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### EDUCATION

- 1996**                    **PhD. Political Science, *University of Toronto***  
Comparative Politics (Developing Countries) and Political Theory  
*Thesis Title:* The Politics of Ecology in South Africa: Urban Governance and  
Environmental Policy in Cape Town
- 1992**                    **M.A. Development Studies, *University of Toronto***  
Joint degree in Politics and Economics
- 1988**                    **H.B.A. Business Administration, *University of Western Ontario***  
International trade, finance and human resources

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Current**                    **Professor, *Department of Global Development Studies, Queen's University***
- Cross-appointed to Department of Geography and Planning, and the School of Environmental Studies
  - Head of Department from 2001-2012
- 2003-2009**                    **Associate Professor, *Department of Global Development Studies, Queen's University***
- 2001-2003**                    **Assistant Professor, *Department of Global Development Studies, Queen's University***
- 1996-2001**                    **Assistant Professor, *Departments of Geography and Political Studies, Queen's University***
- 1996**                        **Lecturer, *Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Toronto***
- 1994**                        **Lecturer, *Political Studies, University of the Western Cape (South Africa)***

**2000-present****Founder and Director - *Municipal Services Project***

- Founder and Director of the Municipal Services Project, a global research network that explores progressive forms of public services with a focus on equity, sustainability and democratic engagement. We critically investigate successful public service models with the aim of documenting and assessing the conditions required for their sustainability and reproducibility.
- Coordination of all research design, implementation, outputs, analysis and reporting involving over 200 researchers working in more than 50 countries
- Received more than \$3 million in funding from a variety of sources
- Author of books, journal articles, chapters and popular material related to project research

**1996-2000****Project Manager - *Southern African Migration Project***

- Project Manager for a \$3 million CIDA-funded research project on cross-border migration in Southern Africa
- Coordination of research design, implementation, outputs, analysis and reporting, with over 100 researchers working in the region
- Coordinated regional conferences/workshops/missions at Ministerial level on migration-related issues
- Published research findings in academic journals, books, policy series publications and in the popular press

**GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

2021-25	SSHRC Insight Grant - Public Banks + Public Water (Principal Investigator)	\$385,092
2020	UNCTAD – Public Banks and Covid-19 (Principal Investigator)	\$6,200
2018	SSHRC Partnership Grant Stage 1 - Public Water/Public Banks (Principal Investigator)	\$20,000
2017-20	SSHRC Insight Grant - Remunicipalization: The Future of Water Services? (Principal Investigator)	\$182,735
2015	IDRC - Website development grant (Principal Investigator)	\$5,000
2014-16	UN Habitat – Rethinking Efficiency in the Water Sector (Principal Investigator)	\$43,000
2010-11	IDRC – Gender and Alternatives To Privatization (Principal Investigator)	\$10,000
2009-10	IDRC – Website development grant (Principal Investigator)	\$25,000
2008-14	IDRC – (Re)Thinking Public Services: Understanding Successful Alternative Delivery Models in Health, Water and Electricity (MSP Phase III) (Principal Investigator)	\$1,132,000
2008	IDRC - Planning workshop grant (Principal Investigator)	\$34,700
2003-08	IDRC – Globalization, Equity and Health (MSP Phase II) (Principal Investigator)	\$670,000
2003-04	IDRC - Conference grant (Principal Investigator)	\$4,000
2003-04	IDRC - Special Initiatives Grant (Principal Investigator)	\$22,370
2002	IDRC - Conference Grant	\$18,000
2002	IDRC - Special Initiatives Grant (Principal Investigator)	\$6,220
2002-04	Queen’s University ARC Research Grant (Principal Investigator)	\$4,900
2000-03	IDRC – Municipal Services Restructuring (MSP Phase I) (Principal Investigator)	\$500,000

2000-01	SSHRC - Post-Doctoral Fellowship	\$63,000
2000	IDRC - Special Initiatives Grant (Principal Investigator)	\$5,000
2000	Organix Foundation - Research Grant (Principal Investigator)	\$6,000
2000	Queen's University - ARC Research Grant (Principal Investigator)	\$10,000
1994-96	SHRCC - Doctoral Fellowship	\$40,000
1994-95	IDRC - Young Canadian Researchers Award	\$20,000

