

**National Academy of Social Insurance
22nd Annual Policy Conference
National Press Club, January 21 – 22, 2010**

“Beyond the Bad Economy: Jobs, Retirement, Health and Social Insurance”

Agenda

**Day One:
THURSDAY JANUARY 21, 2010**

- 9:00am** **Registration/Breakfast**
- 10:00am** **Welcome**
- 10:15am** **Opening Speaker — “The Bad Economy and Social Insurance”**
The Honorable Hilda L. Solis, U.S. Secretary of Labor, Department of Labor
(Invited)
- 10:45am** **Session I — What is the Impact of the Recession on Social Insurance?**
What is the evidence regarding persistent gaps in American families’ economic security, the reliance on social insurance, and the cost of not investing in the social safety net?
Moderator: Eric Rodriguez, National Council of La Raza
- Dean Baker, Center for Economic and Policy Research**
An overview of the session topic
- Jennifer Klein, Yale University**
Comparing today’s bad economy to economies of the past
- Mark Levitan, New York City Center for Economic Opportunity**
Are we effectively measuring gaps in the adequacy of social insurance benefits?
- Iris Lav, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities**
State Budgets under Stress: Impacts on Unemployment Insurance and Medicaid
Q&A
- 12:00pm** **Break**
- 12:30pm** **Lunch**
- 1:00pm** **Luncheon Debate — Point-Counterpoint — “How Should We Think About the Public Debt?”**
The impact of growing debt looking at benefits as well as liabilities for the nation and its households.
Moderator: Lisa Mensah, Initiative on Financial Security of the Aspen Institute
- Bradford DeLong, University of California, Berkeley**
Perspective on the public debt
- Maya MacGuineas, The New America Foundation**
Perspective on the public debt
Q&A

1:45pm

Break

2:00pm

Session II — The Stimulus Program and Jobs: A Report on Impact and Next Steps

A presentation on the prospects for a jobless recovery, the kind of safety nets needed by communities dominated by sectors that respond slowly to recovery efforts, and how the macro-economy will be different in the future. Three commentators will then talk about what a second stimulus program might do for their sectors.

Moderator: Jill Quadagno, Florida State University

Richard Freeman, Harvard University

What are the prospects for a jobless recovery? What kind of safety nets needed by communities dominated by sectors that respond more slowly and how the macro-economy will also be different in the future.

Commentators

Ed Montgomery, Director of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers

A perspective on the many-faceted impact on auto sector communities.

Mark Levinson, SEIU

The perspective of the labor sector on a second stimulus with a focus on health care jobs.

Rich Hobbie, National Association of State Workforce Agencies

A state workforce agency perspective on unemployment insurance benefits and job creation.

Q&A

3:30pm

Session III — What Role Does Social Security's Adequacy and Solvency Play?

The panel will highlight the growing importance of Social Security in light of losses in savings, home values, and job security during the recent financial crisis, recession, and the long-term trend away from employer-financed defined benefit pension plans. What do retirees need in order to make ends meet? How will retirees fare in the future? What can be done to strengthen the adequacy of Social Security benefits at an affordable cost? What are promising options to balance Social Security finances over the long term?

Moderator: William J. Arnone, Conference Co-chair

Nancy Altman, NASI Board Member/Consultant

The Role of Social Security for Working Families and Retirees

Maya Rockeymoore, Global Policy Solutions

Improving Benefit Adequacy for Vulnerable Groups

Daniel Franklin, Benenson Strategy Group

Views from the American Public: The NASI-Rockefeller Foundation Poll

Paul Van de Water, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Balancing Finances over the Long Term

Commentator

David John, Heritage Foundation

The federal deficit and its effects on public policy options

Q&A

5:00pm Reception — 2010 John Heinz Dissertation Award Presentation Ceremony

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Dinner Speaker — “What Have People Learned From The Bad Economy?”
Jane Bryant Quinn, Bloomberg News and Author of *Making the Most of Your Money Now*

**Day Two:
FRIDAY JANUARY 22, 2010**

8:00am NASI Members Only Breakfast/Annual Meeting

9:00am Roundtable discussions

10:00am Break

10:15am Opening Speaker — What Happened with Health Care Reform in 2009?
Moderator and Introducer: Harriet Komisar, Conference Co-chair
Susan Dentzer, *Health Affairs*

10:45am Session IV — A Look at Health Care Reform and What Remains to be Done
How far did the administration and congress get with health care reform legislation? What remains to be done? A technical look at the fundamentals of the new legislation.

Moderator: Jennie Chin Hansen, AARP

Judy Feder, Georgetown University

Overview of the New Legislation

Karen Pollitz, Georgetown University

How will the new reforms impact insurance markets and consumers?

David Cutler, Harvard University

How will the new reforms control health care spending?

Brian Smedley, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies

How will the new reforms impact health disparities?

Henry Eickelberg, General Dynamics

How will the new reforms impact employers?

Q&A

12:00pm Break

12:30pm Lunch

1:00pm Luncheon Panel Memorial to Senator Edward Kennedy
Moderator: Peter Edelman, Georgetown Law School

Constance Garner, Senate HELP Committee

Kenneth Feinberg, Feinberg Rozen, LLP

1:30pm Break

**1:45pm Session V — Are We Meek or Merely Careful? Innovations for
Strengthening U.S. Social Insurance**

Moderator and Overview: Bill Rodgers, Conference Co-chair

Joseph V. Haggerty, United Way Worldwide

New responses of the private voluntary sector to growing systemic risk

Hilary Doe, Roosevelt Institute

What will the “New Generation” be willing to support?

Lawrence R. Jacobs, University of Minnesota

What will be the new social insurance model?

Q&A

**3:15pm Adjournment/ Wrap-up from Co-chairs
What do Policymakers Need to Know Next?**