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### **1. EDITORIAL**

Will you become BIEN's 100th life member? Easy. Just pay 100 Euros into BIEN's account or, simpler still, send a banknote directly to BIEN's secretary. Ninety eight people have done this so far, thus enabling our network to live and develop. Do join us. List of life members and precise instructions at the very end of this flash.

Our 9<sup>th</sup> Congress will again be a privileged moment for dense interaction among people interested in basic income from all over Europe and beyond. A full programme, a registration form and a list of options for subsidised accommodation in Geneva can be found below. You can also obtain them in hardcopy version from the Congress secretariat (e-mail: [bien@ilo.org](mailto:bien@ilo.org)). Deadline for registration: 31st July.

*The Executive Committee*

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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

*Congress address:*

BIEN, IFP/SES, International Labour Office  
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Fax +41 22 799 7123  
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<http://www.basicincome.org>

*Programme (still subject to changes)*

**THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2002**

13h00 - 14h00 Registration

14h00 - 17h00 Session préliminaire: La sécurité de revenu en Suisse

- Chair: Mark Hunyadi University of Geneva
- Jean-Pierre Thorel Economic and Social Council, Geneva  
"Une allocation universelle pour la Suisse"
- Sandro Cattacin University of Neuchâtel  
"Précarité extrême et revenu: quels besoins, quelles solutions ?"
- Bertrand Oberson University of Fribourg  
"Les mesures d'insertion sociale dans le canton de Fribourg"
- Eric Etienne Department of Social Affairs and Health, Canton of Geneva  
"Revenu minimum de comblement pour les chômeurs en fin de droit: expérience à Genève"
- Julien Dubouchet University of Geneva  
"De la dette au droit: principes et évolutions de la sécurité sociale en Suisse"

16h00 Discussion

17h00 Assemblée générale de l'association BIEN-Suisse (French only)

18h00 RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE GENEVA CONSEIL D'ETAT

**FRIDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2002**

08h00 - 09h00 Registration

09h00 - 09h30 Welcome and Introduction

- Chair: Guy Standing Co-Chair, BIEN
- Juan Somavia, Director General, International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- Assane Diop Executive Director, Social Protection Sector, ILO
- Edouard Dommen Geneva International Academic Network & Guy Standing ILO and BIEN  
"Geneva Connections: Calvin, Rousseau and Basic Income"
- Manuel Tornare Conseiller administratif, town of Geneva, Department of Social Affairs, Schools and Environment
- Pierre-François Unger Conseiller d'Etat, canton of Geneva, Department of Social Affairs and Health

09h30 - 11h00 Assessing Selectivity and Promoting Rights\*

- Chair: Philippe van Parijs Catholic University of Louvain and BIEN
- Professor Anthony Atkinson Nuffield College, University of Oxford  
"Assessing Selectivity: A Participation Income"
- Dr. Robert Holzmann Director, Social Protection Division, The World Bank  
"Vulnerability to Poverty: Is Basic Income Effective but not Efficient?"
- Professor Nancy Fraser The New School University, New York  
"Basic Income as a Feminist Issue"
- Professor Lord Raymond Plant University of London  
"Can there be a Right to Basic Income?"
- Professor Ilona Ostner Georg-August University, Gottingen  
"Targeted Universalism?"
- Professeur François Xavier Merrien University of Lausanne  
"Against Selectivity: a Sociological Perspective"

11h15 - 13h00 Income Security in Development

- Chair: Edouard Dommen Geneva International Academic Network
- Virginia Dandan Chair, United Nations Commission on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights  
"Income Security and Human Rights"
- Rolf Kunnemann Foodfirst Information Action Network, Germany  
"Basic Income and the Right to Food"

- Professor Lord Meghnad Desai Centre for Global Governance, London School of Economics  
"Legitimising Basic Income Politically: Industrialised Countries"
- Senator Eduardo Suplicy Senator of Sao Paulo, Brazil  
"Legitimising Basic Income in Developing Countries: Brazil"
- Professor Bob Deacon National Research Centre for Health and Social Welfare, Finland  
"Tracking the Global Social Policy Discourse: From Safety Nets to Universalism"
- Dr. Dharam Ghai Former Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development  
"Pursuing Basic Income Security in Africa"
- Discussion