### ***Additional grants secured by the Municipal Services Project***

2018	Various sources - The Future is Public Conference Grant	\$60,400
2007	CUPE - International Solidarity Fund	\$4,500
2006-07	CUPE/Samwu - Gender and Privatization in South Africa	\$150,000
2005	Water Research Commission of South Africa	\$35,000
2004-05	IDRC – Labour-Community Radio Project	\$20,000
2001-03	Netherlands Embassy (South Africa) - Workplace Municipal Restructuring	\$70,000
2001-03	Government of Finland - Gender and Local Government Restructuring	\$150,000
2000-01	South African Labour Development Trust – Education and Training on New Municipal Legislation	\$140,000
2001-02	Human Sciences Research Council (in kind) – National Survey on Attitudes to Cost Recovery	\$80,000
2000	City of Cape Town – Labour/Management Relations	\$10,000

### **SPECIAL AWARDS**

- 2017 Frank Knox Teaching Award – Awarded annually by the Alma Mater Society of Queen's University to honour a professor who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the education of students through their teaching excellence. The award is the highest honour given to an instructor at Queen's by students.
- 2018 Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) Teaching Excellence Award 2017-18. The Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance annually presents its teaching award to professors from its member campuses who have been selected by their students as examples of teaching excellence from across the province.

### **COMMITTEES & ASSESSMENTS**

*Board Member*

Blue Planet Project

*Journal Editorial Boards*

Alternatives Journal: Canadian Environmental Ideas and Action; *Economia Publica*: The Italian Journal of Public Economics

*Assessor of Manuscripts (Journals)*

Environment and Planning A; Antipode; International Migration Review; Canadian Journal of African Studies; Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning; Africa Today; Aquatic Sciences; Geoforum; International Review of Administrative Sciences; Geopolitics, International Journal of Urban and Regional Planning. Annals of the Association of American Geographers; Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography;

New Political Economy; Journal of Canadian Studies; Studies in Comparative International Development; Journal of Contemporary African Studies; Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism; Policy Sciences; Journal of Economic Policy Reform; Studies in Political Economy, Utilities Policy

*Assessor of Manuscripts (Books)* Oxford University Press; Guilford Publications; Earthscan Press; Edmund Montgomery Press; HSRC Press, Cornell University Press; McGill-Queen's University Press; U of Toronto Press; Zed Books; Routledge

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

DA McDonald. 2023. *Meanings of Public and the Future of Public Services*. Routledge: New York, 170 pp

*"This is an impressive and insightful account of one of the fundamental policy failures of our time: privatization and public service delivery. Locating public services within the long sweep of capitalism and its relations to private appropriation, McDonald points to an alternative agenda beyond elite and corporate interests. This is a clarion call for democratically owned and run public services in the common interests of society and not governed by market-based dogma."*

Andrew Cumbers, Professor of Political Economy, University of Glasgow

*"The neoliberal state never went away. But continuing crises of finance, environment and pandemic mean it is overtly interventionist on an unprecedented scale – raising questions over what, when, how, why and most importantly, for whom? This book is not, and cannot be, the last word on these issues but it certainly is the most compelling starting point for the struggles and debates ahead over the future of public services."*

Ben Fine, Emeritus Professor, Department of Economics, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)

*"McDonald convincingly demonstrates that in times of celebrating the private, it is not only politically right but socially and ecologically essential to foreground the public again if we are truly concerned with equitable, universal and sustainable access of all to essential services like water, health, energy, and the like."*

Erik Swyngedouw, The University of Manchester

DA McDonald. 2008. *World City Syndrome: Neoliberalism and Inequality in Cape Town*. Routledge: New York, 355 pp

*"This is a theoretically pathbreaking, if politically heartbreaking, account of post-apartheid Cape Town and the betrayed promises of integration and equality. It also offers a formidable, often brilliant, overview of the debate on neoliberalism."*

Mike Davis, Professor of History, University of California, Irvine.

*“McDonald’s aim of merging his scholarship with the concerns of real people, struggling over real issues, is impressive. In this book he advances our understanding of the challenges facing a new Cape Town in a new South Africa by eloquently exemplifying the sensitivity and insight that sustained commitment and rich experience on the ground can give rise to. A sobering but deeply illuminating account.”*

John Saul, Professor Emeritus, Social and Political Science, York University, Canada.

