



Online event on Net Basic Income: Basic Income in times of Covid-19 and post-pandemic perspectives

How does the concept of a Net Basic Income (NBI) work, which Bernhard Neumärker presented in Susanne Wiest's Bundestag petition for a basic income in times of crisis (October 2021)? What can be learned from the discussions with parliamentarians in the Committee on Petitions, and what should we make of the support that the petition received from a considerable section of the population? How could the NBI be transformed into a fully-fledged Basic Income in post-crisis times, and what role could environmental taxes play in financing a UBI?

Together with the UBI activist, Susanne Wiest, the scientists Bianca Blum and Bernhard Neumärker will be presenting the results of their work with an eye to the future. The event will be moderated by Enno Schmidt, and the language will be English. Bernhard Neumärker and Bianca Blum's contributions will be based in part on two papers they published this summer.

On 07 October 2021 at 6 pm (CEST). Duration: Approx. 90 minutes.

Public event; language: English

[Link to the event](#)

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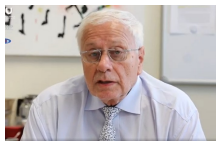
Bianca Blum: Research Associate at the Götz Werner Chair of Economic Policy and Constitutional Economic Theory (Freiburg University)

Prof. Dr. Bernhard Neumärker: Professor of Economic Policy (Götz Werner Chair), Director of the Department of Economic Policy and Constitutional Economic Theory at Freiburg University and head of FRIBIS.

Susanne Wiest: Basic Income activist and initiator of the petition for a basic income in times of crisis at the German Bundestag (October 2020).

Host and interpreter: **Enno Schmidt**

The advantages of a UBI and financing it through VAT



Prof. Friedrich Schneider, a visiting professor at the Götz Werner Chair (GWP) in the summer semester of 2020, spoke about the Unconditional Basic Income in the run-up to the Bundestag hearing on NBI. In [this short video](#) (in German), Prof. Schneider offers a number of arguments for the introduction of a UBI and takes a look at the possibility of financing the UBI via VAT.

Karl Widerquist on UBI: Interview with Enno Schmidt



The philosopher and economist Karl Widerquist, professor at Georgetown University in Qatar, will be GWP guest professor in Freiburg in the summer semester of 2022. In a [video interview with Enno Schmidt](#) (in English), he talks about the advantages and disadvantages of UBI test projects, the possible influence of a real UBI on wages, UBI financing via (resource) taxes, the Alaska Permanent Fund, the development of the UBI debate over the last four decades and the extent to which some form of UBI is already in place in some of the rich oil states in the Persian Gulf.

Why a UBI is more in line with the ideal of democracy than the current German welfare state



In this [video statement](#) (in German) Prof. Dr. Sascha Liebermann, professor of Sociology at the Alanus University of Arts and Social Sciences and GWP visiting professor in the summer semester 2021, talks about contradictions between the current welfare state and democracy. He argues that a UBI would help citizens to gain more autonomy and thus correspond to the normative ideal of the democratic community, which is based on political maturity and self-determination.