

# **THE ONGOING EFFECTS OF MARKETISATION IN SERVICES FOR PERSONS LIVING WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

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2. Dedifferentiation

3. Rights based approach



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## APPROACH

1. UTILISE FOUCAULT'S CONCEPT OF BIOPOWER AND GOVERNMENTIALITY.
2. IMMANUEL KANT & CATEGORICAL IMPERATIVE.
3. NEOLIBERALISM IN DISABILITY SERVICES.





# INTRODUCTION

- THE PAPER ARGUES THAT KANT'S CATEGORICAL IMPERATIVE IS ANTITHETICAL TO THE ETHICAL PRINCIPLES OF NEOLIBERALISM
- THE ARGUMENTS RELIES ON THE CONDITIONS OF MARKETISATION THAT TREAT PERSONS LIVING WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF AN INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENT DISABILITY AS (A) A COMMODITY OR PRODUCT AND (B) AS A MEANS TO AN END RATHER THAN AS AN END IN THEMSELVES.

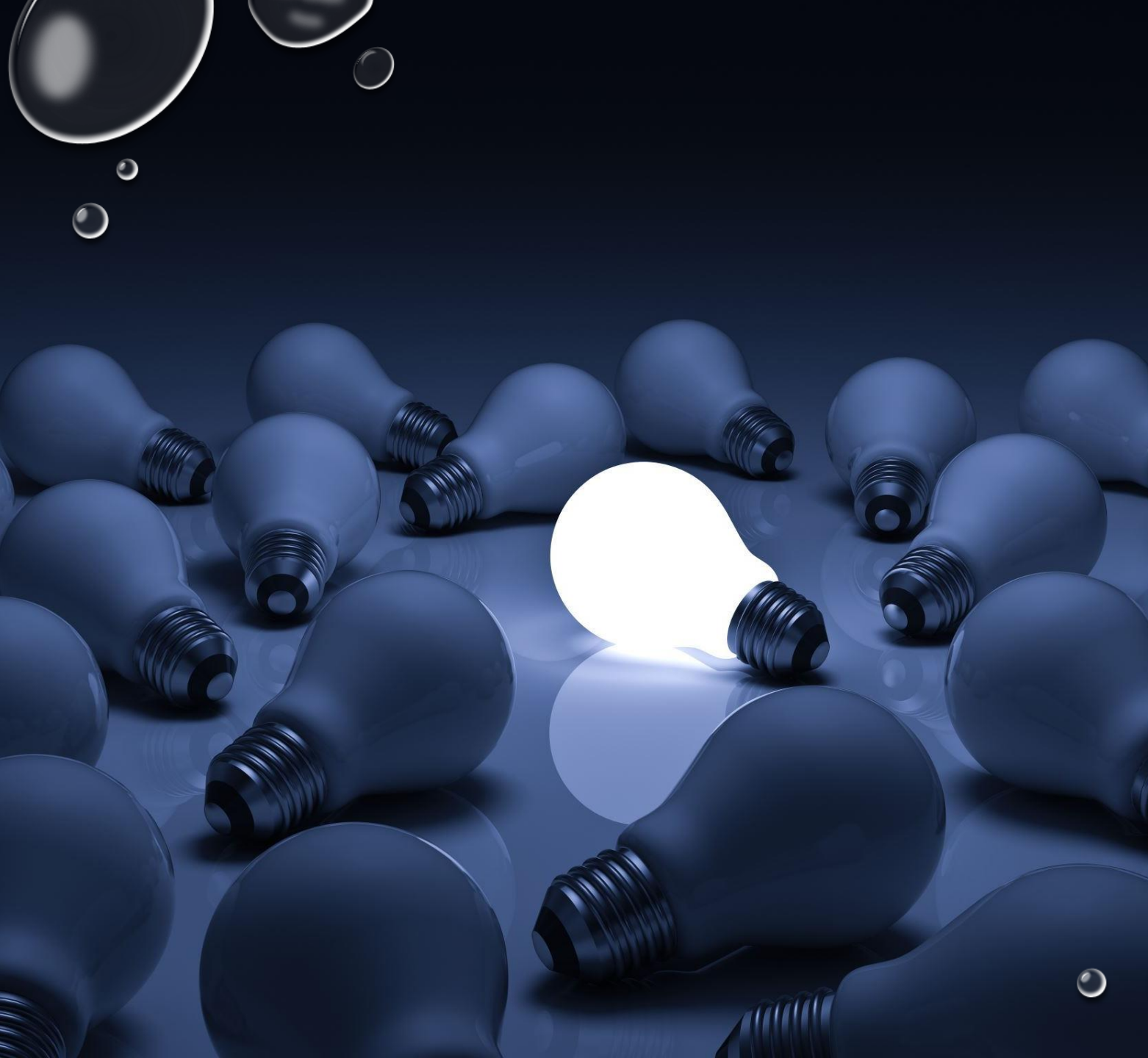




# FOUCAULT ON BIO-POWER & GOVERNMENTALITY

- BIO-POWER (*BIO POUVOIR*) = DISCIPLINARY POWER THAT TAKES CHARGE OF THE TWO POLES THAT REGULATE HUMAN LIFE. THESE ARE:
  1. THE PHYSICAL BODY AS A MACHINE OR BIOLOGICAL ORGANISM; AND
  2. THE POPULATION AS A SPECIES BODY.
- "THE DISCIPLINES OF THE BODY AND THE REGULATIONS OF THE POPULATION CONSTITUTED THE TWO POLES AROUND WHICH THE ORGANISATION OF POWER OVER LIFE WAS DEPLOYED" – FOUCAULT, *THE HISTORY OF SEXUALITY*, VOL 1.