*“With rigour and precision, McDonald takes apart the neoliberal model that dominates Cape Town’s post-apartheid trajectory. He shows how this so-called development strategy sets us on the path to increased social, spatial and economic inequality. But it is really in the alternatives that the book comes to the fore. Drawing on a sophisticated reading of Marxism in conversation with Keynesianism, McDonald presents an agenda for reforming Cape Town that directly challenges the present received wisdom and foregrounds a raft of eminently sensible strategic counter-hegemonic interventions. The book is at once compelling as it is intellectually courageous and builds on McDonald’s pioneering theoretical expose on urban neoliberalism in South Africa”.*

Ashwin Desai, Research Fellow, Institute of Social and Economic Research, Rhodes University, South Africa.

## **Edited Books**

T Marois, DA McDonald and S Spronk (eds). (forthcoming 2025). *Public Banks and Public Water in the Global South*. Routledge: New York.

*“This is a unique, and uniquely valuable book. It offers a carefully curated and highly readable collection of essays on the political economy of public water service provision in diverse countries and contexts, written by deeply knowledgeable and engaged authors. They demonstrate that there is enormous potential for progressive forms of financing public services in developing countries, focussing on the essential role of public banks.”*

Alfredo Saad-Filho, Queen’s University Belfast

*“This timely book fills an important gap in the burgeoning literature about the exciting prospect of public banks to challenge the power of private capital. Focusing upon the water sector and the global south, the book draws upon a range of fascinating case studies to demonstrate the potential for an ecosystem of public banks at different geographical scales to contribute to an alternative development agenda.”*

Andrew Cumbers, Professor of Political Economy at the University of Glasgow

T Marois and DA McDonald (eds). (2023). *Public Banks, Public Water: Exploring the Links in Europe*. Routledge: New York, 190pp.

DA McDonald, T Marois and D Barrowclough (eds). 2020. *Public Banks and Covid-19: Combatting the Pandemic With Public Finance*. Municipal Service Project (Kingston), UNCTAD (Geneva) and Eurodad (Brussels), 436pp

DA McDonald, S Spronk and D Chavez (eds). 2020. *Public Water and Covid-19: Dark Clouds and Silver Linings*, Municipal Service Project (Kingston), Transnational Institute (Amsterdam) and Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO) (Buenos Aires), 471pp

Translated to Spanish: *Agua Pública y Coronavirus: Nubes Negras y Nuevas Oportunidades* (2021), 512pp

*“This excellent and timely collection examines the impact of the pandemic on public water operators around the world, highlighting the importance of democratic and equitable water services. If any good can come from this terrible pandemic, it is the recognition that public services are vital components of fundamental justice for a post-Covid world.”*

Maude Barlow, author/activist and Chairperson of the Blue Planet Project

*“[This book] is monumental, written by a multidisciplinary group of scholars, activists, political leaders, as well as representatives of local institutions and water operators ....[It] fosters the imagination of new water governance values, habits, and practices for a ‘new-normal’ during and beyond the pandemic”.*

Water Alternatives Journal

DA McDonald (ed) (2016). *Making Public in a Privatized World: The Struggle for Essential Services*, Zed Books, London, 270pp

- *Translated and revised in Spanish as: D Chavez, S Spronk y DA McDonald (coords) (2018). Repensar lo Público: Estado, Sociedad Civil y Servicios Básicos en América Latina*, Icaria: Barcelona (219pp)

*“A remarkable collection of work and an urgently needed intervention into struggles over public services. It deserves to be read by those depressed by the rolling tide of privatization and by those struggling to find better ways of serving publics.”*

John Clarke, The Open University

*“This superb collection explores convincingly why public services should indeed be delivered by the public and not by private companies. The contributions offer an extraordinarily insightful foray into the contours of and possibilities for inclusive and democratic public service delivery, both within and outside of the state.”*

Erik Swyngedouw, University of Manchester

DA McDonald (ed). 2014. *Rethinking Corporatization and Public Utilities in the Global South*, Zed Books, London, 235pp