14h00 - 15h45 Parallel sessions A

*1A. Legitimising Basic Income Politically*

- Chair: Alexander de Roo Member of European Parliament, and BIEN
- Jorn Loftager Aarhus University, Denmark  
"Deliberative Democracy and the Legitimacy of Basic Income"
- Steffen Mau and Stefan Liebig Humboldt University of Berlin  
"A Legitimate Guaranteed Minimum Income"
- Almaz Zelleke The New School University, New York  
"Radical Pluralism: A Liberal Defence of Unconditionality"
- Steven Shafarman Citizen Policies Institute, Washington DC  
"Mobilising for Basic Income"
- Allen Sheahan USA  
"Does Everyone have a Right to a Basic Income?"
- Carsten Ullrich University of Mannheim  
"Prospects of Popular Support for Basic Income"

*2A. Citizenship Credit Cards: Money and Electronic Transfers*

- Chair: Bridget Dommen BIEN-Suisse
- Edwin Morley-Fletcher University of Rome  
"Alternative Models of Credit Cards"
- Lowell Manning New Zealand Democratic Party Inc.  
"Basic Income and Debit Cards in a Plan for Economic Transformation"
- Yoland Bresson University of Paris XII Creteil  
"La monnaie et l'instauration du basic income"
- Lieselotte Wohlgenannt and Markus Bluemel Catholic Social Academy of Austria  
"Vers un minimum inter-institutionnel"
- Practical Demonstrations

*3A. Basic Income: Prospects in South Africa*

- Chair: Mike Masutha Committee for Comprehensive Reform of Social Security, South Africa
- Michael Samson Economic Policy Research Institute, Cape Town  
"Funding Options for a Basic Income in South Africa"
- Pieter le Roux University of Western Cape  
"The Benefits of a Basic Income in South Africa"
- Nicoli Natrass and Jeremy Seekings University of Cape Town  
"The Politics of a Basic Income for South Africa"
- Guy Standing ILO  
"The South African Solidarity Grant"
- Haroon Borat University of Cape Town  
"A Universal Income Grant for South Africa: An Empirical Assessment"
- Discussant: Ravi Naidoo National Labour and Economic Development Institute, South Africa

*4A. Assessing Selectivity*

- Chair: Andras November University of Geneva, and BIEN-Suisse
- Roswitha Pioch Max Planck Institute, Cologne  
"Migration, Citizenship and Welfare Reform in Europe: Overcoming Labour Market Segregation"
- Laurence Jacquet Catholic University of Louvain  
"Optimality of a Welfare System with Heterogeneous Preferences and Endogenous Stigma"
- Robert Salais and Nicolas Farvaque Institutions et Dynamiques Historiques de l'Economie, Centre national de la recherche scientifique, France

- "Implementing Allowances for Young People in Difficulty: the Debate about Conditionality in French Social Policy"
- Nanna Kildal and Stein Kuhnle University of Bergen  
"The Genealogy of Universalism"
- Amy Wax University of Pennsylvania  
"The Liberal Case against Welfare Work Requirements"
- Andrea Fumagalli University of Pavia, Italy  
"Bio-economics, Labour Flexibility and Non-material Work"

5A. *Care Work: The Need for Income Security*

- Chair: Sukti Dasgupta ILO
- Theresa Funciello Social Agenda, Inc.  
"The US Caregiver Credit Campaign"
- Mary Daly University of Belfast  
"Care work - The Quest for Security"
- Kanyhama Dixon-Fyle Sierra Leone  
« Care work in Africa: Seeking Income Security »
- Sibyl Schwarzenbach City University of New York  
"Guaranteed Basic Income and the Limits of Production"
- Michael Opielka University of Jena  
"A Care-worker Allowance for Germany"
- Eric Christensen Aalborg University  
"Feminist Arguments about Basic Income in Denmark"

16h00 - 17h30 Parallel sessions B

1B. *Legitimising Basic Income in European Countries*

- Chair: Claus Offe Humboldt University, Berlin, and BIEN
- Alexander de Roo Member of European Parliament  
"Legitimising Basic Income in the European Union"
- Sean Healey and Brigid Reynolds Conference of Religious of Ireland Justice Commission  
"Ireland's Green Paper on Basic Inc"
- Philippe Schmitter European University Institute, Florence  
"A Modest Proposal for Extending Social Citizenship in the EU"
- Yannick Vanderborght Chaire Hoover, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium  
"Does Basic Income have a Political Future in Europe?"
- Jan-Otto Andersson Abo Akademi University, Finland and Olli Kangas Turku University  
"What Swedes and Finns think about Basic Income"
- Günter Schade Allemagne  
"The Great Delusion: a Way out of the German Crisis"

