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ABBREVIATIONS AND GLOSSARY

- AFL—American Federation of Labor
- AID—Agency of International Development
- **AKP**—Adalet ve Kalkinma Partisi (Justice and Development Party)
- **ANAP**—Anavatan Partisi (Motherland Party)
- **APDFA**—Asociacion de Personal de Dirección de los Ferrocarriles Argentinos (Association of Argentine Railway Managers)
- **APJGas**—Asociacion de Personal Jerarquico (Union of Gas in Buenos Aires)
- ATE—Asociacion de Trabajadores del Estado (Union of Public Employees)
- ATTAC—La Asociacion por una Tasa a las Transacciones financieras y Ayuda a los Ciudadanos (Association for Taxing Financial Transactions and Help to Citizens)
- BASIN-IS—Istanbul Print Workers Union in Turkey
- **CATEP**—Confederacion Argentina de Trabajadores de Empresas Privatizadas (Argentine Confederation of the Workers of Privatized Enterprises)
- **CCC**—La Corriente Clasista y Combativa (The Class-Conscious and Combative Current)
- **Ce.P.E.Tel**—Centro de Profesionales de Empresas de Telecomunicaciones (Center of Telecommunication Professionals)
- **CFSM**—Comite de Movilizacion por el Forum Social Mundial (Committee of Mobilization for the World Social Forum)
- **CGT**—Confederacion General del Trabajo (General Confederation of Labor)
- **CHP**—Cumhuriyet Halk Party (Republican Peoples Party)
- **COA**—Confederacion Obrera Argentina (Argentine Workers Confederation)

CoGT—Comision de Gestion y Trabajo (Commission of Administration and Labor)

CORA—Confederacion Obrera Regional Argentina (Regional Workers Confederation of Argentina)

CTA— Central de los Trabajadores Argentinos (Congress of the Argentine Workers)

CTERA—Confederacion de Trabajadores de la Educacion de la Republica Argentina (Public Teachers Confederation)

DIU—Duyun-i Umumiye (Office of Foreign Debt Management)

DISK—Turkiye Devrimci Isci Sendikalari Konfederasyonu (The Revolutionary Labor Unions Confederation of Turkey)

DSP—Demokratik Sol Parti (Democratic Left Party)

DSI—Devlet Su Isleri Mudurlugu (General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works)

DP—Demokrat Parti (Democrat Party)

DYP—Dogru Yol Partisi (True Path Party)

ENTEL—La Empresa Nacional de Telecomunicaciones

EOI—Export-Oriented Industrialization

ESOs—Employee-Share Ownership Programs

FAECYS—Federacion Argentina de Empleados de Comercio y Servicios (Federation of Commerce Employees)

FATEL—Federacion Argentina de las Telecomunicaciones (Argentine Federation of Telecommunications)

FATLyF—Federacion de Luz y Fuerza (Light and Power Federation)

FETERA—Federacion de los Trabajadores de Energia de la Republica Argentina (Federation of the Workers of the Energy Sector of the Republic of Argentina)

FETIA—Federacion de los Trabajadores de la Industria y Afines (Industry and Industry-Related Workers Federation)

FNC—Federacion Nacional de la Construccion (Federation of Construction Workers)

FNM—Federacion Nacional Metalurgica (National Federation of Metallurgy Workers)

FOA—Federacion Obrera Argentina (Argentine Workers Federation)

FOECYT—Federacion de Obreros y Empleados de Correos y Telecomunicaciones (Federation of Workers of Postal and Telecommunication Sectors)

- **FOEESITRA**—Federacion de Obreros, Especialistas y Empleados de los Servicios e Industria de las Comunicaciones de la Republica Argentina (Telephone Unions Federation)
- **FOETRA**—Federacion de Obreros y Empleados Telefonicos de la Republica Argentina (Federation of Telecommunications Sector Workers)
- **FORA**—Federacion Obrera Regional Argentina (Regional Workers Federation of Argentina)
- **FTRA**—Federacion de los Trabajadores de la Republica Argentina (Federation of Workers of the Republic of Argentina)
- GIDA-IS— Gida Sanayi Iscileri Sendikasi (Food Sector Union in Turkey)
- **HAK-IS**—Hak Isci Sendikalari Konfederasyonu (Confederation of Turkish Just Workers Union)
- **HISB**—Hur Isci Sendikalari Birligi (Free Labor Unions Federation)

ICFTU—International Confederation of Free Trade Unions

IDTs—Iktisadi Devlet Tesekkulu (State Economic Enterprises)

