

Tentative program
The Eighth Congress of the U.S. Basic Income Guarantee Network

February 27 – March 1, 2009
 Sheraton New York Hotel
 811 Seventh Avenue at 53rd Street., New York, NY

Friday, February 27, 2009:

8:30am-9:00	Morning Coffee	
9:00-10:40	1. Opening Speakers Moderator: Michael Howard Michael Howard , Welcome and Introduction 9:10: Senator Hugh Segal : The Infrastructure of Civility: Basic Income and Economic Recovery 9:55: Steve Pressman , Justice and History: The Big Problem of Wilt Chamberlain	
10:40-11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00-12:30pm	2A. Roundtable Discussion: The Legacy of Leonard Greene Moderator: Allan Ostergren James Bryan , Manhattanville College Irwin Garfinkel , Columbia University Don Sutherland , Institute for SocioEconomic Studies Naomi Lopez Bauman , Public Policy Consultant	2B. Human Behavior, Incentives, and Anti-Poverty Policy Moderator: Michael A. Lewis Buford Farris , Sociology and Basic Income: A Case Study of Four Theorists Wesley Pech , A Critical Evaluation of the Contribution of Behavioral Economics to the Basic Income Grant Idea Chandra Pasma , Working through the Work Disincentive
12:30-2:00	Lunch break	
2:00-3:40	3A. The Financial Crisis, Reform, and the Basic Income Guarantee Moderator: Alanna Hartzok Jeffery J. Smith , BIG In Pocket, Who Needs a Bailout? Marc Vandenberghe , Financial crisis: RIGHT on Basic Income for a stable financing of basics economy? Richard C. Cook : Dividend Economics and the Basic Income Guarantee: A 'Bailout' for the People. Stephen C. Clark , Excalibrator Logarithmic Cybercurrency: A Monetary Fugue	3B. Social Justice and Economic Wellbeing Moderator: Richard Caputo Frederick Streets , Well Being and Social Justice: Myths and Realities Joel Blau , Social Justice: Models and Measures Michael Reisch , Economic Globalization and Social Justice in a Multicultural Society Carmen Ortiz Hendricks , BIG and the U.S. Hispanic Community
3:40-4:00	Coffee Break	
4-5:40	4A. Film and Discussion: A Day's Work, A Day's Pay Moderator: Steve Shafarman Kathy Leichter	4B. Two Market Reforms: The Employer of Last Resort and the Basic Income Guarantee Moderator: Karl Widerquist Fadhel Kaboub , Inequality and Financial Instability: The ELR Solution Rania Antonopoulos , Public Job Creation: A Path to Inclusive and Gender Equitable Development Pavlina R. Tcherneva , How Do Job and Income Guarantees Affect the Lives of Poor Women: Some Insights from Argentina Discussants: Jim Bryan , Malcolm Sawyer , and Omar Hamouda

Saturday, February 28, 2009:

8:30am-9:00	Morning Coffee	
9:00-10:40	<p>5. Alternative Responses to Poverty Moderator: Michael A. Lewis Micheál L Collins, An Empirical Profile of those Living around Ireland’s Poverty Line Mary A Cavaleri, The Feasibility and Impact of the Bridge Program Phil Harvey, The Promise and Limitations of the BIG Idea Yannick Vanderborght, Universal Child Benefits and the Struggle Against Child Poverty</p>	
10:40-11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00-12:30pm	<p>6A. What is an asset? Which assets should be held in common? Physical, monetary, cyber, and social assets as sources for universal grants Moderator: Jeffery J. Smith Nicolaus Tideman, Money Issuance as a Source for a Basic Income Guarantee Eron Lloyd, Social Shareholder Model Gary Flomenhofs, An Inventory of Basic Income Revenue Potential from Common Assets in Vermont</p>	<p>6B. The Politics of BIG, Part I Moderator: Al Sheahen Harry F Dahms, Barriers to Basic Income: The Constitutional Logic of Modern Societies Jason Burke Murphy, Baby Steps: On the Need for Incremental Victories Ingrid van Niekerk, An Incremental Path to BI: Evidence from Africa</p>
12:30-2:00	Lunch break	
2:00-3:40	<p>7A. <i>The Earth Belongs to Everyone</i>—Author Meets Commentators Moderator: Karl Widerquist Alanna Hartzok, Earth Rights Institute, Author <i>The Earth Belongs to Everyone</i> Anthony Squires, Western Michigan University Pat Aller, Robert Schalkenbach Foundation Fred Foldvary, Santa Clara University Jim Bryan, Manhattanville College</p>	<p>7B. The Politics of BIG, Part II Moderator: Almaz Zelleke Steven Shafarman, Ending the Recession and Rethinking Economics: Income Security for All Reimund Acker, Political Phase Transition: Netzwerk Grundeinkommen's Departure from Utopia to Berlin Seán Healy and Brigid Reynolds, The Nation State and the Welfare State – Can the Latter survive the Changing Nature of the Former? Aziz Akgul, Draft Act to the Turkish Parliament on Citizen’s Income</p>
3:40-4:00	Coffee Break	
4:00-5:30	<p>8A. Roundtable discussion: Campaigning for Basic Income Moderator: Steven Shafarman Jesse Johnson, Mountain Party, West Virginia Brent McMillan, Political Director, Green Party, USA Dan O’Sullivan, Change to Win Coalition of unions representing six million workers Al Sheahen, co-author of “the Tax Cut for the Rest of Us” Bill</p>	<p>8B. Poverty in Canada: Problems and Possibilities Moderator: Eri Noguchi James P. Mulvale, Tilting at Windmills or Seeking Bold Solutions? Promoting Guaranteed Income During Economic and Environmental Crisis Ernie Lightman, Fighting Child Poverty in Ontario: The Deprivation Index Evelyn L. Forget, New Evidence on the Outcomes of the Canadian GAI Social Experiment</p>
6:00-7:00	<p>9. Featured Speaker Moderator: Ingrid van Niekerk 6:00: Basic Income’s coming of age Stanley Aronowitz, Graduate Center of the City University of New York Basic Income and the Emerging Politics About the American Safety Net 6:45: Frances Fox Piven, Graduate Center of the City University of New York</p>	

Sunday, March 1, 2009

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11am-12:30pm	11. Plenary Session: <i>The Failed Welfare Revolution: America's Struggle over Guaranteed Income Policy</i> — Author meets Critics Moderator: Almaz Zelleke Jeff Manza Richard Caputo Louise Haag John Krinsky Brian Steensland		
12:30-2:00	Lunch break		
2:00-3:30	12. Closing Plenary: Bringing Basic Income into Mainstream Politics Moderator: Eri Noguchi Tony Martin , Member of Parliament, New Democratic Party, Canadian House of Commons Eduardo Suplicy , Senator, Workers Party, Brazilian Senate		
3:30-3:40	Break		
3:40-4:30	USBIG Organizational Meeting Moderator: Michael Howard		