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1. EDITORIAL

BIEN’s 9th Congress. Provisional programme and call for papers are included in this news flash. If you wish to present a paper or a poster, send an abstract as soon as possible and no later than 31 March to bien@ilo.org, following the instructions below.

Web site rejuvenated. Thanks to Jurgen De Wispelaere’s work, BIEN’s web site has been thoroughly restructured and made far more user-friendly. Some final fine-tuning needs doing before it is made publicly available. As soon as it is, you will all receive a short mail to inform you.

Hardcopy newsletter obsolete. Owing to the development and spread of electronic means of communication, our semestrial hard-copy newsletter has become obsolete. Jointly with the new web site, our faster and more frequent electronic news flashes serve the network far more cheaply...
and more effectively and it will henceforth be our exclusive means of regular communication. A hard copy of each electronic news flash can be sent by post to any member of BIEN who so wishes.

**BIEN membership made easier.** Thanks to the switch to the Euro, joining BIEN has become easier than ever for many of us. Precise instructions can be found at the end of this news flash, as well as the list of BIEN's life members: over 90 people from over 20 countries whose trust and commitment enable our network to live and thrive. Do help us. Do join them.

**USBIG's 1st Congress.** Our American sister organisation, the United States Basic Income Guarantee network, will be holding its first Congress in early March in New York, with the participation of many prominent speakers. Details below.

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2. **NINTH CONGRESS OF THE BASIC INCOME EUROPEAN NETWORK**

"INCOME SECURITY AS A RIGHT"
International Labour Office
Geneva, Switzerland
12-14 September 2002

An English and a French version of the following information is available at BIEN Online (http://www.basicincome.org)

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

**Thursday, September 12th:**
- **Pre Congress session:** Income security in Switzerland
- **Welcome by Geneva authorities and reception**

**Friday, September 13th:**
- Basic income as a right
- Is income security a human right?
- Assessing selectivity, including workfare
- Electronic income transfers: citizenship credit cards

**Saturday, September 14th:**
- Calvin, Rousseau and Economic Security
- Legitimising basic income politically
- Highlights and reflections
- BIEN General Assembly

**Sunday September 15th, 10h-12h:** Supplementary programme
- Boat trip on the lake of Geneva
  - or
- Guided tour of the Palais des Nations (United Nations Office at Geneva)

**Speakers will include:** Anthony Atkinson, Edouard Dommen, Robert Holzman, Andràs November, Claus Offe, Ilona Ostner, Raymond Plant, Guy Standing, Eduardo Suplicy, Viviene Taylor, Philippe Van Parijs

**Posters** – Posters presenting information in graphic and text form will be on display in the lobby outside the conference rooms throughout the Congress. Authors will be available to present and explain their poster between sessions.

**Language of the Congress** – English and French, with simultaneous interpretation

**Workshops** – Parallel workshops, of which one will be in French with simultaneous interpretation into English, will be held after each session. They will provide an opportunity for participants to present their own work on income security (see below, Call for Papers) and to discuss their experiences. Workshop themes will be determined in the light of papers submitted.
OUTLINE OF CONGRESS THEMES

Income security as a right – This session will explore ways by which greater income security can be promoted in both developed and developing countries. Should a universal income floor be included among economic rights? Is that feasible and desirable? Should income security be provided through targeting or through constitutional or other guarantees?

Assessing selectivity – Across the world, social protection policy has shifted away from universalism towards more complex forms of selectivity and targeting, with increased reliance on means-testing, behaviour-testing and other forms of conditionality. Questions addressed will be: do these policies lead to efficacy and equity? do they penalise some vulnerable groups, such as women? what, if any, forms of selectivity in social transfers are desirable? The session will consider arguments for reviving old and new forms of universalism.

Citizenship credit cards – As countries move towards integrated tax-benefit systems, and as information technology advances, we are moving into an era in which electronic means of transfer are likely to become the norm. This session will present papers on this prospect. Are transfer cards feasible? Are they desirable? What forms of ‘card’ offer the best prospect of facilitating income security? Different examples of citizenship credit cards will be demonstrated throughout the Congress.

Legitimising basic income politically – This session will confront one of the great challenges of the era, the apparent growth of much more stratified societies in which notions of social solidarity are under tremendous strain. Papers will address the fundamental question: Can basic income be legitimised and made appealing to enough people and social groups in highly stratified societies?