2B. *Income Security as a Development Right*

- Chair: Azfar Khan ILO and BIEN-Suisse
- José Iglesias Fernandez, Catalonia  
"Strong versus Weak Models of Basic Income in Catalonia"
- Maria Cruz-Saco Connecticut College  
"A Basic Income Policy for Latin America: Can it Work?"
- Diego Hernandez University of Andes, Colombia  
"Selectivity in Social Policy in Colombia during the 1990s"
- Sean Archer University of Cape Town  
"Social and Economic Rights in the South African Constitution: The Role of a Basic Income"
- Claudio Santibanez Ministry of Finance, Chile  
"Equality, Human Rights and Social Minima: An Unconditional Universal Basic Income Proposal for Chile"
- Marcelo Silva Mackenzie Presbyterian University, Sao Paulo  
"Tobin Tax, Minimum Income and the Eradication of Famine in Brazil"

3B. *Alternative Models of Society*

- Chair: Ilona Ostner Georg-August University, Gottingen, and BIEN
- Dimitris Ballas University of Leeds, UK  
"A Spatial Micro-simulation Approach to Basic Income"
- Sally Lerner University of Waterloo, Canada  
"Basic Income as Catalyst for Community Economic Development"
- Martin Watts The University of New South Wales, Australia

- "A Basic Income versus a Job Guarantee"
- David Casassas University of Barcelona  
"Simulating Basic Income in Spain"
- Amilcar Moreira University of Bath  
"Individual Moral Dignity and the Guarantee of a Minimum Income"
- Jose Noguera and Daniel Raventos Autonomous University of Barcelona  
"Basic Income, Social Polarisation and the Right to Work"

4B. *Assessing Selectivity\**

- Chair: Eric Etienne Etat de Genève, et BIEN-Suisse
- Jean-Paul Zoyem INSEE, Paris  
"Inégalités hommes-femmes et la place des enfants dans la protection sociale"
- Christine le Clainche Groupe de recherche sur le risque, l'information et la décision, France  
"Les préférences pour la redistribution: une analyse du profil des individus favorables à l'allocation universelle"
- Luis Sanzo-Gonzalez Department of Justice, Employment and Social Security, Spain  
"Allocation universelle et garantie de ressources au Pays Basque"
- Rafael Pinilla Ministry of Public Affairs, Valencia  
"A Diversified Basic Income for Federal States and Multinational Communities"
- Thierry Laurent University of Paris - Evry  
"Incitations et transitions sur le marché du travail: une analyse dynamique des trappes à inactivité"
- Claude Gamel University of Aix-Marseille, Didier Balsan ancien Ministre de l'Emploi et de la Solidarite, & Josiane Vero Centre d'études et de recherches sur les qualifications, France  
"L'Incidence de l'allocation universelle sur la propension à travailler"

18h00 RECEPTION HOSTED BY the I.L.O.

**SATURDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2002**

09h00 - 10h30 Parallel sessions C

1C. *Philosophical Justifications for Basic Income: US and European debates\**

- Chair: Mark Hunyadi University of Geneva, and BIEN-Suisse
- Rosamund Stock London School of Economics  
"The Psychological Rationale for Basic Income"
- Michael Howard University of Maine  
"Liberal and Marxist Justifications for Basic Income"
- Michael Kratke University of Amsterdam, Netherlands  
"Basic Income, Commons and Commodities: The Public Domain Revisited"
- Torsten Meireis Theological Faculty, University of Munster, Germany  
"A Christian Argument for a Basic Income"
- Ingrid Salvatore University of Salerno, Italy  
"A Philosophical Justification for Basic Income as Social Justice"
- Simon Wigley Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey  
"Basic Income and the Means to Self-Govern"

