



## THE CITIZEN CITY INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ELR

Rio de Janeiro, May 9 and 10, 2008.

**Friday, May 9**

### **Opening Session**

President: Luciano Coutinho, president of BNDES  
Co-President: João Ferraz, director of Planning BNDES  
Ministers of State

### **First Panel (morning)**

#### **International Experiences with Job Guarantee Programs**

Rania Antonopoulos, The Levy Institute and Economist for Full Employment Network: "ELR job creation: contributing to a path of pro-poor growth, social inclusion and gender equality"

Daniel Kostzer, UNDP–Argentina: "The *Jefes del Jogar* Program: the Argentinean experience"

Maikel R. Lieuw-Kie-Song, South African Department of Public Works: "The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP): the South African experience"

Santosh Mehrotra, Planning Commission for Rural Development: "The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA): the Indian experience"

Maria da Conceição Tavares, Professor Emeritus, UFRJ: "Some notes on the international experiences with job guarantee"

*Coffee break/lunch*

### **Second Panel (14,30 -17,30)**

#### **The Citizen City Program: a proposed ELR program for Brazil**

J. Carlos de Assis, UEPB/BNDES: "The Citizen City Program: regenerating marginalized communities in Brazil through job guarantee"

*Commentators:*

Paul Singer, Ministry of Labor

Cândido Grzybowisk, director of IBASE

João Pedro Stedile, Landless Workers of Brazil Movement (MST)

*Coffee Break*

### **Third Panel (18,00 to 21,20)**

#### **Internal and External conditions for implementing ELR**

Luiz Gonzaga Belluzzo, Unicamp: "The revival of Keynesianism in emergent countries"

Fernando Cardim, UFRJ: "Full Employment policies and capital controls"

Luiz Carlos Bresser Pereira, FGV – São Paulo: "Financial constraints against economic development"

Irwin Friedman, Health Systems Trust: "The political and institutional challenges faced by ELR proponents"

Pinaki Chakraborty, Centre for Development Studies: "Political and fiscal restrictions to ELR – the Indian case"



**Saturday, May 10**

### **The Current Economic Relevance of Job Guarantee Programs**

Vice-president of Brazil, José Alencar  
Minister of Justice, Tarso Genro  
Special Secretary for Women Policies, Minister Nilcéa Freire  
President of the Brazilian Academy of Philosophy, Prof. João Moderno  
President of the Zero Unemployment Institute, Prof. José Carlos de Assis  
Director of BNDES, Prof. João Ferraz

### **First Panel (morning)**

#### **The Theory of Full Employment Policies (10 to 13,30)**

Jan Kregel (Levy Institute and University of Missouri-Kansas City): "Employer of Last Resort programs as a development strategy in a globalized world"

L. Randall Wray (University of Missouri-Kansas City and The Levy Institute, EUA): "Macroeconomic stabilization through ELR: feasible and desirable"

ILO: "Community development and urban renewal through job guarantee"

José Carlos de Assis (UEPB, BNDES, Zero Unemployment Institute): "Full Employment as a requirement for true citizenship and the basis for expanded democracy"

*Coffee Break/Lunch*

### **Second panel (14,30 to 17,00)**

Minister of Justice, Tarso Genro: "Employment as guarantee of Justice and Safety"  
Special Secretary for Women Policies, Minister Nilceia Freire: "Unemployment and Gender"

Senator Marcelo Crivella (president of the Brazilian Congressional Front for Full Employment): "The congressional challenge of addressing the high Brazilian unemployment rates"

### **Closing remarks**

Vice President of Brazil, José Alencar  
President of the Brazilian Academy of Philosophy, João Moderno

### **Extra-Agenda (17,30 to 19,30),**

*Organizational meeting of Economists for Full Employment (EFE) network*