

Program

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

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Day 1: Friday. March 4

8:00	Morning Coffee	
8:30-	1. OPENING SPEAKER	
9:00am	Moderator: Karl Widerquist , Oxford University, Coordinator of the USBIG Network	
	Irwin Garfinkel , Columbia University, “Welcome and Introduction to BIG and the USBIG Network”	
9:00-	2. WOMEN, FAMILY, AND THE BASIC INCOME GUARANTEE	
10:40am	Moderator: Irwin Garfinkel	
	Nancy Folbre , University of Massachusetts, “Valuing Care”	
	Almaz Zelleke , “A Feminist Critique of Reciprocity and Conditionality”	
	Jillynn Stevens , the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, “Social Welfare Policy: Controlling Gender, Race and Class”	
	Eva Kittay , SUNY Stony Brook, “Dependency-Independent Justice-Could BIG be the answer?”	
10:40	Coffee Break	
11:00am-	3A. THE VALUE OF THE COMMONS	3B. THE ECONOMICS OF THE BASIC INCOME GUARANTEE, PART ONE
12:30pm	Moderator: Steve Shafarman	Moderator: Michael Lewis
	Alanna Hartzok , “Costing the Commons for Earth Dividends”	Ajit Zacharias , “The Levy Institute Measure of Economic Well-Being: United States, 1989-2001”
	Gary Flomenhoft , “Common Asset Permanent Funds”	Roy Morrison , “National Trust Investment, Social Security and a Negative Income Tax”
	Gianluca Busilacchi , “Two Problems, One Solution: The Earth Basic Income”	Axel Marx & Hans Peeters , “ A Lottery Based Social Experiment: An Alternative Proposal for Basic Income Research ”
	Jeff Smith , “A Polynesian Play Ethic Yields a Unique Indicator: Leisure”	

		<p>Adrian Kuzminski, “A Populist Alternative to a Basic Income Guarantee”</p> <p>Discussants: Kruti Dholakia, Phil Harvey</p>
12:30	Lunch Break	
2:00-3:40pm	<p>4A. GRADUAL STEPS TOWARD A BASIC INCOME GUARANTEE, PART ONE</p> <p>Moderator: Ajit Zacharias</p> <p>James P. Mulvale, “Reimagining Social Welfare on the Canadian Prairies? The Challenge and Potential of Basic Income”</p> <p>Yannick Vanderborght, “Four Modest but Achievable Steps Towards a Basic Income Guarantee”</p> <p>Dan Sullivan, “The Local BIG”</p> <p>Al Sheahen, “A Proposal to Transform the Standard Deduction into a Refundable Tax Credit”</p>	<p>4B. ETHICAL ISSUES OF THE BASIC INCOME GUARANTEE, PART ONE</p> <p>Moderator: Michael Howard</p> <p>Myron J. Frankman, “Renewed Tax Progressivity in Support of a Planet-Wide Citizen’s Income”</p> <p>Andrea Fumagalli, “Testing the Value of Solidarity and Implementation of Social Cohesion Policies”</p> <p>Buford Farris, “The Compassionate Face of Religion: as Grounding for a Guaranteed Income”</p>
3:40	Coffee Break	
4:00-5:40pm	<p>5A. THE MONETARY SYSTEM AS A COMMON ASSET</p> <p>Moderator: Jeff Smith</p> <p>Stephen Clark, “The Trued Price, From Widow’s Cruse to the Bank of Fortunatus, A Treatise on Money and Price in Time”</p> <p>George McGuire, “Is a Truly Progressive System of Taxation Possible in the United States?”</p> <p>Robert Wirengard, “Capitalist Living Dividend, Not a Living Wage: the key to end poverty in a free nation and to begin peace through the free world”</p> <p>Susanne Evarts, “Suppressed Alternatives”</p>	<p>5B. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON A MIDDLE GROUND BETWEEN JOB AND INCOME GUARANTEES</p> <p>Moderator: Phil Harvey, Rutgers School of Law</p> <p>Pavlina Tcherneva, University of Missouri-Kansas City</p> <p>L. Randall Wray, University of Missouri-Kansas City</p> <p>Malcolm Sawyer, Leeds University</p> <p>Michael Howard, the University of Maine, “Basic income and job guarantees: alternatives or complements?”</p> <p>Gertrude Schaffner Goldberg, Adelphi University</p> <p>Richard Caputo, Yeshiva University</p>
6:30-8PM	EEA Presidential Reception	