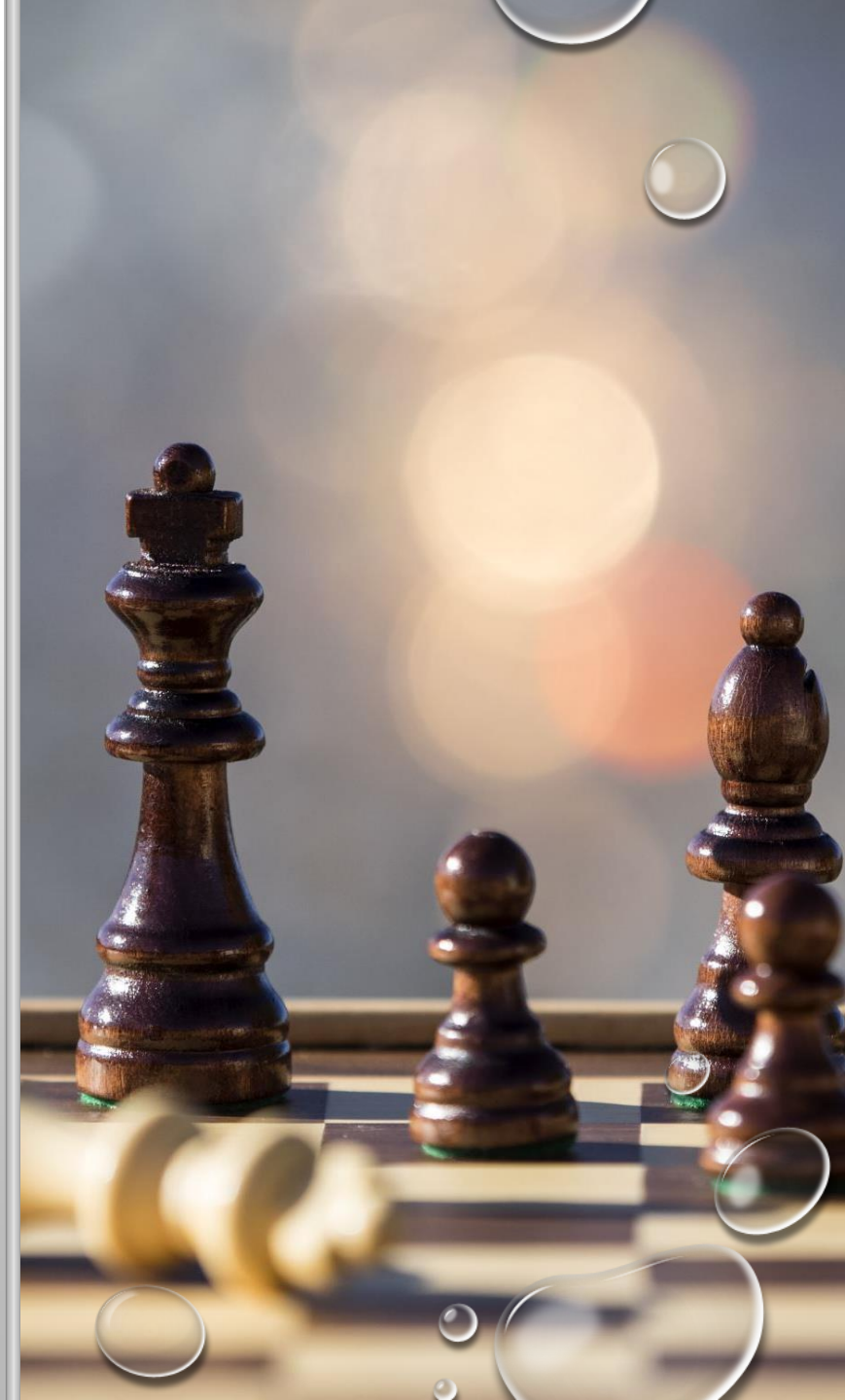


## BIO-POWER AND GOVERNMENTALITY

- "WE SHOULD ADMIT ... THAT POWER PRODUCES KNOWLEDGE ... THAT POWER AND KNOWLEDGE DIRECTLY IMPLY ONE ANOTHER"
- FOUCAULT – DISCIPLINE & PUNISH

# BIO-POWER AND GOVERNMENTALITY

- BIO-POWER = "A MODE OF ACTION WHICH DOES ACT DIRECTLY AND IMMEDIATELY UPON OTHERS. INSTEAD, IT ACTS UPON THEIR ACTIONS" - FOUCAULT – HISTORY OF SEXUALITY
- GOVERNMENTALITY THESIS = THE WAYS WHICH INSTITUTIONS, PRACTICES COMBINE THROUGH A COMPLEX NEXUS OF POWER TO EXERCISE A FORM OF POWER FROM A TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE OVER PERSONS. THIS POWER BECOMES A GOVERNMENT RESULTING IN CONTROL OF KNOWLEDGE AND POWER. THE PROCESS BEGAN IN THE MIDDLE AGES AND PROGRESSED THROUGH THE RENAISSANCE AND ENLIGHTENMENT.



# BIOPOWER & GOVERNMENTALITY

- FOUCAULT'S OBJECTIVE = CREATE A HISTORY OF DIFFERENT MODES BY WHICH, IN OUR CULTURE, HUMAN BEINGS ARE MADE SUBJECT.
- TRIPARTITE MODE OF OBJECTIFICATION -PERMITS SUBJECTS TO BE STUDIED TO ENHANCE A BODY OF KNOWLEDGE AND TO BE TAUGHT SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND/OR SKILLS.
- DIVIDING PRACTICES - THE MAD & THE SANE; THE SICK & THE UNHEALTHY
- SUBJECTIFICATION - WAY PERSONS TURN THEMSELVES INTO A SUBJECT



# KANT AND THE CATEGORICAL IMPERATIVE

- WHAT IS A MORAL ACTION?
- KANT = MORAL ACTION IS PERFORMED WHEN IT EMANATES FROM A SENSE OF DUTY.
- KANT COULD HAVE BELIEVED THAT ALL PERSONS CAN ACT MORALLY.
- WE CAN ONLY BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THINGS THAT WE HAVE CONTROL OVER.