2C. *Workfare and Basic Income*

- Chair: Guy Standing ILO and BIEN
- Joel Handler University of California at Los Angeles, USA  
"From Status to Contract: Social Citizenship and Workfare in the USA and Western Europe"
- Katrin Tons University of Munster, Allemagne  
"Incremental Disentitlement in German Welfare Policy"
- Walter van Trier University of Antwerp, Belgium  
"The Conversion of Andre Gorz"
- Jean-Pierre Mon Groupe de Recherches sur l'Economie Distributive  
"Pour une conditionnalité transitoire"
- Simo Aho and Ilkka Virjo University of Tampere  
"More Selectivity in Unemployment Compensation in Finland: Has it Led to Activation or Increased Poverty?"
- Sabine Stadler Vienna  
"Assessing Selectivity, including Workfare, in Austria"

3C. *Assessing Selectivity*

- Chair: Philippe van Parijs Catholic University of Louvain, and BIEN

- Karl Widerquist University of Oxford  
"A Failure to Communicate: A Review of Negative Income Tax Experiments in the USA"
- Bea Cantillon & Karel Van den Bosch University of Antwerp  
"Minimum Income Protection and the Active Welfare State"
- Manfred Füllsack University of Vienna  
"Work and Social Differentiation"
- Ive Marx University of Antwerp  
"Mass Joblessness, the Bismarckian Model and the Limits to Gradual Adaptation in Belgium"
- Wolfgang Strengmann University of Frankfurt  
"Working Poor in Europe: A Partial Basic Income for Workers?"
- Manos Matsaganis University of Crete  
"The Rise and Fall of Selectivity a la Grecque"

#### 4C. Promoting Basic Income in Development

- Chair: Dharam Ghai Former Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
- Ruben Lo Vuolo Centro de Investigacion Economica y de Prospectiva, Buenos Aires  
"The Need for a Basic Income in Argentina"
- Lena Lavinas ILO, Geneva  
"The bolsa escola in Brazilian cities"
- Maria Ozananira da Silva e Silva University of Maranhão, Brazil  
"Minimal Income Programmes aimed at Child Labour Eradication in Brazil"
- Pascale Vielle University of Louvain, Belgium and Jean-Michel Bonvin University of Fribourg  
"Assessing Basic Income from a Capabilities Perspective"
- Sergei Zelenev United Nations Secretariat, New York  
"Social Protection Imperatives in Post-Socialist Russia"
- Tatyana Chetvernina and Liana Lakunina Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow  
"Endless Insecurity? The reality of Russia"

#### 10h45 - 13h00 Legitimising Basic Income Politically\*

- Chair: Sam Brittan The Financial Times
- Professor Claus Offe Humboldt University, Berlin  
"Citizenship Rights: Why Basic Income Security is Fundamental"
- Professor Robert Boyer Centre d'études perspectives d'économie mathématique appliquées à la planification, Paris  
"Beyond the revenu minimum d'insertion in France"
- Professor Scott Goldsmith University of Alaska, USA  
"The Alaska Permanent Fund: A Basic Income in Action"
- Osmo Soiniavaara, Minister of Health, Finland  
"Legitimising Basic Income in Scandinavia"
- Dr. Dalmer Hoskins, Secretary-General, International Social Security Association  
"Resurrecting Universalism in Social Security"
- Professor Philippe van Parijs Catholic University of Louvain  
"Does Basic Income Make Sense as a Worldwide Project?"

#### Discussion and Concluding Remarks\*

- Guy Standing Co-Chair, BIEN
- András November Institut universitaire d'études du développement et BIEN-Suisse

#### 14h00 - 15h45 BIEN General Assembly

- Chair: Ilona Ostner (Co-Chair, BIEN)

#### Accommodation

Please note that obtaining accommodation during the Congress is the responsibility of the participants, and not of the Congress organizers.

A certain number of hotel rooms at discount rates (between SFr. 80 and SFr.500) have been reserved for Congress participants. Reservations, mentioning the Congress, should be made no later than 2nd August 2002, to:

Geneva Tourist Office, Case postale 1602, 1211 Genève 1.  
Tel:+41 22 909 70 20 - Fax:+41 22 907 70 21  
<http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/formulaires/bien.php>

Budget hotels/bed and breakfast: SFr.40 - SFr.60 per person per night. Most have shared shower and toilet facilities.