Pre-Congress session: Income security in Switzerland – The host country for the Congress has achieved sustained economic growth and moderate levels of unemployment. However, significant poverty and economic insecurity exist. The session will consider how well existing transfer schemes reach the poor, including the RMR developed in the canton of Geneva. It will also review the political debates around selectivity and universalism.

CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

Papers and posters in French or English, relating to session and workshop themes, may be submitted according to the following guidelines:

Abstracts of not more than 100 words plus title should reach the conference office before March 31st 2002; authors will be informed before May 31st 2002 about acceptance of their paper/poster.

Papers should consist of empirical research, theoretical analysis, or a discussion of conceptual or practical issues; will be presented orally (maximum 15 minutes) in the workshops, by one of the authors registered as a Congress participant; are to be submitted in full in writing to the Congress organisers before 31st August 2002.

Posters should present empirical research, conceptual approaches or practical examples of income security; will be exhibited throughout the Congress; should not exceed 160cm (height) nor 190cm (width); must be accompanied by one registered participant in the Congress; are to be mounted at the start of the Congress and removed at the end by the presenter.

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3. EVENTS

WIEN (AT), 7 December 2002, "Sozialstaat zerschlagen, privatisieren, reformieren oder garantiertes Grundeinkommen: Perspektive für den Sozialstaat?"

A panel discussion on basic income as a perspective for the social state organised at the Volkshochschule Ottakring (Ludo Hartmann Platz 7, A- 1160 Wien) with the participation of Leo Gabriel (journalist) and Karl Reitter (University of Vienna), both in favour of an unconditional basic income; Emmerich Talos (Universität Wien), who prefers a comprehensive but means-tested guaranteed income scheme; and Johanna Dohnal (Federal minister for women issues), who insisted on accompanying measures. For further information, contact Karl Reitter at karl.reitter@univie.ac.at.


A conference held at the University of Liège by the basic-income political movement VIVANT, founded in 1997 by the Belgian left-liberal businessman Roland Duchatelet. The speakers included Alexander de Roo (member of the European Parliament for the Dutch party Groenlinks and treasurer of BIEN), Sean Healy (Conference of Religious of Ireland), Yolanda Bresson (University of Paris-St Maur, France), Mats Hoglund and Kicki Bobaka (Sweden), and Roland Duchatelet (founder of Vivant). For further information, contact Maria Hofte at maria.hofte@wanadoo.fr.

PARIS (FR), 12 January 2002, Débat sur le revenu universel

A one-day meeting on basic income at the seat of the French communist Party. With the participation of Yann Moulier-Boutang (from the Green Party) and Arnaud Spire (from the Communist Party), both in favour of a universal basic income, and J.M. Harribey and Liem (from the "Appel contre la Pensée Unie", close to the socialist Henri Emmanuelli), both against it. For further information, contact yann.m.boutang@wanadoo.fr.

BARCELONA (ES), 19 January 2002, Jornada sobre Renda Bàsica

A one-day conference organised by Catalonia's left-green political movement Iniciativa per Catalunya-Verds (IC-V), which has five deputies in the regional parliament. With the participation of Daniel Raventós (Universitat de Barcelona and chairman of the Spanish basic income network), Vicenç Navarro (Universitat Pompeu Fabra), Agustí Colom (Universitat de Barcelona), Rafael Pinilla (economist), J. L. López Bulla (member of the Catalan Parliament), José Antonio Noguera (Universitat autonoma de Barcelona), Dolors Comas (member of the Catalan Parliament), Sergi de Maya (National coordinated of the green-left youth section), Pedro Ibarra (Universidad del Pais Vasco), R. Gomà (Universitat autonoma de Barcelona). For further information, contact ravento@eco.ub.es.

NEW YORK (US), 26 January 2002

A session of New York University's Tax Law Colloquium entirely devoted to a discussion of basic income led by lawyer Dan Shaviro (NYU Law School) and economist David Bradford (Princeton), with Philippe Van Parijs (University of Louvain and secretary of BIEN) as guest speaker, and with the participation (among others) of philosophers Jon Elster (Columbia), Thomas Nagel (NYU) and Almaz Zelleke (New School), sociologist Larry Meade (NYU) and economist Karl Widerquist (coordinator of USBIG). For further information, contact Daniel Shaviro at shavirod@juris.law.nyu.edu.

