

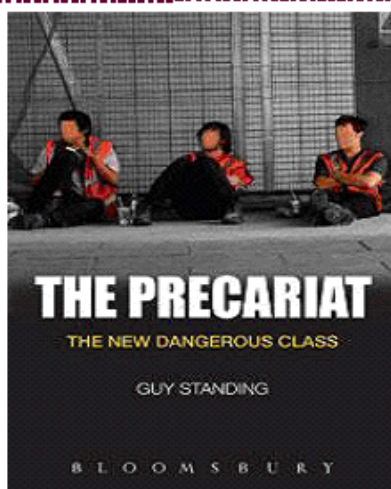
# THE PRECARIAT

## The New Dangerous Class

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Neoliberal policies and institutional changes have produced a huge and growing number of people with sufficiently common experiences to be called **an emerging class**.

In this book, Guy Standing introduces what he calls the **precariat** – a growing number of people across the world living and working precariously, usually in a series of short-term jobs, without recourse to stable occupational identities or careers, stable social protection or protective regulations relevant to them.

They include migrants, but also locals. Increasingly frustrated and potentially dangerous because they have no voice, vulnerable to the siren calls of extreme political parties, the precariat could produce new instabilities in society.

How might these dangers be addressed? Standing outlines a new kind of good society, with more people actively involved in civil society and the precariat re-engaged. One way to this better society, he suggests, would be **an unconditional basic income for everyone, contributed by the state, which could be topped up through earned incomes**.

This is a topical and radical book, which will appeal to readers concerned about the growing problems of labour insecurity and civic disengagement.

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### **The Precariat: The New Dangerous Class**

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"This important and original book brings out the political dangers...of failing to address the insecurities of the precariat. It also suggests the way forward: a reconstruction of the concept of work."  
– Eileen Applebaum, Centre for Economic and Policy Research, Washington DC

**Copies of the book will be available for purchase at a discount**

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Guy Standing is currently Professor of Economic Security at the University of Bath in the UK. He was previously Director of the Socio-Economic Security Programme of the International Labour Organization, where he worked for 30 years. He has been involved in numerous research and advisory projects, in developed and developing countries and, in the early 1990s, in the “transition” countries of Eastern Europe. He has written and edited books on labour economics, labour market policy, unemployment, labour market flexibility, structural adjustment policies and social protection policy.

Recent books include: *The Precariat: The New Dangerous Class* (London and New York, Bloomsbury Academic, 2011); *Social Income and Insecurity: A Study in Gujarat*, with Jeemol Unni, Renana Jhabvala and Uma Rani (New Delhi, Routledge, 2010); *Work after Globalization: Building Occupational Citizenship* (Cheltenham, Edward Elgar, 2009); and *Promoting Income Security as a Right: Europe and North America* (London, Anthem Press, 2005). Dr. Standing was also coordinating editor and main writer of the ILO’s *Economic Security for a Better World*, a global report issued in 2004.

Dr. Standing is a founder member and co-president of the Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN), an international non-governmental organization that promotes a citizenship income for all. He is currently involved in several unconditional cash transfer pilot schemes in India.

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