

# TALLER DE INVESTIGACIÓN “EL ANTICAPITALISMO EN EL SIGLO XXI: EL EJEMPLO DE LAS EMPRESAS RECUPERADAS”

## Report

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First of all, I would like to thank Erik for the invitation. It was a great opportunity for those of us who have done research on Empresas Recuperadas to have such a fruitful exchange about this topic from an emancipatory perspective. I also want to thank Rodolfo's enthusiasm and commitment to the success of the event.

The workshop inspired me to think again about some issues that I had researched in the past, and encouraged me to develop some new future lines of research. The best part of the workshop was the possibility to exchange with researchers from other parts of the world as well as with local researchers on Recuperadas. All this strengthened the possibility of shared reflections and future research agendas on the topic.

In particular, the workshop gave new relevance to some questions that were posed during the past decade of research about Recuperadas in Argentina: What are the mechanisms that explain the patterns of the process during its different stages? What are the variables that explain variability within the universe of recuperadas? What tensions have emerged in the Recuperadas as socio-productive units? What are the singularities of the phenomena in Argentina when compared to other countries? What are the institutional, cultural and organizing features that promote the consolidation of the recuperadas as a productive form in which social power is prevalent? Most of these questions can be answered through existing research, but with respect to other aspects we need to conduct further research and propose new hypothesis to guide this research. In general, I believe that the project can be the appropriate framework to systematize our findings in order to understand the Empresas Recuperadas as successful associative and democratic endeavors linked to strategies of collective action during the Argentine crisis and as part of a broader agenda of Real Utopias.

I also think there are some lessons to be learnt from the dynamics of the Argentine workshop, in order to improve the quality of discussions in future events.

- The absence of a clear agenda for discussion during the workshop made it difficult for everyone to put their work into dialogue. In future events, we could think of a number of specific questions that should be answered by each presenter. This way we could have a more organized discussion.

- As Laura already mentioned in her memo: there were too many presentations and this prevented the deepening of our collective discussions of each case.

- Finally, I believe that time constraints and the amount of presentations made it difficult to have a needed moment of collective summary and exchange. For most of the time local

researchers presented their research and international researchers were in charge of questions and I felt that this didn't help to deepen our exchange and interactions. I really don't know how to solve this in future workshops. One possibility is that both local researchers and visitors present papers. This way we could compare cases from different countries and discuss about the conceptual space that might explain differences and commonalities in the experiences.