MÜLHEIM AN DER RUHR (DE), 1-4 February 2002, "Towards a new definition of work, income and life - Basic Income and the future of work"

Consultation organised by the Evangelische Akademie Mülheim and the Work Economy Network in the European Churches (WEN). For further information, contact Wolf-Dieter Just at wolf-dieter.just@ev-akademie-muelheim.de.
NEW YORK (US), 8-9 March 2002: FIRST CONGRESS OF THE U.S. BASIC INCOME GUARANTEE NETWORK: FUNDAMENTAL INSECURITY OR BASIC INCOME GUARANTEE

The U.S. Basic Income Guarantee Network (USBIG) is an organisation dedicated to increasing public discussion of the Basic Income Guarantee, understood as "the assurance by the federal government that no citizen's income will fall below a minimum level for any reason". As announced previously, its first congress will be held at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (365 Fifth Avenue, NYC). It will consist of a series of panels, discussion groups, and speakers and it will include an organizational meeting for USBIG.

It is sponsored by the Center for Social Justice, School of Social Welfare, Stony Brook University; the Center for the Study of Culture, Technology, and Work at the CUNY Graduate Center; the Continuing Education and Public Programs at the CUNY Graduate Center; and the Citizen Policies Institute.

Confirmed speakers include: Stanley Aronowitz (City University of New York), Anne Alstott (Yale University), Guy Standing (ILO, Geneva), Eduardo Suplicy (Federal Senator for Sao Paulo), Harold Watts (Columbia University), Alice O'Connor (UC Santa Barbara), Sumner M. Rosen (Columbia University), Edward N. Wolff (New York University), Frank Kirkland (Hunter College), Lynn Chancer (Fordham University), Walter Williams (University of Washington), Robinson Hollister (Swarthmore College), Miriam Abramowitz (Hunter College School of Social Work) Steven Pressman (editor of Poverty in America: An Annotated Bibliography), Ruth Brandwein (SUNY), Barbara Bergmann (American University), Joel Blau (SUNY), Jeff Manza (Northwestern University), Fred Block (University of California-Davis), Allan Sheahen (author of Guaranteed Income. The Right to Economic Security), Steve Shaferman (Citizens Policies Institute), Walter Van Trier (Catholic University of Leuven), Amy Wax (University of Pennsylvania), Irwin Garfinkel (Columbia University), Robert Harris (former Executive Director of the President's Commission on Income Maintenance), Charles M.A. Clark (St. John's University).

To register, send your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, affiliation (if applicable), and the registration fee of $25 ($15 for students, the unemployed, and TANF participants) to:

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The conference organizer is Michael Lewis, of the SUNY School of Social Welfare, Stony Brook, with the assistance of the conference committee: Eri Noguchi, of Columbia University, Stanley Aronowitz, of the City University of New York, Heather Gautney, of the City University of New York, and Karl Widerquist, of the Educational Priorities Panel.

For further information, see the USBIG website (http://www.usbig.net) or contact Michael A. Lewis at mlewis@notes.cc.sunysb.edu.

4. GLIMPSES OF NATIONAL DEBATES

BRAZIL: SENATOR SUPILCY FOR PRESIDENT ?

Brazil's federal senator Eduardo Matarazzo Suplicy, the best known Latin-American advocate of a guaranteed minimum income is presenting his new book on the topic at the Word Social Summit of Porto Alegre on 1-2 February 2002. He is also one of the main contenders at the primary election of 3 March 2002 that will select the candidate of the Workers' party (PT) for the October 2002 presidential election. The PT is Brazil's main opposition party. For the first time, its 924.000 members will be invited to take part in the choice. Luis Inacio da Silva, alias Lula, the PT leader for many years, is the favourite.
UNITED STATES: A MODEST STEP TOWARDS REFUNDABLE TAX CREDITS

According to Debora Weinstein, of the U.S. Children's Defense Fund, there has been "a partial but important victory" in the struggle for greater economic security for families with children. In May 2001, federal legislation was passed to double the child tax credit by 2010 from US$ 500 to US$ 1000 per year and per child. For the first time, this tax credit will be made refundable, but only for families earning more than US$ 10000 and with a maximum of 10% (15% as from 2005) of the part of their earnings that exceed this threshold. While the Children's Defense Fund would have preferred the simpler full refundability (i.e. not limited to families with earnings), this version should lift a half million children out of poverty when it is fully implemented, and should help millions more, both below and above the poverty line.

