

The Fourth Congress of the U.S. Basic Income Guarantee Network: The Right to Economic Security

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More than 35 million Americans—including 13 million children—live in poverty. Many of the adults in poverty are employed full time, and most of the others care for children full time. Tens of millions more know they are at risk, with no safety net protecting them from the ever-present possibility of a sudden loss of income. Many people say that economic growth will cure poverty, but poverty was the last important economic statistic to begin improving in the economic boom of the 1990s, and the first to begin worsening in the economic bust of the Bush era. There has been healthy economic growth in the sixty years since Franklin Roosevelt established “the freedom from want” as one of the four central characteristics of a free society, but there is still little economic security in the United States. Is there a moral right to economic security? How can we establish a legal right to economic security?

Scholars and activists will discuss these and other questions at the Fourth Congress of the U.S. Basic Income Guarantee (USBIG) Network. The Congress is sponsored by the Citizen Policies Institute, and it will be held in conjunction with the Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference in New York. The USBIG Network promotes discussion of the Basic Income Guarantee (BIG) in the United States. BIG is a policy that would unconditionally guarantee at least a subsistence-level income for everyone without a means test or a work requirement.

To register, go to the [registration instructions](#). For more information contact Karl Widerquist (Karl@Widerquist.com).

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Speakers and participants

Philippe Van Parijs, Chaire Hoover, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium and Visiting Professor, Harvard University, author of *Real Freedom for All: What (if anything) can justify capitalism?*

Brian Barry, Columbia University, author of *Theories of Justice*, and *Justice as Impartiality*

Erik Olin Wright, the University of Wisconsin, author of *Interrogating Inequality*, *Class Counts*, and *Deepening Democracy*

Frances Fox Piven, the City University of New York, author of *Regulating the Poor* and *Poor Peoples' Movements*

Nancy Folbre, University of Massachusetts, author of *The Invisible Heart: Economics and Family Values* and *The War on the Poor: A Defense Manual*

Guy Standing, the International Labour Organisation, author of *Beyond the New Paternalism*

Stanley Aronowitz, the City University of New York, the Green Party nominee for governor of New York State in 2002, author of *The Jobless Future* and *Just around the Corner: The Paradox of the Jobless Recovery*

Wade Rathke, the Tides Foundation, Service Employees International Union, and the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now

Sally Lerner, University of Waterloo, Ontario, coauthor *Basic Income: Economic Security for All Canadians*

Irwin Garfinkel, Columbia University, coauthor of *Single Mothers and Their Children: A New American Dilemma*

Eduardo Suplicy, member of the Brazilian Senate, author of *Citizens Income: the Exit is through the door*

Sara Dustin, Parents for Justice

Jillynn Stevens, Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies

Fred Block, University of California-Davis, author of *The Vampire State And Other Myths and Fallacies About the U.S. Economy* and *Postindustrial Possibilities: A Critique of Economic Discourse*

Eva Kittay, State University of New York – Stony Brook

Dean Herd, University of Toronto, Canada

Micheál L Collins, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Tino Rozzo, Socialist Party, USA, former TANF recipient

Almaz Zelleke, Brooklyn, NY

Adrian Kuzminski, Hartwick College

Ajit Zacharias, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

Al Sheahen, author of *Guaranteed Income: The Right to Economic Security*.

Alanna Hartzok, Council of Georgist Organizations

Andrea Fumagalli, Università di Pavia, Italy

Buford Farris, retired professor of Sociology

Dale Carrico, University of California-Berkeley

Dan Sullivan, Saving Communities and Council of Georgist Organizations

David Swanson, International Labor Communications Association

Eri Noguchi, Columbia University

Fouzia Rhissassi, Mohamed v University, Morocco

Francois Blais, Université Laval, Québec, Canada

Gary Flomenhoft, University of Vermont

George McGuire, Schnabel Music Foundation

Gertrude Schaffner Goldberg, Adelphi University

Gianluca Busilacchi, Università Politecnica delle Marche, Italy

Hans Peeters, Katholic University Leuven, Belgium

Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee

Ingrid van Niekerk, Economic Policy Research Institute

J. Hughes, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, author of *Citizen Cyborg*

James B. Bryan, Manhattanville College

James P. Mulvale, University of Regina, Canada, author of *Reimagining Social Welfare: Beyond the Keynesian Welfare State*

Jason Burke Murphy, Saint Louis University

Jeff Smith, the Geonomy Society

John Marangos, Colorado State University, author of *Alternative Economic Models of Transition*

Karl Widerquist, Oxford University, United Kingdom, coeditor of *The Ethics and Economics of the Basic Income Guarantee*

Kruti Dholakia, the University of Texas-Dallas

L. Randall Wray, University of Missouri-Kansas City, author of *Understanding Modern Money*

Lew Daly, University of Maryland

Malcolm Sawyer, Leeds University, coauthor of *A Future for Public Ownership*

Manuel Henriques?, Lisbon, Portugal

Michael Howard, the University of Maine, *Self-Management and the Crisis of Socialism*

Michael Lewis, the State University of New York-Stony Brook, coeditor of *The Ethics and Economics of the Basic Income Guarantee*

Michael Samson, Economic Policy Research Institute

Mike Treder, the Center for Responsible Nanotechnology

Myron J. Frankman, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

Pavlina Tcherneva, Center for Full Employment and Price Stability, University of Missouri-Kansas City

Peter Dietsch, l'Université de Montréal, Canada, author of *Democratic Distributive Justice*

Phil Harvey, Rutgers School of Law

Rabbi Carla Theodore, Witnesses for a Sustainable Economy

Rebecca Maynard, University of Pennsylvania, author of *Kids having kids: The costs and social consequences of teenage childbearing*

Richard Caputo, Yeshiva University

Robert Wirengard, Fair Share, FL

Robinson Hollister, Swarthmore College, co-author of *Labor Markets in Countries of the Near East: Operation under Economic Restructuring and Labour Market Policy and Unemployment Insurance*

Robley George, Center for the Study of Democratic Societies, author of *Socioeconomic Democracy: An Advanced Socioeconomic System*

Ross Zucker, Lander College

Roy Morrison, Warner, NH

Sam Pizzigati, editor of *Too Much*, author of *Greed and Good: Understanding and Overcoming the Inequality That Limits Our Lives*

Stephen Bouquin, University of Amiens, France

Stephen Clark, Port Hueneme, CA

Steve Shafarman, Citizen Policies Institute

Susan Evarts, Milford

Timothy Roscoe Carter, Bay Area Legal Aid

Yannick Vanderborght, Chaire Hoover, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium