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Conference on the
**ECONOMIC
DEMOCRACY ACT**

A Plan for
Uprooting Systemic Poverty and
Economically Empowering Every Person



9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Saturday, April 29, 2023
Housatonic Community College
Bridgeport, Connecticut

CONFERENCE ON THE ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY ACT

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WHEN: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Saturday, April 29, 2023

WHERE: Housatonic Community College | Bridgeport, Connecticut

SPEAKERS/PANELISTS (initial list):

Connecticut State Senator Dr. **Herron Gaston**

Missouri State Senator **Karla May**

Carolyn Nah, Ph.D., former President, Bridgeport Chapter, NAACP

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Gene Gordon, Executive Director, Descendants of American Slaves for Economic and Social Justice (St. Louis, Missouri)

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

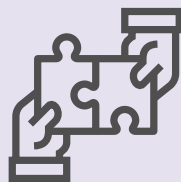
Panel 1: A New Paradigm for Sustainable Growth and Economic Empowerment of Every Person

Poverty as the Parent of Crime, Racism, War, and Environmental Destruction

- How Poverty Destroys Democracy
- Economic Democracy: The Material Foundation for Political Democracy
- A New Money System for Enabling Every Person to Own a Piece of the Future

Fundamental Concepts of Economic Democracy

- What is Property?
- What is Capital?
- What is Money?



Why is Capital Ownership Essential for Personal Freedom?

- A Simple Truth: Own or be Owned.
- Why Free Markets Need Universal Citizen Access to Capital Ownership
- Why the Full Rights of Private Property Must be Restored
- Limiting the Economic Power of the State

BREAK

Panel 2: Social Tools and Social Justice: Designing a Just Money and Tax System

The Universal Right of Capital Ownership and Access to Money Power

- The United Nations' "Universal Declaration of Human Rights," Art. 17 (1948)
- The Universal Right to Ownership and Equal Citizen Access to "Money Power"
- How to Democratize Future Ownership and Access to New Money
- Protecting the Property Rights of Existing and Future Owners



The Role of Central Banks in Democratizing the Economy

- Commercial Banks (including Cooperative Banks and Local Banks)
- Insurance Companies (for providing Capital Credit Insurance)
- Who Should Own and Control the Federal Reserve and International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

BREAK

Panel 3: A New Plan and Policy: The Economic Democracy Act (EDA)

Promoting Democratization of Future Capital Ownership at the Local, National, and Global Level

- EDA Monetary Reforms
- EDA Tax Reforms
- EDA Inheritance and Gift Reforms



Precedents and Models

- A Homestead Act for the 21st Century
- The Employee Stock Ownership Plan (Existing US Legislation)
- The Citizen's Land Development Cooperative Act (Missouri)
- A State Resolution Calling for US Congress to Pass the EDA
- The EDA as New Economic Policy for a New Nation (Biafra)



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Panel 4: A Person-Centered Global Vision for the Future

- Financing and Democratizing Scientific and Engineering Research, Development and Commercialization of Green Technologies for the Global Market
- Moving from Wage-Welfare Slavery to Economic Freedom
- Education, Leisure Work, and Work for the Common Good



CLOSING REMARKS: Where Do We Go From Here?