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***ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN AN AGE OF ABUNDANCE AND SCARCITY***

# Economic Justice in an Age of Abundance and Scarcity



## Sixth Annual Conference Philosophy and Religion in Africana Traditions

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
in NYC

The conference is free and  
open to the public

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Friday, October 25  
10:00 AM- 6:30 PM  
The Graduate Center of  
The City University of New York  
Rooms 9204  
365 Fifth Avenue, b/n 34th & 35th streets  
New York, New York 10016



Saturday, October 26  
10:00- AM- 6:00 PM  
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This conference will seek to address the stupendous economic disparity that exists in the U.S.A. and in other countries, large and small and how socio-economic conditions lead to breakdown in social relations and how sometimes economic improvement does not necessarily result in better social relationships. Consideration will be given as to how excessive wealth disorder and income inequality subvert the political process and adversely affect human relations. We will emphasize the link between climate justice and human flourishing. Ultimately our task is not only to fight for a living wage but also restore dignity in work and foster solidarity among peoples. If you are interested in being a presenter please send a brief abstract of your paper and biographical information by to:

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