*Translated and revised in Spanish as: DA McDonald (ed) (2015) Servicios públicos en el sur global*, Clave Intelectual Press (Barcelona), 308pp

*“Is corporatization friend or foe of quality public service provision? This book offers a thorough critique, providing a theoretical framework and a set of criteria for evaluating this new reform in public service delivery. Case studies from around the world show the potential benefits and pitfalls of corporatization and raise questions about the role of the state and the meaning of 'public' in service delivery. This is a must-read for policy-makers, practitioners and scholars of public service reform.”*

Mildred E. Warner, Professor, Department of City and Regional Planning,  
Cornell University

*“This book offers fresh thinking on corporatization and public enterprises and addresses important research questions in a multidisciplinary way. The analysis is grounded in new evidence and field research, making it essential reading for anyone interested in the benefits and risks of contemporary trends of governance reforms in the provision of essential public services.”*

Massimo Florio, Professor of Public Economics, University of Milan

DA McDonald and G Ruiters (eds). 2012. *Alternatives to Privatization: Public Options for Essential Services in the Global South*, Routledge, New York, 541 pp

- co-published by HSRC Press (Cape Town); Leftword Books (Delhi)
- published in Spanish by Icaria (Barcelona)
- published in Turkish by Note Bene Press (Ankara)

*Here is a book that many have been waiting for: an empirical, theoretical and normative case for defending and innovating ‘the public’. In resisting neoliberalism we need to show that there are viable alternatives to the privatization and commercialization of essential services. This book does not romanticize the state, or community, and illustrates that ‘the public’ comes in many forms and guises; both good and bad. The public is a terrain on which people must struggle if we are to realize our commitments to social, cultural and economic rights.*

David McCoy - University College London and Peoples Health Movement

*At a time that neoliberal solutions to social services have lost credibility, this book argues that alternatives to privatization exist and are often more effective than private enterprises.....[T]his book drives home the lesson that broad-based consultation and participation in service delivery is an essential ingredient of success.*

Walden Bello – Filipino author, academic and political analyst

*The conceptual work by McDonald and Ruiters is invaluable in laying down a firm foundation within which....this impressive empirical work [is grounded], representing the most comprehensive review of practical alternatives ever assembled in one publication.*

South African Review of Sociology

*This book is a mine of scholarly material on the experience of alternatives to privatisation in Asia, Africa and Latin America.*

The Hindu (Delhi)

M Pigeon, DA McDonald, O Hoedeman and S Kishimoto (eds), 2012.  
Remunicipalisation: Putting Water Back Into Public Hands, TNI: Amsterdam, 116pp.

- Translated to Spanish (TNI) and Bulgarian (Friends of the Earth)

*Cities have been remunicipalising water for years, but finally we have a book that gives us a global perspective on this trend. It offers rich evidence of how public service providers outperform private water companies while at the same time pointing to the challenges that managers, policy makers and activists face in making water public again.*

Maude Barlow, Chairperson of the Council of Canadians

*Empirically sound lens through which to gain a comparative understanding and appreciation of why public service provision in the form of remunicipalisation has happened, how it operates and the degrees to which it can and should be implemented elsewhere.*

South African Review of Sociology

DA McDonald (ed). 2009. *Electric Capitalism: Recolonizing Africa on the Power Grid*, HSRC Press: Cape Town, Earthscan, London. 504 pp

*Electric Capitalism is a timely, original and important contribution to the debates on electricity reform in Africa (and beyond), and will be of interest to academics, policymakers and activists alike. It covers an area in which oppositional intellectual contributions are relatively rare, offering insightful theoretical contributions, rigorous data analysis and useful alternatives to neoliberal restructuring.*

Ben Fine, Professor of Economics, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

*McDonald has developed a rich and powerful conceptual framework built around a revised and updated version of the Minerals Energy Complex thesis. The essays in the volume are well researched, analytically appealing and highly topical, including carbon trading, climate change, privatization, and resistance and mobilization around electricity provision and cost.*

Vishnu Padayachee, Senior Professor, School of Development Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal

*A breathtaking read in its exposé of the uses of electricity at the generation and macro-level and at the distribution and micro-level as a neo-liberal weapon in 'rights-based' disguise.*

Goodreads.com

DA McDonald and GR Ruiters (eds). 2005. *The Age of Commodity: Water Privatization in Southern Africa*. Earthscan Press: London, 304 pp.