- Hôtel de la Cloche Rue de la Cloche 6, 1201 Genève, Tel.: 732 94 81, Fax: 738 16 12
- Hôtel Rio Place Isaac-Mercier 1, 1201 Genève, Tel.: 732 32 64, Fax: 732 82 64
- Hôtel Bel'Espérance Rue de la Vallée, 1204 Genève, Tel.: 818 37 37, Fax: 818 37 73  
[belesp@swi](mailto:belesp@swi); <http://www.salvationarmy.org>
- Hôtel Luserna Av. Luserna 12, 1203 Genève, Tel.: 345 45 45, Fax: 949 56 36
- Hôtel Pax Rue 31-décembre 68, 1207 Genève, Tel.: 787 50 70, Fax: 787 50 80,  
[direction@hotel-pax-geneva.ch](mailto:direction@hotel-pax-geneva.ch)
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- Hôtel International-Terminus Rue des Alpes 20, 1201 Genève, Tel.: 732 80 95, Fax: 732 18 43
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- Bed and breakfast, Chez les Abel Ch Pré-des-Fourneaux 11, 1293 Bellevue, Tel.: 958 04 44, Fax: 958 04 45, [jpabel@freesurf.ch](mailto:jpabel@freesurf.ch)

Institutional accommodation: SFr.40 - SFr.70 per person per night, or SFr. 22-28 in shared rooms

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### 3. EVENTS

*Oviedo (ES), 12 April 2002, "La renta basica"*

Roundtable on basic income organised at the University of Oviedo by ATTAC-Asturias, with Juan José Fernández (Councillor for the left party Izquierda Unida) and Daniel Raventos (chairman of Spain's basic income network) For further information, contact Daniel Raventos at [ravento@eco.ub.es](mailto:ravento@eco.ub.es)

*Madison (US), 3-5 May 2002, "Rethinking redistribution"*

A "Real Utopias" conference organised by sociologist Erik Olin Wright (University of Wisconsin, Madison) around a paper by Bruce Ackerman and Anne Alstott (Yale Law School) on the idea of a one-off payment to every young adult, and one by Philippe Van Parijs (Université catholique de Louvain) on universal basic income. Together with these two papers, comments by Stephen Cohen, Guy Standing, Barbara Bergman, Pascale Vielle, Michael Lewis, Carole Pateman, Ed Wolff, Julian Le Grand, Amy Wax, Stuart White and Erik Wright are expected to feed a special issue of the journal *Theory and Society* and a collective volume in Verso's "New Utopias" series under the title "Reinventing Distribution". For further information, contact Shamus Khan at [skhan@ssc.wisc.edu](mailto:skhan@ssc.wisc.edu)

*Madrid (ES), 7 May 2002, "La renta básica en un proyecto de redefinición de la izquierda"*

Conference on basic income and the redefinition of the Left organised by the Department of Political Science of the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and various student associations, with the participation of Antoni Domènech (Univ. de Barcelona), Andrés de Francisco (Univ. Complutense de Madrid), Manuel Monereo (Izquierda Unida) and Jordi Sevilla (PSOE). For further information, contact Daniel Raventos at [ravento@eco.ub.es](mailto:ravento@eco.ub.es)



Salerno (IT), 24 May 2002, "Ripensare la redistribuzione. Il reddito universale: un'idea semplice e forte per il 21° secolo"

A debate on basic income organised by Laura Bazzicalupo and Ingrid Salvatore (both philosophers at the University of Salerno), with the participation of philosopher Philippe Van Parijs (Hoover Chair, University of Louvain) and economist Adalgiso Amendola (Dean of the Faculty of Political Science, University of Salerno). For further information, contact Ingrid Salvatore at [cefisi@tin.it](mailto:cefisi@tin.it)

Leipzig (DE), 7-11 October 2002, "Die Krise der Erwerbsarbeitsethik und der Vorschlag eines bedingungslosen Grundeinkommens für alle Staatsbürger"

Workshop on the proposal of an unconditional basic income for all citizens, organised by Manuel Franzmann and Sascha Liebermann, Universität Dortmund, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, within the framework of the 31st Congress of German sociologists. For further information, contact Manuel Franzmann at [manuelfranzmann@web.de](mailto:manuelfranzmann@web.de); <http://home1.tiscalinet.de/franzmann/>

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## 4. PUBLICATIONS

### ENGLISH

BLAIS, François. *Ending Poverty. A Basic Income for All Canadians*. Preface by Senator Lois Wilson. Halifax (Canada): Lorimer Paperback ([orderdesk@formac.ca](mailto:orderdesk@formac.ca)), 2002, 134p. ISBN 1-55028-755-9. <http://www.formac.ca/lorimer/lorimer.html>

