

# The First Congress of the U.S. Basic Income Guarantee Network

## Fundamental Insecurity or Basic Income Guarantee?

March 8-9, 2002, The Graduate Center of the City University of New York, 365 Fifth Avenue between 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> streets.

### Program

#### DAY 1, FRIDAY MARCH 8

<b>Coffee and Registration, 8:00 – 9:00</b>		
<b>Greeting, 9:00 – 9:15</b> <b>Michael Lewis</b> , SUNY School of Social Welfare at Stony Brook <b>Frances Brisbane</b> , Dean, SUNY School of Social Welfare at Stony Brook <b>Karl Widerquist</b> , the Educational Priorities Panel		
<b>Opening Speaker, 9:15 – 10:00</b> <b>Guy Standing</b> , Director of the Socio-Economic Security Programme of the International Labour Organisation		
<b>Plenary Session (1): Fundamental Insecurity or Basic Income Guarantee? 10 – 11:30</b> <b>Stanley Aronowitz</b> , City University of New York, coauthor <i>The Jobless Future</i> <b>Frank Kirkland</b> , Hunter College <b>Lynn Chancer</b> , Fordham University, author of <i>Sadomasochism in Everyday Life</i> Chair: <b>Fred Block</b>		
Break, 11:30 – 11:45		
<b>Session 1 (view abstracts) (view full texts), 11:45 – 1:30</b>		
<b>1A: HISTORY OF BIG, PART I</b>  <b>Fred Block</b> , “Basic Income and the Shadow of Speedhamland”  <b>John Cunliffe and Guido Erreygers</b> , “Inheritance and Equal Shares: Early American Views”  <b>Walter Van Trier</b> , “Who Framed ‘Social Dividend’?” Chair: <b>Brian Steensland</b>	<b>1B: THE ETHICS OF BIG, PART I</b>  <b>Karl Widerquist</b> , “Who Exploits Who?”  <b>Almaz Zelleke</b> , “Basic Income in the United States: Redefining Citizenship in the Liberal State”  <b>Al Sheahen</b> , “Does Everyone Have a Right to a Basic Income Guarantee?” Chair: <b>Michael Howard</b>	<b>1C: BIG FUNDING OPTIONS</b>  <b>Jeffery J Smith</b> , “BI- Brought to you by the people in the environmental movement”  <b>Stephen C. Clark</b> , “Funding a Basic Income Guarantee Considering Size, Political Viability, and Pipeline.”  <b>Myron Frankman</b> , “Funding a Planet-Wide Citizen’s Income: Trial Calculations” Chair: <b>Charles M.A. Clark</b>
Lunch Break, 1:30 – 2:30		
<b>Session 2 (view abstracts) (view full texts), 2:30 – 4:15</b>		
<b>2A: HISTORY OF BIG, PART II</b>  <b>Richard K. Caputo</b> , “FAP Flops: Lessons Learned from the Failure to Pass the Family Assistance Plan in 1970 and 1972?”	<b>2B: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF BIG, PART I</b>  <b>Nicoli Natrass and Jeremy Seekings</b> “The Political-Economy of a Basic Income Grant in South Africa”	<b>2C: EMPIRICAL ISSUES OF POVERTY, INEQUALITY, AND EFFICIENCY</b>  <b>Irwin Garfinkel, Chien-Chung Huang, Wendy Naidich</b> , “Effects Of

1972?"	Income Grant in South Africa"	Tax Rebates on Poverty and Income Distribution"
<b>Al Sheahan</b> , "Why not Guarantee Everyone a Job? Why the Negative Income Tax Experiments of the 1970s were Successful"	<b>Charles M. A. Clark</b> , "Basic Income: Promoting Social Justice in a 21st Century Economy"	<b>Ed Wolff</b> , "Recent Trends in Living Standards in the United States"
<b>Karl Widerquist</b> , "A Preliminary Review of the Literature on the Negative Income Tax Experiments." Chair: <b>John Cunliffe</b>	<b>Steven Shafarman</b> , "Beyond Left vs. Right: A New Political Discourse" Chair: <b>James Bryan</b>	<b>Steven Pressman</b> , "Guaranteed Incomes and the Equity-Efficiency Tradeoff" Chair: <b>Jeff Manza</b>
Break, 4:15 – 4:30		
<b>Plenary Session (2):</b> Looking Back at the Guaranteed Income Experiments, 4:30 – 6:15 <b>Robinson Hollister</b> , professor of economics, Swarthmore College, and coauthor of <i>Labor Market Policy and Unemployment Insurance</i> <b>Robert Levine</b> , Rand <b>Alice O'Connor</b> , UC Santa Barbara, author of <i>Poverty Knowledge: Social Science, Social Policy and the Poor in Twentieth Century U.S. History</i> <b>Harold Watts</b> , emeritus professor of economics and public affairs, Columbia University, coeditor of <i>The New Jersey Income Maintenance Experiment, Volumes II and III</i> <b>Walter Williams</b> , emeritus professor of public affairs, University of Washington, author of <i>Honest Numbers and Democracy: Social Policy Analysis in the White House, Congress, and the Federal Agencies</i> Chair: <b>Robert Harris</b> , former Executive Director of the President's Commission on Income Maintenance, former Vice President of the Urban Institute		
Reception, 6:30 – 8:00		
<b>Film</b> , 8:00 – 9:00 "A Day's Work, a Day's Pay" Followed by a question and answer session featuring filmmakers <b>Jonathan Skurnik</b> and <b>Kathy Leichter</b> and union organizer <b>Jaun Manuel Galan</b> .		