*An illuminating set of essays which yield stunning insights into a matter of universal concern. This is a 'must read' for anyone concerned with the proper and wise use of the most important of all resources.*



David Harvey, Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, City University of New York

*A cutting-edge study of neoliberal public service reform in Southern Africa....clearly written and tightly edited.*

Canadian Journal of Political Science

DA McDonald and J Pape (eds). 2002. *Cost Recovery and the Crisis of Service Delivery in South Africa*. Zed Press: London and HSRC Publishers: Pretoria, 207 pp.

*The ANC's current policies pretend that everyone, capitalist and shanty-town dweller alike, has more or less the same interests and can be served by more or less the same policies. This book debunks this myth most convincingly.*

H-NET Book Reviews

DA McDonald (ed) *Environmental Justice in South Africa*. 2002. Ohio University Press: Athens and University of Cape Town Press, 341 pp.

*Its well-referenced theoretical articles provide entry into an area unfamiliar to many....Description and analysis of resistance provide both data for researchers and ideas for activists; and the legislative overview should inform legal scholars and activists alike.*

The International Journal of African Historical Studies

*A crucial addition to the body of literature dealing with South Africa's transition....The book skillfully combines history, theory, analysis and practice.*

African Studies Review

J Crush and DA McDonald (eds). 2002. *Transnationalism and New African Immigration to South Africa*. Canadian Association of African Studies: Toronto, 184 pp.

*A significant contribution to well thought-out and methodologically sound research on the dynamics of transnational migration....intellectually engaging and invigorating due in part to its novel use of micro-level study.*

Journal of Population Geography

DA McDonald and J Crush (eds). 2002. *Destinations Unknown: Perspectives on the Brain Drain in Southern Africa*. Africa Institute, Pretoria and Michigan State University Press, 401 pp.

*Provides valuable insight into skilled people's perspectives on and experiences with emigration, including many fascinating personal stories...[It] represents an original contribution to a topic of considerable importance.*

South African Geographical Journal

DA McDonald and EN Sahle (eds). 2002. *The Legacies of Julius Nyerere: Influences on Development Discourse and Practice in Africa*. Africa World Press, Trenton, New Jersey. 145 pp.

*A welcome addition to the literature [on Nyerere].*  
African Affairs

DA McDonald (ed). 2000. *On Borders: Perspectives on International Migration in Southern Africa*, St Martin's Press, New York, 303pp.

*Foremost among the book's attributes is the impeccable scholarship it evidences. Even more impressive is the editor's effort to imbed the migration discourse within multiple layers of contextualisation and comparison.*  
H-NET Book Reviews

*Possibly the most authoritative and methodologically robust survey of international migration to South Africa*  
Development Policy Review

*This extremely important book provides concrete and verifiable evidence that, for the first time, gives a detailed insight into the thoughts and experiences of those on the receiving end of [xenophobia]...The dozens of academics and researchers involved have produced a mammoth empirical effort... 'On Borders' should restore a sizeable degree of pride and confidence in the long-neglected tradition of internationalist, collective intellectual endeavour.*  
Sunday Independent

### **Guest Editor, Refereed Journals**

*Water International*, Special Issue on "Public Banks, Public Water: Exploring the Links in Europe", 2022. Vol 47, Issue 5, Co-edited with T Marois, 162 pp

*Water Alternatives*. Special issue on "The New Water Wars: Struggles for Remunicipalization". 2019. Vol 12, Iss 2. Co-edited with E. Swyngedouw, 136 pp

*Alternatives*. Special issue on water privatisation entitled "Trusting the Tap", Volume 29, No. 2, Spring 2003, 52 pp

*Africa Today*. Special issue on "The Politics of Immigration Policy in Southern Africa" Volume 48, Number 3, 2001, Co-edited with J Crush, 88 pp

*Canadian Journal of African Studies*. Special issue on "Transnationalism and New Communities in Southern Africa" Volume 34, Number 1, 2000, Co-edited with J Crush, 188 pp

*Africa Insight*. Special issue on "Skilled Migration in Southern Africa", Volume 30, Number 2, 2000, Co-edited with J Crush), 157 pp

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

DA McDonald. 2024. "Radical Remunicipalizations: Remaking and Reclaiming Public Services". *Socialist Register*, Vol 61.

