Day 1 – Investigating Ghost Management

Catherine Riva and Serena Tinari - Mapping ghost-management at work in the biopharmaceutical sector, public health, and the Surveillance-Industrial Complex

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Paul Thacker - Monsanto's ghostwriting to influence both science and media

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Mark Lee Hunter - Ghost-management at Danone: Short-term benefits and long-term risks

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Dwayne Winseck and Blue Miaoran Dong - Facebook's "Regulate Us" Public Relations and Advertising Campaign: Toward a New Model of Internet Regulation or Corporate Snowjob?

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Marie-Hélène Bacon & Louise Vandelac - The Monsanto Papers: a window into the capture's strategies of an agrochemical firm to poison research and regulation

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Day 2 – Theorizing Ghost Management

Marc-André Gagnon & Blue Miaoran Dong - Categories of ghost-management in the pharmaceutical sector: How corporate internal documents informed the academic literature

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Kean Birch - Pharmaceuticals as assets: The place of ghost management in the assetization of biomedicine

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Cecilia Rikap - The expansionary strategies of data-driven intellectual monopolies to conquer healthcare

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Sergio Sismondo - The invisible hands of the corporation

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Katherine Fierlbeck - Discourse and Power: absorbing and neutralizing dangerous ideas

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