

Will UBI (Really) Change the World? Global Evidence on Basic Income

Targeted cash transfers have been hotly discussed in policy circles since at least the early 2000s when programs such as Brazil's Bolsa Familia made history. More recently, the debate has shifted towards Unconditional Basic Income (UBI) and how such alternative schemes could provide for an effective and dignified social and development policy.

Jointly organized by the Center for Contemporary Solidarity Studies (CeSCoS) of the University of Vienna and the Austrian Foundation for Development Research (OeFSE), this small symposium brings together a group of experts to discuss the aspirations and realities of UBI interventions in the Global South and beyond.

The event takes place both on site in Vienna and online. It is free and open to all.

We look forward to your participation!

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and online via Zoom

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Speakers and Chairs:

Marcia Gibson

is a researcher at the School of Health and Wellbeing, University of Glasgow. Her work focusses on systematic reviews of the health impacts of complex social interventions.

Miriam Laker

is Director of Research at GiveDirectly. She is a Medical Doctor and clinical researcher with more than a decade's experience working in academia and international development.

Sarath Davala

is a sociologist based in Hyderabad, India, and is currently the Chair of the Basic Income Earth Network. He is the Research Director of WorkFree Basic Income Pilot Project with waste collectors in Hyderabad city.

Julio Linares

is an activist and economic anthropologist from Guatemala. He serves as Social Outreach for the Basic Income Earth Network and is the co-founder of the Circles UBI system and Cooperative in Berlin.

Teodoro Criscione

is a PhD student in Network Science at the Department of Network and Data Science at Central European University in Vienna, Austria, and a Junior Researcher at the Freiburg Institute for Basic Income Studies at Freiburg University.

Diana Bashur

is a PhD student at the University of Vienna, Austria, researching basic income as a peacebuilding tool. She works with the UN and is Secretary of the Basic Income Earth Network.

Barbara Prainsack

is a professor at the Department of Political Science at the University Vienna, where she also directs the Research Platform 'Governance of Digital Practices' and the Center for the Study of Contemporary Solidarity (CeSCoS).

Lukas Schlögl

is a Senior Researcher with the Austrian Foundation for Development Research (OeFSE) and a Fellow with the Department of Political Science at the University of Vienna.

Programme

10.00

Welcome

Barbara Prainsack (Uni Vienna)
Lukas Schlögl (ÖFSE)

10.15 -11.30

Keynote: A Synthesis of Evidence on UBI's impacts (chair: Lukas Schlögl)

Marcia Gibson (University of Glasgow, Social & Public Health Sciences)

11.30

Break

12.00-13.00

Talks Part I (chair: Lukas Schlögl)

12.00-12.30

UBI vs. Cash Transfers: Different Mechanisms for Different Goals

Miriam Laker (GiveDirectly)

12.30-13.00

A Basic Income pilot among Hyderabad's waste collectors: a first set of results

Sarath Davala (India Network of Basic Income, BIEN)

13.00-14.00

Lunch break

14.00-15.30

Talks Part II (chair: Barbara Prainsack)

14.00-14.30

Basic Income and the Circulation of Currency

Julio Linares (BIEN, Circles), Teodoro Criscione (Central European University)

14.30-15.00

Is there a Case for Basic Income in Post-Conflict Countries?

Diana Bashur (Uni Vienna and BIEN)

15.00-15.30

Basic Income from a European Perspective

Barbara Prainsack (Uni Vienna)

15.30-16.30

Discussion