Written by a professor of political science at Laval University (Québec), this is an English translation of the best French-language introduction to basic income, published in Montreal in 2001. The book consists of three chapters. Chapter 1 presents basic income as a polar alternative to workfare in a policy context in which all seem concerned to offer a cure for exclusion from employment which, at the very least, does not worsen the poverty level. Chapter 2 mobilises a large literature in an attempt to present basic income as an ideal combination, under present-day circumstances, of justice and efficiency. Finally, chapter 3 presents a critical overview of funding methods, as well as of a wide range of more modest measures, either already in place in some countries or under discussion, which might lead to the implementation of a genuine basic income. Devoid of economic and philosophical jargon, yet showing a full awareness of the intricacies of the financial and ethical issues involved, this is an extremely useful - and hopeful - book.

LAKE, Christopher, *Equality and Responsibility*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001, 192p., ISBN 0-19-924174-0

This academic book investigates the philosophical relation between equality and responsibility. Its final chapter engages critically with Stuart White's reciprocity objection to basic income. Reciprocity, Lake argues, is only a derivative concern and cannot ground a fundamental objection against out-of-work benefits. Moreover, White cannot appropriately compare different people's obligations to work, because he conflates "social contribution" and the "costs often associated with working". Once we recognize that some forms of contributive work do not represent a burden, and conversely some forms of burdensome work do not represent a genuine contribution, a simple unified basis upon which we can judge whether a person does his or her bit falls through. Lake does not discuss basic income at great length, but his critique of the reciprocity objection has obvious implications for the basic income debate.

STANDING, Guy. *Beyond the New Paternalism*. London: Verso, 2002, 306p. (Author's address: [GuyStanding@compuserve.com](mailto:GuyStanding@compuserve.com))

Largely based on the author's more scholarly *Global Labour Flexibility* (Basingstoke: Macmillan, 1999, 404p.), this new book by BIEN's co-chairman and director of ILO's Programme on Socio-economic Security is a more popular and accessible formulation of his diagnosis and of his faith. "Only a romantic utopian", he asserts, "would imagine 'the end of labour'. Yet labour is a means to an end, not an end in itself. Maximising the number of people in labour is a fetish. It can be done, at a cost, in terms of lower wages, less social protection, more stress, social illness and inequality. We need freedom from labour so that we can pursue work in conditions where multiple forms of activity are valued as preserving community and fraternity." The combination of flexibility and security which justice an efficiency require under current conditions is the polar opposite of subjection to workfare. It includes new forms of voice which broadens the function of Trade Unions and also a "floor constraint"



in the form of "a citizenship allowance, de-linked from performance of labour". "Dignified work needs basic security, or real freedom is denied", the book concludes, "The ultimate paradox is that it requires the freedom to do no work at all. Dignified work can only exist when it is done for intrinsic reasons, not because a landlord, a boss or the state says it shall be so." Tough language for an International Labour Office programme director, but no doubt consonant with the ILO's overarching goal of promoting social justice under ever changing circumstances.

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## FRENCH

GEFFROY, Laurent. Garantir le revenu. Histoire et actualité d'une utopie concrète. Paris: La Découverte & MAUSS ([www.editionsladecouverte.fr](http://www.editionsladecouverte.fr)), 2002, 206p, ISBN 2-7071-3696-4, EUR 17. (Author's address: [lego@noos.fr](mailto:lego@noos.fr))

An extremely well-informed monography on the history and recent debate around guaranteed income ideas, especially in France, largely based on an MA thesis in political science at the University of Paris. The final chapter, for example, uses first-hand information to tell the fascinating story of how some form of Earned Income Tax Credit was introduced in 2000 by Lionel Jospin's socialist government under the label "prime pour l'emploi" (employment premium), as a watered-down version of Roger Godino's more radical household-based Negative Income Tax. The latter would have integrated the existing guaranteed minimum scheme (RMI) and brought France closer to a universal basic income. But the birth of Jospin's refundable tax credit is nonetheless highly instructive about how controversial breakthroughs can occur.

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## 5. NATIONAL NETWORKS

### OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY BIEN

- *Citizen's Income Study Centre*  
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Website: [www.citizensincome.org](http://www.citizensincome.org)
- *Vereniging Basinkomen*  
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