th edition of the Mobile Social Congress, which will be celebrated from the 27th of February to the 2nd of March in Barcelona and online.

The Mobile Social Congress is a space open to all citizens that offers a critical perspective on the current model of production and consumption of information and communication technologies, and an opportunity to learn about alternative models and projects based on technological sovereignty, sustainability and social benefit.

This year's programme's theme is 'Let's place technology at the service of life'. This #MSC22, we want to address how we can put technology at the service of life, understanding life as the well-being of people at both ends of the production and consumption supply chain, and the balance needed to keep the ecosystems that sustain biodiversity, and human life on planet Earth, alive.

We will discuss the post-Covid impacts that are still pervasive in many factories and throughout the supply chain. We will address union busting practices by large companies such as Amazon and hear testimonies from various trade union leaders, as well as the precarious working conditions in factories in Eastern Europe.

We will also discuss the social and environmental impacts from the extraction of certain metals in the Global South to produce electric batteries needed for the energy transition, and the key role of responsible public procurement in cloud services contracting. Finally, we will address the growing mass surveillance exercised by states and companies using new technologies, and showcase initiatives and projects that offer alternatives that benefit their communities.

Against a backdrop of climate crisis, health crisis and care crisis, and in the face of the continuous violation of human and labour rights in the production and supply chains of the electronics sector, we encourage citizens to participate in the Mobile Social Congress, and to support a fairer and more sustainable electronics model.



Sunday, **February 27th** 2022

Jardins del Pou de la Figuera **Barcelona**

Fair Electronics Exhibition

10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Restart Party: Repair workshop

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Live music: Three Cool Cats swing concert

Tuesday, **March 1st** 2022

online

Presenter: Yago Álvarez, El Salto Diario - Economista

9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and presentation of Mobile Social Congress 2022

David Llistar, Ajuntament de Barcelona

Elena Romagosa, SETEM Catalunya

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

FRAGILITY AND COVID-19 IN THE SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY

Shelters for migrant workers in Taiwan

Lennon Wong, Serve the People, Taoyuan (SPA)

Why is there a semiconductor crisis and how does it impact us?

Peter Pawlicki, Electronics Watch

Moderator: Sara Domínguez, Ingeniería sin Fronteras
SETEM Catalunya

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

NEW AREAS FOR SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

How much does Amazon make from public procurement in Europe?

Stan De Spiegelaere, Uniglobal Europe

State imposed Uyghur forced labour in China

Kristin Talbo, ADDA

Moderator: Olga Martín- Ortega, University of Greenwich

12:00 p.m. to 12:15 p.m. PAUSE

12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

UNION BUSTING PRACTICES IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES

Challenges faced in organizing a labour union in Amazon Staten Island, New York

Chris Smalls, Amazon Labor Union (ALU)

Government union repression in the Philippines

Mary Ann Castillo, Nexperia Phils Inc Workers Union

Moderator: Gemma Friedman, UNISON

1:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. CLOSING SESSION

Wednesday, **March 2nd** 2022
El Born - Centre de Cultura i Memòria
Sala Moragues **Barcelona** and **online**

Presenter: Lluís Freixes, Catalunya Ràdio

5:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Introduction

5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

IMPORTATION OF POOR WORKING CONDITIONS TO CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN FACTORIES

Rutvica Andrijasevic, University of Bristol

Interviewer: Lluís Freixes, Catalunya Ràdio

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

THE MYTHS OF THE GREEN TRANSITION

Greenwashing and electric vehicles

Alfons Pérez, Observatori del Deute en la Globalització (ODG)

Environmental and community impacts: lithium mines in Serbia

Marina Pavlic, Kreni Promeni

Innovative projects: recycling of electric batteries in Catalonia

Toni Dorado, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC)

Moderator: Quique Gornés, Ajuntament de Barcelona

7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. PAUSE

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY: ENEMY OR ALLY?

Mass surveillance by the state and corporate powers in the name of public health and safety

Nora Miralles, Organització Drets Humans i Empreses a la
Mediterrània (ODHE)

Empowerment and cyberactivism processes in Africa

Aisha Dabo, AfricTivistes

Moderator: Carlos Bajo, Wiriko

**8:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. CLOSING SESSION
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Yago Álvarez

Activist, economist and journalist. In 2014, Yago founded the critical and social economy media El Salmón Contracorriente, which later joined with other journalists to form the media platform El Salto, where he is the coordinator of the economy section. Yago published the book “Descifra tu deuda. Guía de auditoría ciudadana municipal” and was director and scriptwriter of the documentary “Qui ha hipotecat el meu ajuntament?”.

David Llistar

As Director of Global Justice and International Cooperation at Barcelona City Council, David has spent the last 30 years working for different NGOs, universities, social movements, countries and governments on issues of development cooperation and global environmental and economic justice. Co-founder of the *Obersavatori del Deute en la Globalització* (Observatory of Debt in Globalisation) of the UNESCO Chair in Sustainability.

Elena Romagosa

President of SETEM Catalunya, Elena has also been International Camps Coordinator, Member of the Camps Council and founder of the Africa Committee. Elena has worked both in the private and civil society sector in Justícia i Pau and in other NGOs in Burundi, Mozambique and the DRC.

Lennon Wong

A Labor activist and advocate focusing on migrant workers since 2014, Lennon is Director at the Service Center and Shelter for Migrant Worker, managed by Serve the People Association (SPA) in Taoyuan, Taiwan.

