

Call for Papers

BIEN CONGRESS 2014
15th Bi-annual Congress of the Basic Income Earth Network
“RE-DEMOCRATIZING THE ECONOMY”

27-29 June 2014
McGill University, Montréal
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Outline

The recent global economic crisis, and the dominant austerity response of national and international governing bodies, has vastly increased economic inequality, poverty, financial insecurity and social exclusion across the globe. Individuals and families in both the developing and developed world are experiencing tremendous vulnerability and powerlessness against an economy seemingly spiraling out of control. Many believe the time has now come to radically rethink our response to the crisis and its resulting precariousness, and the structural organization of the economic fabric in our societies.

BIEN Congress 2014 aims to explore the role a universal and unconditional basic income could play in re-democratizing our economy. The congress brings together academics, activists, policy makers, political representatives, NGOs, and interested members of the general public to discuss and debate issues arising from the introduction of a basic income.

BIEN Congress will be mainly conducted in English, with simultaneous translation in French for plenary sessions and selective French concurrent sessions.

The **13th North American Basic Income Guarantee (NABIG) Congress** will be held in conjunction with BIEN Congress 2014, including a day entirely devoted to basic income in Canada and the US on **26 June 2014**. The NABIG Congress is jointly organised by BICN and USBIG. Registered participants to BIEN Congress 2014 are welcome to attend the NABIG sessions.

Confirmed Keynote Speakers

BIEN Congress 2014 features an exciting list of academic and policy experts, including:

- Alicia Bárcena Ibarra, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), United Nations
- Roberto Gargarella, Professor of Constitutional Theory and Political Philosophy at the Universidad de Buenos Aires and Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professor at University College London
- Renana Jhabvala, President of the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA), Bharat, India
- Joe Soss, Cowles Chair for the Study of Public Service at the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
- Guy Standing, Professor in Development Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London and Co-President, BIEN
- David Stuckler, Senior Research Leader at University of Oxford and Research Fellow of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Chatham House

Call for Participation

BIEN Congress 2014 invites proposals for **individual papers**, **themed panels** of up to three papers and **discussion roundtables** that cover any aspect of the justification, design or implementation of basic income. Preference will be given to those proposals that focus on how basic income might re-democratize the economy.

The congress is open to any disciplinary approach or view, including those who express a constructive skepticism towards the basic income option.

Submitting Your Proposal

Proposals (in English or French) should be sent via email to proposal@biencanada.ca by **Monday 13 January 2014 at the latest**. Proposals received after this deadline may no longer be considered. Acceptance of your paper, panel or roundtable proposal will be confirmed by end of February.

1. Anyone interested in presenting a **paper** should send a title, a brief abstract (250 words max.), and contact info (name, institutional affiliation and contact email) to the congress organizers.
2. Proposals for **themed panels** of up to three papers should be organized around a clearly identifiable theme and include:
 - title and brief outline (250 words) of the panel
 - name and institutional affiliation of each speaker
 - title and short abstract of each paper
 - contact info of the panel convener
3. **Roundtable** proposals should contain title and outline of the topic and the names and institutional affiliations of up to five participants, as well as the contact info of the roundtable convener.

Conference Organizers

BIEN Congress 2014 is organized by the Basic Income Canadian Network/Réseau Canadien pour le revenu garanti (BICN/RCRG), in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN). The Congress is hosted by the Faculty of Law at McGill University.

Further Information

For details concerning the venue, program, registration, accommodation, or information about our partners and sponsors, visit our congress website at www.biencongress2014.com.