IISB—Istanbul Isci Sendikalari Birligi (Federation of Istanbul Labor Unions)

IMB—Intermediary Management Body (term describing the new role of a group of Argentine unions as a response to privatizations)

IPOs—Initial Public Offerings

ISI—Import-Substitution Industrialization

KIGEM—Kamu Isletmeciligini Gelistirme Merkezi (Public Administration Development Center-Foundation)

KIKs—Kamu Iktisadi Kurulusları (Public Economic Enterprises)

KITs—Kamu Iktisadi Kuruluslari (Public Enterprises in Turkey)

KRISTAL-IS— Cam, Cimento, Seramik ve Toprak Sanayi Iscileri Sendikasi (Glassworkers Union in Turkey)

LASTIK-IS— Petrol Kimya Ve Lastik Sanayi Iscileri Sendikasi (Rubber Workers Union)

M/EBOs-Management or Employee Buy-Outs

MADEN-IS—Mineworkers Union in Turkey

MHP—Milliyetci Halk Partisi (Nationalist Peoples Party)

MISK—Milliyetci Isci Sendikalari Konfederasyonu (Nationalist Labor Unions Confederation)

- MSP—Milliyetci Selamet Partisi (Nationalist Security Party)
- **MTA**—Movimiento de los Trabajadores Argentinos (Argentine Workers Movement)
- OAC—Osmanli Amele Cemiyeti (Ottoman Workers Association)
- **OI**—Ozellestirme Idaresi (Privatization Administration)
- **OM**—Ozelleştirme Magdurlari (Victims of Privatizations, social movement of the rank and file in Turkey)
- **ON**—Oro Negro (Black Gold, social movement of the rank and file in Argentina and unionized within the CTA)
- OTC—Osmanli Terakki Cemiyeti (Ottoman Association for Progress)
- **PAP**—Politics of Above Parties (strategies and style of negotiation employed by TURK-IS)
- **PETROL-IS** Turkiye Petrol Kimya Lastik Iscileri Sendikasi (Turkish Petroleum, Chemical, Rubber Workers Union)
- **PJ**—Partido Justicialista (Peronist Justice Party)
- **PPP**—Programas de Propiedad Participada (Employee Share Ownership Programs)
- **PSO**—Partido Socialista Obrera (Socialist Workers Party)
- **SDSB**—Sosyal Demokrat Sendikalar Birligi (Movement of Social Democrat Unionism)
- SALs—Structural Adjustment Loans
- **SEKA**—Turkiye Seluloz ve Kagıt Fabrikasi (privatized paper and cellulose producing former Turkish SOE)
- SHP—Sosyal Demokrat Halk Partisi (Social Democrat Peoples Party)
- SINAPA— El Sistema Nacional de la Profesion Administrativa (National System for the Civil Service Profession in Argentina)
- **SOEs**—State-Owned Enterprises
- **SPO**—Devlet Planlama Teskilati (State Planning Organization)
- **SUPE**—Federacion de Sindicatos Unidos Petroleros del Estado (Labor Federation of Petroleum Unions of the State)
- **TBMM**—Turkiye Buyuk Millet Meclisi (Turkish Grand National Assembly)
- **TDI**—Turkiye Denizcilik Isletmeleri (privatized Turkish SOE of maritime administration)
- TIP—Turkiye Isci Partisi (Workers Party of Turkey)

- **TISK**—Turkiye Isveren Sendikalari Konfederasyonu (Turkish Employers Association)
- **TKKO**—Toplu Konut ve Kamu Ortaklıgı Kurulu (Mass Housing and Public Participation Administration)
- **TURK-IS**—Turkiye Isci Sendikalari Konfederasyonu (Turkish Confederation of Labor Unions)
- TURK-METAL IS—Union of Metal, Steel, Ammunition, Machinery, and Automobile Assembly and Related Industry Workers of Turkey
- **UceDe**—Union del Centro Democratico (Union of the Democratic Center)
- UCR—Union Civica Radical (The Radical Party)
- **UF**—Union Ferrovíaria (Union of Railroad Workers)
- **UGT**—Union General de Trabajadores (General Workers Union)
- **UGTT**—Union General de los Trabajadores del Transporte (General Union of the Transportation Workers)
- **UPCN**—Union del Personal Civil de la Nacion (Union of the Civil Personnel of the Nation)
- **UIA**—Union Industrial Argentina (Industrial Union of Argentina)
- **UOM**—Union de los Obreros Metalurgicos (Union of Metallurgical Workers)
- YHK—Yuksek Hakem Kurulu (High Arbitration Board)

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Bertrand Russell (1872–1970)