Peter Pawlicki

Based in Germany, Peter has over 15 years of research experience on the globalisation of the electronics industry and its effects on working conditions and labor rights. He has participated in several international research projects on manufacturing. Peter is the Director of Outreach and Education at Electronics Watch.

Sara Domínguez

Sara is an Engineer in Automation and Industrial Electronics with a Master's Degree in Research in Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Industrial Control, with more than 10 years of experience working in the design and management of electronic products. Sara is also an activist with Ingeniería Sin Fronteras and with Setem Catalunya.

Stan De Spiegelaere

Stan De Spiegelaere is a policy and research director at UNI Europa and guest professor at the University of Ghent. He is doing research on collective bargaining, workers' participation and social public procurement. Previously, Stan has worked at the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI).

Kristin Talbo

Kristin is a human rights lawyer working with sustainable supply chains (human rights, workers' rights, environmental protection and anti-corruption) in public procurement. Kristin is a Sustainability Strategist at Adda Central Purchasing Body in Sweden. In her work, Kristin conducts risk assessments, formulates award criteria and monitors agreement conditions.

Olga Martín-Ortega

Olga is a Professor of International Law at the School of Law, University of Greenwich, where she leads the Business, Human Rights and the Environment Research Group (BHRE, www.bhre.org). She is a member of the EU Marie Skłodowska-Curie network SAPIENS and co-coordinator of the International Learning Lab on Procurement and Human Rights.

Chris Smalls

Chris Smalls is a former assistant manager at an Amazon facility in Staten Island, New York. Since Chris was fired after organizing a walkout to demand more protection for workers from Covid-19, he has continued the fight to create a union for Amazon workers in New York. Chris is one of the leaders of Amazon Labour Union.

Mary Ann Castillo

Mary Ann Castillo is the General Secretary of the Metal Workers Alliance of the Philippines (MWAP), and President of the Nexperia Workers Union. Mary Ann has worked at Nexperia and Philips for 27 years. In addition to Mary's work in the local union, she leads the organization of contracted and non-unionized workers in the country's electronics industry.

Gemma Friedman

Gemma has worked within the international trade union movement for the past 18 years starting with the UK's Trades Union Congress and then freelance including as a consultant to the Ethical Trading Initiative, before moving to UNISON. Gemma has worked at the intersection of workers' rights and international development and now focuses on business and human rights.

Lluís Freixes

Graduated in Journalism and Economics, Lluís is currently an editor and radio broadcaster at Catalunya Ràdio, and a columnist at elDiario.es. Lluís has previously worked in the Communication Area of the Department of Ecology, Urban Planning and Mobility of the Barcelona City Council. Lluís has also been the Director and scriptwriter of the program 'Recursos Hominids' on *Radio Televisión Española*, and co-director of 'Serveis Mínims' at *Cadena SER*.

Rutvica Andrijasevic

Rutvica works as an Associate Professor at Bristol University School of Management, UK. For the last 7 years, Rutvica and her team have been researching migrant workers labour rights in electronics supply chains in Central and Eastern Europe. Her most recent publication is the book *Media and Management* (2021), which examines the interdependencies between software, hardware and labour in digital capitalism.

Alfons Pérez

Alfons Pérez is a researcher and activist at the Observatori del Deute en la Globalització (ODG). Alfons has spent these last years working on the impacts of the European Union's energy policy in third countries, the influence of financial capitalism in the world of energy and the responses of organizations and movements to the climate emergency. Currently, together with the ODG team, Alfons analyses the advance of green capitalism and the diverse manifestations of energy collapse.

Marina Pavlic

Marina Pavlic graduated from the University of Belgrade, with a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy. Social challenges in Serbia drove her to mobilize. Since 2009, Marina has been passionate about helping leaders become agents of change. Marina is currently the executive director of *Kreni-Promeni*, a change-driven organization in Serbia, and is part of the LCN Europe team that is building the structure for organizers across Europe.

Toni Dorado

Toni is the Coordinator of the Biometallum project, also known as 'Menja mòbils'. Toni is a Chemical Engineer with a PhD in Natural Resources and Environment, and is a Professor at the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya in Manresa. Biometallum is a technology transfer project that recovers metals from mobile phones and batteries to prevent the export of electronic scrap to countries in the Global South.

Quique Gornés

Quique Gornés is a public works engineer specializing in transport and urban services. Quique has focused his career on the guarantee of basic supplies, particularly drinking water, in different geographical contexts both in the Global South and in Spain, and has published several articles on the human right to water. Quique is currently an advisor to the Ajuntament de Barcelona's Department of Climate Emergency.

Nora Miralles

Nora is a journalist and researcher in gender, peace, security and human rights at the Centre Delàs d'Estudis per la Pau, and the Organització Drets Humans i Empreses a la Mediterrània (ODHE). Nora is also an activist in a grassroots movement in Manresa.

Aisha Dabo

Aisha Dabo is a Gambian-Senegalese journalist and co-founder of AfricTivistes, a pan-African league of professional cyber-activists. As coordinator of AfricTivistes, Aisha's goal includes working with activists across the continent who struggle to develop their initiatives in their home countries, to amplify their voices and national issues continent-wide, and to overcome censorship and the control of undemocratic governments.

Carlos Bajo

Carlos is a journalist, social researcher and independent consultant specializing in the use of ICTs for social change in Africa and citizen movements on the continent. Carlos is one of Wiriko's co-founders.