DA McDonald. 2024. "(De)Financing Remunicipalization", *Urban Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00420980241262705>

DA McDonald. 2024. "Landscapes of Remunicipalization: A Critical Literature Review", *Urban Affairs Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/10780874241233535>

T Marois and DA McDonald. 2022. "Public Banks, Public Water: Exploring the Links in Europe". *Water International*, Vol 47, Issue 5

PS Juuti, RP Juuti and DA McDonald. 2022. "Boldly boring: Public banks and public water in the Nordic region". *Water International*, Vol 47, Issue 5

TM Hanna and DA McDonald. 2021. "From pragmatic to politicized? The future of water Remunicipalization in the United States", *Utilities Policy*, Vol 72, No 101276, pp1-9

DA McDonald, T Marois and S Spronk. 2021. "Public Banks + Public Water = SDG 6?", *Water Alternatives*, Vol 14, Issue 1, pp117-134.

DA McDonald. 2020. "Innovation and new public water", *Journal of Economic Policy Reform*, Vol 23, Issue 1, 67-82.

DA McDonald and E Swyngedouw. 2019. "The New Water Wars: Struggles for Remunicipalization", *Water Alternatives*, Vol 12, Issue 2, pp 322-333.

DA McDonald. 2019. "Will the Empire Strike Back?: Powerbrokers and Remunicipalisation in the Water Sector", *Water Alternatives*, Vol 12, Issue 2, pp 348-359.

G Medarov and DA McDonald. 2019. "Which Way Will the Winds Blow?: Post-Privatisation Water Struggles in Sofia, Bulgaria", *Water Alternatives*, Vol 12, Issue 2, pp 438-458.

DA McDonald. 2019. "Finding Common(s) Ground in the Fight for Water Remunicipalization", *Community Development Journal*, Vol 54, Iss 1, pp 59–79.

DA McDonald. 2018. "Remunicipalization: The Future of Water Services?", *Geoforum*, 91, pp 47-56.

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DA McDonald. 2016, "Icon(oclastic): John S Saul Reflects on Liberation Struggles in Southern Africa", in *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, Vol 34, Issue 2, pp 300-308

DA McDonald. 2016. "The Weight of Water: Benchmarking for Public Water Services", *Environment and Planning A*, Vol. 48, Iss 11, pages 2181-2200

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de la Sablonnière, R, F Tougas, DM Taylor, J Crush, DA McDonald, and OR Perenlei. 2015. "Social Change in Mongolia and South Africa: The Impact of Relative Deprivation Trajectory and Group Status on Well-Being and Adjustment to Change". *Social Justice Research*, Vol 28, No 1, pp 1-21.

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E Leopold and DA McDonald. 2012. "Municipal Socialism Then and Now: Lessons for the Global South", *Third World Quarterly*, 33:10, pp1837-53

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DA McDonald. 2010. "Ubuntu Bashing: The Marketization of "African Values" in South Africa", *Review of African Political Economy*, Vol 37, No 124, June, pp 139-152.

G Boag and DA McDonald. 2010. "A Critical Review of Public-Public Partnerships in Water Services", *Water Alternatives*, Vol 3, Issue 1, February, pp 1-25.

K Cocq and DA McDonald. 2010. "Minding the Undertow: Assessing Water 'Privatization' in Cuba", *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*, Vol 42, No 1, January, pp 6-45.

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A Mayher and DA McDonald. 2007. "The Print Media in South Africa: Paving the Way for 'Privatization'" *Review of African Political Economy* No.113, pp 203-220.

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DA McDonald and L Smith. 2004. Privatizing Cape Town: From Apartheid to Neoliberalism in the Mother City, *Urban Studies*, Vol 41, No 8, July, pp 1461-1484

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- Reprinted in Paul Ganster and David Lorey (eds), *Borders and Border Politics in the Globalizing World*, SR Books, Oxford, 2005

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