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Day 2: Saturday, March 5

8:00	Morning Coffee		
9:00-10:40am	<p>6. LIVING ON THE EDGE: HUMAN EXPERIENCES OF ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION</p> <p>Moderator: Michael Lewis</p> <p>Sara Dustin, “Deprivation where you wouldn’t expect to find it.”</p> <p>Tino Rozzo “A view of the workfare system from someone who’s lived through it”</p> <p>Dean Herd, “Living on the Edge: Tracking the experiences of current and former welfare recipients in Toronto” (coauthored by Ernie Lightman and Andrew Mitchell)</p> <p>Micheál L Collins, “The Experience and Nature of Deprivation in a Disadvantaged Urban Area: a socially perceived necessities approach”</p> <p>Discussant: Fred Block, University of California-Davis, Member BIG Coordinating Committee</p>		
10:40	Coffee Break		
11:00am-12:30pm	<p>7A. GRADUAL STEPS TOWARD A BASIC INCOME GUARANTEE, PART TWO</p> <p>Moderator: Yannick Vanderborght</p> <p>David Swanson, “A Basic Income Guarantee and Media Reform”</p> <p>Stephen Bouquin, “The local exchange system, a concrete alternative against the monetization of everyday life”</p> <p>James B. Bryan, “The Health Insurance Tax Credit: A Basic Income Guarantee in Disguise?”</p> <p>Michael Samson, “BIG in South Africa”</p>	<p>7B. ETHICAL ISSUES OF THE BASIC INCOME GUARANTEE, PART TWO</p> <p>Moderator: Almaz Zelleke</p> <p>Francois Blais, “Why Free Health Care System and not a Basic income?”</p> <p>John Marangos, “Paine and Spence on Basic Income Guarantee”</p> <p>Jason Burke Murphy, “Deliberative Autonomy, Voluntary Agreement, and a Basic Income”</p> <p>Karl Widerquist, “Justice as Voluntary Agreements”</p>	
12:30	Lunch Break		
2:00-3:40pm	<p>8A. THE INEVITABILITY OF BIG IN A ROBOTIC FUTURE</p> <p>Organizer: J. Hughes</p> <p>Moderator: Mike Treder</p> <p>Dale Carrico, “Pay to Peer: How Basic Income Will</p>	<p>8B. DEMOCRATIC DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE & THE BASIC INCOME GUARANTEE</p> <p>Organizer: Richard K. Caputo</p> <p>Moderator: Richard K. Caputo</p>	<p>8C. HOLES IN THE SAFETY NET</p> <p>Moderator: Al Sheahen</p> <p>Eri Noguchi and Michael Lewis, “So Long As There Are Bad Jobs, There Will Be Poor Workers: An Argument for an Anti-Poverty Policy”</p>

	Support the Emerging Peer-to-Peer Networked Society” J. Hughes , “BIG and Generational Equity in an Automated and Life Extended Future”	Caputo Ross Zucker , “Democratic Distributive Justice: A Defense” Lew Daly , “ Whatever Happened to Unearned Income? ” Peter Dietsch , “ Institutions as Motivational Bootstrapping ” Discussant: Jim Mulvale	NOT Dependent on the Labor Market ” Fouzia Rhissassi , “Aging and social security” Harry F. Dahms , “What it will take to make the Leap: Globalization, Economic Rights, and the Future of Capitalism”
3:40	Coffee Break,		
4:00-5:30pm	9A. HOW FAR SHOULD WE GO? SHOULD A BASIC MINIMUM BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SOCIAL MAXIMUM? Moderator: Eri Noguchi Sam Pizzigati , “ Can a Society with a Very Rich Be Decent to the Very Poor? The case for a ‘maximum wage’ ” Manuel Henriques? , “Alma UMI II” Robley George , “Socioeconomic Democracy: A Democratic Basic Income Guarantee” Rabbi Carla Theodore , “Utopia or Oblivion”	9B. THE ECONOMICS OF THE BASIC INCOME GUARANTEE, PART TWO Moderator: Pavlina Tcherneva Robinson Hollister , “Money Makes a Difference!: Some Neglected and Misinterpreted Results from Ye Olde Negative Income Tax Experiments” Rebecca Maynard , “Practical Guidance in the Design and Implementation of a Basic Income Experiment” Sara Dustin , “Macroeconomics’ Basic Analytic Tools Produce Undesirable Social Outcomes because they are Inadequate and Need Updating” Discussants: Timothy Roscoe Carter , Myron Frankman , Yannick Vanderborcht	
5:40-7:00pm	10. FEATURED SPEAKERS: Moderator: Ingrid van Niekerk , Economic Policy Research Institute 5:40: Erik Olin Wright , the University of Wisconsin, “The Basic Income Guarantee as a Socialist Project” 6:20: Brian Barry , Columbia University, “Basic Income versus Basic Capital?”		

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Day 3: Sunday, March 6

8:00	Morning Coffee
9:00- 10:40am	<p>11. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON BUILDING A POLITICAL MOVEMENT FOR BIG</p> <p>Moderator: Steve Shafarman</p> <p>Wade Rathke, the Tides Foundation</p> <p>Stanley Aronowitz, the City University of New York</p> <p>Guy Standing, The International Labor Organization</p> <p>Eduardo Suplicy, member of the Brazilian Senate</p> <p>Sally Lerner, University of Waterloo, Ontario</p>
10:40	Coffee Break
11:00am- 12:30pm	<p>12. CLOSING SPEAKERS</p> <p>Moderator: Fred Block</p> <p>11:00am: Francis Fox Piven, the City University of New York "Income Guarantees, Working Class Livelihoods, and the Neo Liberal Counter-Attack."</p> <p>11:45am: Philippe Van Parijs, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium and Harvard University, "Four Ways Forward"</p>
12:30	Lunch Break & Lunch meeting of Canadian BIG supporters
1:30- 3:00pm	<p>13. OPEN SPACE DISCUSSION OF THE BASIC INCOME GUARANTEE</p> <p>Moderator: Steve Shafarman</p>
3:15- 4:30pm	<p>USBIG ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING</p> <p>Moderator: Karl Widerquist</p>

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The Day after, Monday, March 7

1:00pm	<p>WALKING TOUR GUIDED BY THE LOWER EAST SIDE TENEMENT MUSEUM. \$7.50.</p> <p>This is a 90-minute walking tour of Lower East Side tenements preserved as they appeared in the 1870s and 1930s with a lecture on the struggle of getting by economically in those times. The price is only \$7.50, but advanced reservations are required. After the tour we'll go for a late lunch at New York's landmark Katz Deli (approximately \$10). There are a few tickets left. To reserve one, send an email to Karl Widerquist: Karl@Widerquist.com.</p>
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