

Basic income. The key to a free society and a sane economy?

It may sound crazy to pay people an income whether or not they are working or looking for work. But today, with the traditional welfare state creaking under pressure, the idea of a basic income has become one of the most widely debated social policy proposals in the world. Several ambitious basic income experiments are currently being planned in different parts of the world and the very first basic income experiment in the Nordic context was recently launched in Finland. In this seminar Philippe Van Parijs, one of the world's most well-known advocates of basic income, will present this radical idea and explain why it is our most realistic hope for addressing economic insecurity and social exclusion in the twenty-first century.

Main speaker: Philippe Van Parijs, Professor at the Faculty of economic, social and political sciences of the Université catholique de Louvain.

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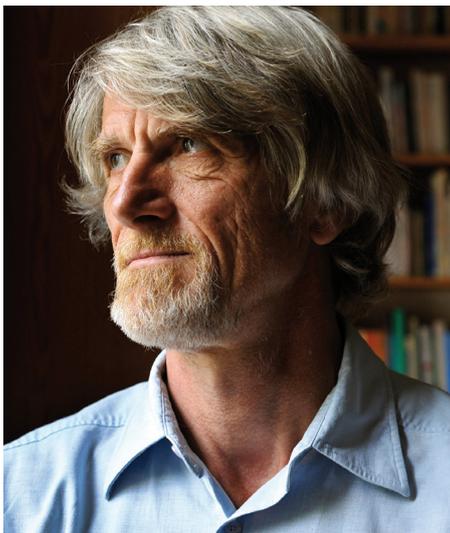
Andreas Bergh, is associated professor in Economics at Lund university and at the Research Institute of Industrial Economics in Stockholm.

Moderator: Gustaf Arrhenius, Director of the Institute for Futures Studies.

Place: Mahognysalen, Citykonditoriet, Adolf Fredriks kyrkogata 10, Stockholm.

Time: Thursday 30th of March, at 10.00–12.00 with coffee from 09.30.

Registration: Visit www.iffs.se/en/calendar



Philippe Van Parijs

Belgian philosopher and political economist, mainly known as a proponent and main defender of basic income and for the first systematic treatment of linguistic justice.

In 1986, he was one of the founders of the Basic Income European Network (BIEN), which became in 2004 the Basic Income Earth Network, and he chairs its International Board.

Co-author (with Yannick Vanderborght) of the book "Basic Income. A Radical Proposal for a Free Society and a Sane Economy" which will be published in March 2017.