## DAY 2, SATURDAY MARCH 9

<b>Coffee and Registration</b> , 8:00 – 9:00		
<b>Session 3 (view abstracts) (view full texts)</b> , 9:00 – 10:45		
3A: HISTORY OF BIG, PART III  <b>Brian Steensland</b> , "Defining Welfare: Media Depictions of the Struggle over Guaranteed Income, 1966-1980."  <b>Robert Harris</b> , "The Guaranteed Income Movement of the 1960s and 1970s"  <b>Buford Farris</b> , "Was it only a Dream: Guaranteed Income through the eyes of a Sixties Poverty Warrior in Texas"  Chair: <b>Sally Lerner</b>	3B: THE ETHICS OF BIG, PART II  <b>Amy Wax</b> , "Something for Nothing: The Liberal Case Against Welfare Work Requirements."  <b>Roy Morrison</b> , "A Framework for Justice and Fairness"  <b>Michael W. Howard</b> , "Liberal and Marxist Justifications for Basic Income"  Chair: <b>Almaz Zelleke</b>	3C: BIG AND THE ALTERNATIVES, PART I  <b>James B. Bryan</b> , "Did the U.S. Welfare Reforms of 1996 and the Expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit Eliminate the Need for a Basic Income Guarantee?"  <b>Steven Shafarman</b> , "Ending Hunger, Homelessness, and Debilitating Poverty: Comparing BIG and other approaches"  <b>Stephen Bouquin &amp; Catherine Levy</b> , "Social minima a part of recommodification of labour? Critical assessment concerning the tendencies towards basic income"  Chair: <b>Walter Van Trier</b>
Break, 10:45 – 11:00		
<b>Plenary Session (3):</b> BIG Through the Lens of Gender, 11:00 – 12:00  <b>Mimi Abramowitz</b> , Hunter College School of Social Work, author of <i>Regulating the Lives of Women</i>  <b>Ruth Brandwein</b> , the SUNY School of Social Welfare, Stony Brook, author of <i>Battered Women, Children and Welfare Reform: The</i>		

*Ties That Bind*

**Barbara Bergmann**, American University, author of *The Economic Emergence of Women*, author of *In Defense of Affirmative Action*, coauthor of *America's Child Care Problem: The Way Out*

Chair: **Michael Lewis**

Keynote address, 12:00 – 1:00: “From a Minimum Income to a Basic Income in Brazil.” ([view full text](#))

**Brazilian Senator Eduardo Suplicy**, author of *Citizen's Income-The Exit is through the Door*

Lunch Break / Organizational Meeting for USBIG, 1:00 – 2:15

**Session 4 (view abstracts) (view full texts)**, 2:15 – 4:00

4A: ACTIVISTS ROUND TABLE

**Steven Shafarman**, The Citizen Policies Institute

**Greg Scharma-Holt**, Vice President of 1199 local hospital workers union

**Terri Scofield**, founder of Suffolk Welfare Warriors

Chair: **Susanna Jones**, Hunter College School of Social Work

4B: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF BIG, PART II

**Walter Van Trier**, “Do Firms Need to be Third Places for Jobs to be (Public) Good(s)? Remarks on André Gorz’s recantation of the second cheque strategy and his adoption of basic income”

**Michael Lewis** “Perhaps There Can be Too Much Freedom”

**Thierry Laurent** and **Yannick L’Horty** “Static vs. Dynamic Inactivity Trap on the Labor Market: Revisiting the “Making Work Pay” Issue.”

Chair: **Buford Farris**

4C: BIG AND THE ALTERNATIVES, PART II

**Jerold Waltman**, “The Basic Income Guarantee and the Living Wage: A Comparative Anatomy”

**Barbara R. Bergmann**. “A Swedish-Style Welfare State Or Basic Income: Which Should Have Priority?”

**Karl Widerquist**, “Phelp’s Economic Discipline as Undisciplined Economics”

Chair: **Fred Block**

Break, 4:00 – 4:15

**Plenary Session (4): What Is the Next Step?** 4:15 – 5:30

**Anne Alstott**, Yale University, coauthor of *The Stakeholder Society*

**Joel Blau**, the SUNY School of Social Welfare, Stony Brook, author of *Illusions of Prosperity*

**Sumner Rosen**, Columbia University and Vice-Chair of the National Jobs For All Coalition

**Jeff Manza**, Northwestern University

Chair: **Eri Noguchi**, Columbia University