5. PUBLICATIONS

CATALAN

RAVENTOS PANELLA, Daniel. La Renda Bàsica (Síbtesi nº1). Diputacio de Barcelona, Centro per a la Innovacio Local (Flor de Maig), February 2001, 38p. (Author's address: ravento@eco.ub.es)

A didactic general introduction to basic income in the form of answers to frequently asked questions, and followed by a detailed funding proposal in the case of Spain.

ENGLISH

CITIZEN'S INCOME NEWSLETTER 3, 2001, 12p. (CIT's address: PO Box 26586, London SE3 7WY, info@citizensincome.org; www.citizensincome.org)

This is the first regular newsletter of the Citizen’s Income Trust since the new director Malcolm Torry took over. A welcome sign of health. In addition to shorter items, it includes a substantial review by Samuel Brittan of Groot and van der Veen’s Basic Income on the Agenda and Van Parijs’s What’s Wrong with a Free Lunch?, as well as a report by Rafael Ziegler and Bill Jordan on extensive interviews with the spokesmen of four British Trade Union organisations. "The trade unions remain an organised interest in UK society that cannot yet be relied upon to give support to the Basic Income principle, or to form part of a civil-society coalition for its introduction", Ziegler and Jordan conclude. To stand a chance of getting on the political agenda, basic income needs such a coalition, including organisations such as churches, claimants' groups, the voluntary sector, social services, and public-sector professionals. Further, it would seem of great importance to win the interest of the government’s social policy strategists, as this would indirectly reinforce the case for basic income from the perspective of the trade unions." For while the British Trade Unions will not develop and advocate a long-term vision that might explicitly incorporate a basic income, when offered a vision that does incorporate one in the form, say, of a participation income as a long-term strategy against the speding of means-testing, some of them may well join in.

WIDERQUIST, Karl. "Perspectives on the Guaranteed Income, Part II", The Journal of Economic Issues 35(4), December 2001. (Author's address: karl@widerquist.com; preliminary version of the article on http://www.usbit.net)

A sequel to an article published in the September 2001 issue, this article reviews nine further recent books on the guaranteed income: "Freedom and Security: An Introduction to the Basic Income Debate" by Tony Fitzpatrick; "Basic Income: Economic Security for All Canadians" by Sally Lerner; Charles M. A. Clark, and W. Robert Needham; "The Stakeholder Society" by Bruce Ackerman and Anne Alstott; "Socioeconomic Democracy: An Advanced Socioeconomic System" by Robley E. George; "Stumbling Towards Basic Income: The Politics for tax-benefit integration" by Bill Jordan, Phil Agulnik, Duncan Burbridge and Stuart Duffin; "Healing Politics: Citizen Policies and the Pursuit of Happiness" by Steve Shaframan; "Basic Income on the Agenda: Policy Objectives and Political Chances" by Loek Groot and Robert Jan van der Veen (eds.); "Daily Bread, the Story of Jasper's Box" by Stephen C. Clark, and "Wrong with a Free Lunch? by Joel Rogers and Joshua Cohen (eds.) 2001.

WIDERQUIST, Karl. "The Basic Income Guarantee", in Synthesis/Regeneration (PO Box 24115, St Louis MO 63130, jsutter@igc.apc.org) 26, Fall 2001, pp. 26-27.

Published in the national journal of the U.S. Green Party, this is a brief introduction to the basic income guarantee and its relevance for the Green movement in the United States.
FRENCH


An impressive report on basic income coordinated by political scientist François Blais (author of *Un Revenu garanti pour tous*, 2001) and economist Jean-Yves Duclos. It includes a critical discussion of pros and cons, an overview of relevant debates in Québec, Canada, the Netherlands, Ireland and France, a description of the history and current situation of the Alaskan dividend scheme, and a simulation of the distributive and economic impact a basic income would have in the Canadian context.


