

The 37th conference
of the Council of Georgist Organizations

BRIDGING LEFT & RIGHT

July 27-31, 2017
in O'Fallon Illinois

THIS YEAR we'll be getting together in the St. Louis, Missouri area — for an event focused on networking, meeting old friends, battery-recharging and enriching understanding. Our headquarters will be a few miles from downtown, at the Hilton Garden Inn.



HENRY GEORGE'S ideas are respected on both sides of the political spectrum. It is time for the Georgist movement to Bridge to Gap.

THERE will be plenty of fodder for the intellectually famished, with presentations that run the gamut from local to global concerns, and an overall emphasis on our movement's unique "Third Way" potential.

THURSDAY, JULY 27TH

7:30 - 9:30 — **OPENING RECEPTION.** Local host Al Katzenberger and President Dan Sullivan welcome us to St. Louis and discuss the issues before this conference.

FRIDAY, JULY 28TH

8:10 - 8:50 — **OPEN MIKE**

9:00 - 10:30 — **LOCAL ISSUES: "PUPPY TRAINING & AMERICAN ECONOMIC DISASTER"** Don Killoren on the neglect of real estate in St. Louis, and Andrew Theising on how land value tax would revitalize the East. St. Louis waterfront.

10:45 - Noon — **"LVT EFFORTS FROM STATE TO STATE"** Josh Vincent on progress in Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

12:15 - 1:30 — Lunch; **CGO MEMBER REPORTS**

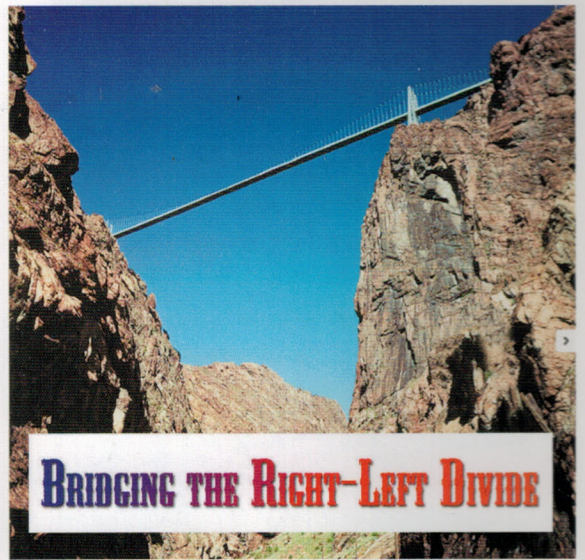
1:45 - 2:45 — **"MARKET-VALUE PROPERTY TAX IN ONTARIO: OVERALL SUCCESS, WITH CAVEATS"** Erich Jacoby-Hawkins, with Ted Gwartney as respondent.

3 - 4 — **"TALE OF TWO MEGACITIES"** Gordon Abiama and Lindy Davies compare and contrast the political economies, and public revenue challenges, of Lagos, Nigeria and New York City.

4:15 - 5 — **"RESEARCH FOR LAND VALUE TAX POLICY IMPLEMENTATION"** Alanna Hartzok discusses a project designed to help mayors work to shift their municipal revenue toward LVT in cities around the world.

Dinner on your own

Each evening, starting at 7:30 — **SELECTED GEORGIST VIDEOS**, in the room next to the bar.



SATURDAY, JULY 29TH

8:10 - 8:50 am — **OPEN MIKE**

9 - 10:15 — **"THEORIES OF RENT DISTRIBUTION"** Jeff Graubart explores what natural law tells us, and Nic Tideman makes the case for voluntary global rent-sharing.

10:30 - 11:45 — **"THE PEOPLE'S ENDOWMENT: COMMON RESOURCES AND BASIC INCOME"** Karl Widerquist and Vitnarae Kang explore this powerful set of tools for eliminating poverty.

12 - 1:30 — Lunch; special guest Anthony Werner on **A PRINCIPLED APPROACH TO ECONOMICS**

1:45 - 2:45 — **BILL BATT** reports on eight new Georgist books on varied applications overseas.

2:45 - 3:45 — Gordon Abiama, on **THE GEORGIST PHILOSOPHY, AFRICA AND THE ECOVILLAGE CONNECTION**

4 - 5 — **BOOK LAUNCH: PROGRESS AND POVERTY: THE ANNOTATED WORKS OF HENRY GEORGE, VOL. 2.**

Brendan Hennigan hosts a panel including Ted Gwartney, Nic Tideman and Erich Jacoby-Hawkins — with selected readings, and audience participation.

SUNDAY, JULY 30TH

8:10 - 8:50 — **OPEN MIKE**

9 - 9:45 — Brendan Hennigan on **TOOLS FOR MEASURING SUCCESS.**

10 - 11 — Dan Sullivan presents a video/discussion of excerpts from Ralph Nader's **"IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK."**

11:15 - 12 — Josh Vincent addresses **"WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T, IN AN ERA OF POLARIZATION."**

12 - 1 — Lunch; **CGO MEMBER REPORTS**

1:15 - 2 — John Kelly discusses **WHAT TO ADVOCATE, IF LVT ISN'T AN IMMEDIATE OPTION.**

2 - 3 — Lindy Davies offers a Georgist interpretation of Karl Polanyi's concepts of **"COMMODIFICATION OF LAND, LABOR AND MONEY."**

3 - 5:30 — **CGO BUSINESS MEETING.**

6 - 7 — Pre banquet cash bar reception.

7 - 9 — Gala Banquet with Speaker Mike Curtis on **"BRIDGING THE LEFT-RIGHT DIVIDE."**

Presentation of CGO awards.

MONDAY, JULY 31ST

8:10 - 8:50 — **OPEN MIKE**

9 - 10:30 — **FAREWELL BREAKFAST: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?** Interactive session recapping information from the previous sessions, with your host, Sue Walton.

*The Law of Rent never changes,
but our schedule might, without notice.*