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**Senator Eduardo M. Suplicy of the Workers' Party of Brazil to Lecture at Ramapo College May 8**

(MAHWAH, NJ) -Brazil is the first country to adopt a law that calls for the gradual introduction of a basic income, a tool considered by many, according to the Global Basic Income Foundation, to be the best way to mitigate poverty.

Senator Eduardo Matarazzo Suplicy, one of the founders of Brazil's Workers' Party, will be presenting the lecture, "The Perspective of a Citizen's Basic Income in Brazil," on Wednesday, May 8 at 4 p.m. in the York Room of the Birch Mansion. A question and answer session will follow the lecture. All attendees are invited to a light reception immediately following the Q&A.

Senator Suplicy's academic and political careers have focused on the principles of basic income. He is an accomplished legislator on the subject and a world-renowned thought leader. He received his PhD from Michigan State University in 1973, when he wrote the thesis "The Effects of Mini Devaluation in the Brazilian Economy." He conducted his post-doctoral work at Stanford University. He has also published several books, including *Basic Income: The Exit is Through the Door* and *Citizen's Basic Income*.

During his second term with Brazil's Workers' Party, Suplicy was elected to the presidency of the Federal Senate Commission Foreign Relations and National Defense for the biennium. Brazil also instituted the Citizen's Basic Income Program in 2004 under his leadership.

Ramapo College has become a common destination for prominent speakers. Nobel Prize winners Paul Krugman and Joseph Stiglitz, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, human rights activists Dr. Nawal El Sadaawi and Ted Kennedy, Jr. and *The New York Times* bestselling authors Jeffrey Zaslow and Oliver Sacks have all visited the campus for presentations in recent years.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Brittany Goldstein at (201) 684-7609 or [bwillial@ramapo.edu](mailto:bwillial@ramapo.edu). Space is limited. RSVPs must be sent in by May 1, 2013.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth in the Best Regional Universities North category for public institutions, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes mistaken for a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,008 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers five graduate programs as well as articulated programs with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.