Written by a young sociology lecturer at the University of Caen, this book aims to provide an alternative to both liberalism (which unrealistically assumes self-interested citizens) and communitarianism or republicanism (which unrealistically assumed a shared conception of the common good). Its name is "civic associationism" and its pedigree can be traced to such diverse authors as Tocqueville, Jaurès, Durkheim and Dewey. As the title of the general conclusion ("Justice, démocratie et inconditionnalité. Vers un revenu de citoyenneté?") indicates, one implication of the alternative approach is the justification of an unconditional basic income. In today's French discussion on this topic, Chanial dismisses both Pierre Rosanvallon's contract-based critique of basic income and Jean-Marc Ferry's rights-based defense of it. He endorses instead the gift-counter-gift approach developed by Alain Caillé, the leader of the "anti-utilitarian" movement MAUSS.

GERMAN

EICHLER, Daniel. *Leben ohne zu arbeiten? Zur Sozialtheorie des Grundeinkommens*. Berlin: Avinus-Verlag (kontakt@avinus.de), 2002. (Author's address: zungenbrecher@freenet.de)

This book is based on the author's M.A. dissertation at the University of Frankfurt, which earned him a prize from the Josef Popper-Nährpflicht-Stiftung. In the first part, the author argues that the "end of work" thesis is false, but that its being false is precisely what forces us to rethink the link between work and income. In the second part, he provides a critical overview of the international discussion on the justification, feasibility and possible consequences of an unconditional basic income.


An astonishing plea for an unconditional basic income in a German business magazine, by a Berlin-based freelance journalist. The fact that productivity, in Germany, is three times what it was in 1960, should be good news, the author argues, if it were not for the involuntary exclusion from paid work for so many people. The solution is to be found in the introduction of a basic income, combined with the spreading of the conviction that social recognition is not to be found exclusively in paid work.

SPANISH

LINDE, Luis M. "¡Todos al subsidio!", and DE FRANCISCO, Andrés, "Utopía e realidad", in *Revista de Libros* 50, February 2001, pp.17-22. (Second author's address: Andres De Francisco Diaz at soso109@emducms1.sis.ucm.es)

Two reviews of Daniel Raventos's introduction to basic income (*El Derecho a la existencia*, 1999). One, thorough and sceptical, is by economist Luis M. Linde, director general at the Banco de España: "the risk that a universal basic income may play a perverse role, completely opposed to the intentions of its advocates, is far from negligible", he concludes. The other, shorter and enthusiastic, is by sociologist Andrés de Francisco, professor at the Universidad Complutense (Madrid) and endorses Raventos's claim that an unconditional basic income would help solve many of our society's problems.
NOGUERA, José A., "¿Renta Básica o Trabajo Básico? Algunos argumentos desde la teoría social", Sistema (Fundacion Sistema, c/ Fuencarral 127, 1º, 28010-Madrid, fsistema@teleline.es; www.fundacionsistema.com), 166, Jan. 2002, pp. 61-85. (Author's address: jose.noguera@uab.es)

This article aims to discuss and evaluate some criticisms raised against basic income by advocates of a legally guaranteed right to work. First, the article reviews the philosophical foundations of the debate, with special reference to the concepts of reciprocity and parasitism. Second, it defends some conceptual and normative claims about what the "right to work" should mean for the Left. Third, it makes several objections about the desirability and feasibility of such a right, compared to a basic income scheme. The article concludes that basic income can achieve outcomes similar to the "right to work" approach, while avoiding many of the problems it generates.


A substantial dossier on basic income in Spain's Christian-progressive magazine El Ciervo. It includes a didactic general introduction to basic income in the form of answers to fourteen questions by Daniel Raventos, José Antonio Noguera and David Cassassas, three of the core members of Spain's basic income network, followed by eleven short comments by academics, politicians and Trade Union leaders.

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voting rights at BIEN's General Assembly held every second year in conjunction with the Congress.
A broad membership strengthens BIEN in its efforts to put basic income on academic and political
agendas. It also provides much appreciated support to the unpaid activity of the Executive
Committee and gives BIEN a firm basis for the funding of its modest running costs. A full statement
of accounts is submitted to the General Assembly. To become a BIEN member, please fill out the
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