# KANT AND THE CATEGORICAL IMPERATIVE

- KANT = CATEGORICAL IMPERATIVE
1. ACT ON THE PRINCIPLE WHICH YOU AT THE SAME TIME WILL OR ACCEPT THAT IT SHOULD BECOME A UNIVERSAL LAW.
  2. ACT IN SUCH A WAY AS TO TREAT PEOPLE AS ENDS AND NEVER A MEANS TO AN END.
  3. ACT AS THOUGH YOU WERE LEGISLATING FOR A KINGDOM OF ENDS.





# DISABILITY SERVICES IN NEOLIBERAL SOCIETIES

- THE MEANS OF ADMINISTERING, FUNDING AND REGULATING DISABILITY SERVICES SINCE THE TWENTIETH CENTURY IS UNDERPINNED BY NEOLIBERAL ECONOMIC POLICY.
- THE CHICAGO SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS WAS INFLUENTIAL.
- SEVERAL SOCIAL PHILOSOPHIES OR MORAL THOUGHTS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH NEOLIBERALISM AND THESE INCLUDE CONTRACTARISM; LIBERTARIANISM & UTILITARIANISM.

# DISABILITY SERVICES IN NEOLIBERAL SOCIETIES

- NEOLIBERAL PRIORITIES:
- PRIVATISING OR COMMERCIALISING THE PUBLIC SECTOR AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
- FREEING UP THE MARKETPLACE TO COMPETITION TO SECURE ECONOMIC EFFICIENCIES.
- REDUCING THE COST OF LABOR.
- A FOCUS ON INDIVIDUALISM.
- PROVIDING CONSUMERS WITH MAXIMUM CHOICE.
- MINIMUM GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION AND REGULATION.





# DISABILITY SERVICES IN NEOLIBERAL SOCIETIES

The impact on disability services includes:

Utilising the for-profit over the not-for-profit sector.

Applying business processes to select disability service providers.

Salaries at minimum wage, contracting out labor.

Focus on individualism = inability to assess social and relational needs.

Continual myth that free choices can be made.

Regulations focus on corporate governance.

Limited regulations for qualitative outcomes for person.

