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“The promised land for investors”. Forms of accumulation and reproduction of every day life. Feminist political ecology of special economic zones in Poland.

Working with the framework for analyzing *transition from plan to market* as new round of enclosures carried out from inside and outside, and drawing on work done by David Harvey and Michael Levien on accumulation by dispossession and by feminist scholars such as Sylvia Federici, Cindi Katz, Ariel Salleh, Adrienne Roberts, and many others, this paper investigates the field of relationships between new forms of accumulation and changes in means and conditions for reproduction of every day life. The paper takes special economic zone in Łódź, former garment industry centre in Poland with its young, feminized and cheap labour, poverty ghettos and enclaves of gentrification - as groundwork for analysis which links organization of SEZ, and changes in materialities of life at the level of labouring bodies and households with politico-economic transformations at mezo and macro levels. One of 14 in Poland, Łódź SEZ was established in 1997, with its current 44 subzones spread across the city and the region, and is managed by state owned limited liability company, Łódź SEZ Ltd. The establishment of Łódź SEZ was preceded by demolition or privatization of public enterprises which created surplus population in Łódź, as elsewhere in Poland, to the total size of 43 % of current labour force. From “shock therapy” reforms of the 1990s to more recent Poland 2030 strategy and Polish Investment Program, the processes of accumulation by demolition, dispossession and repossession entailed multifaceted and continuous redistribution of public assets and opening new markets, and were accompanied by and conditional on cuts in public expenditures on care, establishment of precarious labor regimes, and privatization or marketization of social and environmental infrastructure with the effect of reprivatizing responsibilities for social reproduction, and burden on women in low and middle income households. The inquiry into conditions of possibility for SEZ points to reconstitution of state acting as owner/ manager of populations and public assets, as broker for capital, and as an investment banker in itself, maximizing its assets and reconstituting majority of population as liabilities. The new Polish state capitalism and forms of accumulation it generates depend on capture, coercion, and intensified bio-financial controls over population.

Conceived as strategic intervention in public discourse, this research is a part of the first critical inquiry on SEZ in Poland, and was done together with Feminist Think Tank (a group of researchers, activists, and artists). The presentation of the paper will be accompanied by video documentary on slave economy of special economic zones in Poland by SzumTV and Feminist Think Tank.