# DISCUSSION – FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

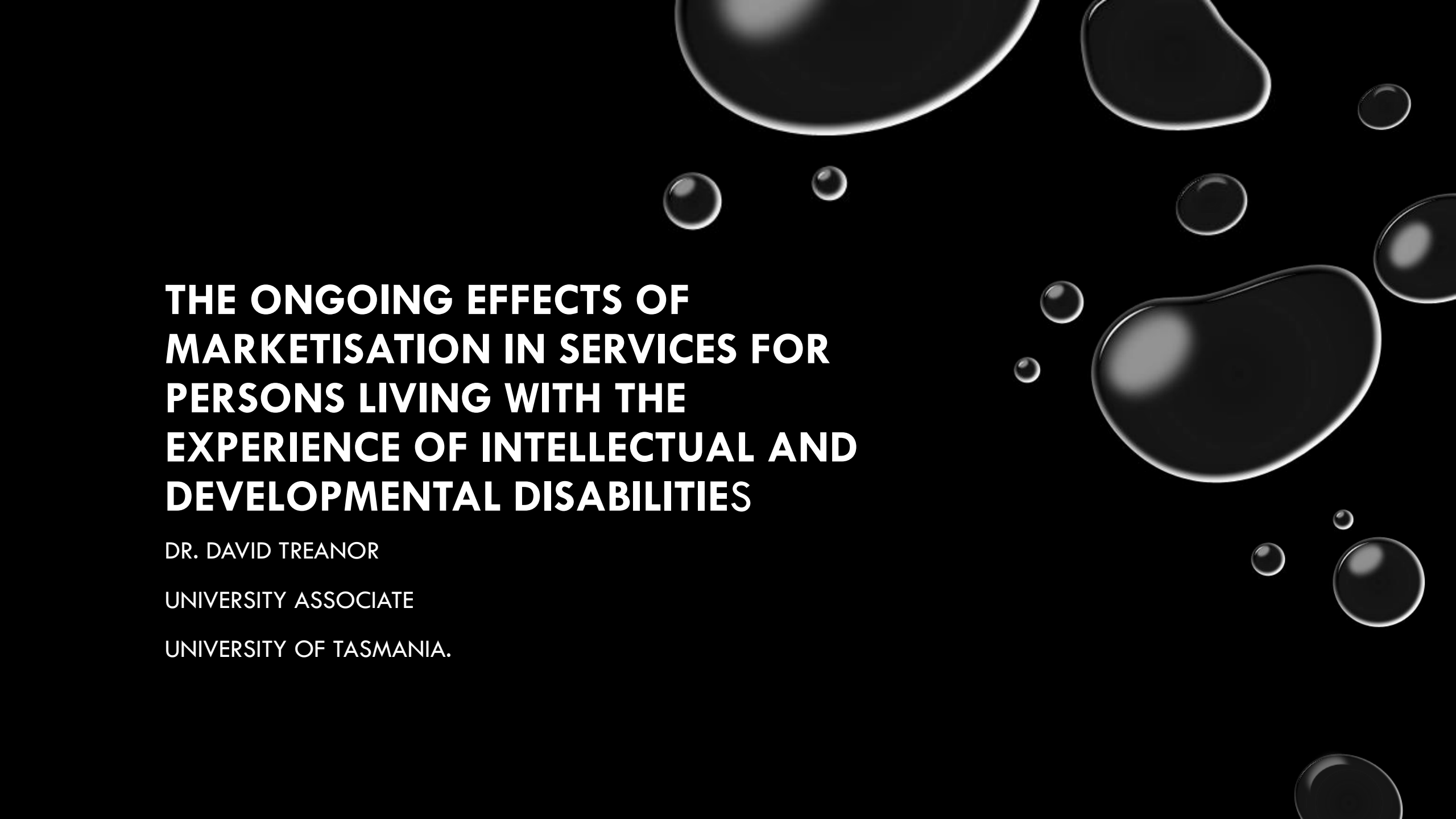
1. **PERSON CENTERED SUPPORT** – KNOWING THE NEEDS DESIRES AND LIFE CHOICE PREFERENCES, LISTENING ARE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED.
2. **INCLUSION** – MORE THAN PHYSICAL PRESENCE, SELF-ADVOCACY.
3. **PERSON BUDGETS & INDIVIDUALISED FUNDING** – ENABLES, THAT IS, THEY ARE A 'MEANS' TO AN 'END' RATHER THAN AN 'END' IN THEMSELVES.





# CONCLUSION

- FOUCAULT URGES US TO CRITICALLY REFLECT ON OUR OWN PRACTICES
- FOUCAULT'S BIO-POWER & GOVERNMENTALITY IS ONE EXPLANATION OF MARKETISATION . THIS METHODOLOGY HIGHLIGHTS THE ROLE OF POWER, KNOWLEDGE AND CONTROL IN DISABILITY SERVICES.
- KANT'S CATEGORICAL IMPERATIVE IS A GOOD REMINDER THAT THE 'MEANS' WE UTILIZE IN OUR DAY-TO-DAY WORK PRACTICES ARE IMPORTANT AND OUGHT TO BE GROUNDED ON RESPECT FOR PERSONS.
- NEO-LIBERALISM WILL NOT DISAPPEAR FROM GOVERNMENT POLICY - HOW IT IS IMPLEMENTED, AND THE ROLE ETHICS PLAYS IN IMPLEMENTING POLICY, DELIVERING SERVICES RELIES ON US.



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