

**FRIBIS  
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# **BASIC INCOME & DEVELOPMENT**

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## Basic Income & Development

Basic income has become the subject of a lively and controversial debate in politics, civil society and academia. By questioning the fundamental assumptions of our social interaction, it challenges us to redefine the way we want to live together. At *Basic Income and Development*, this year's FRIBIS' annual conference, we will be taking a closer look at the relationship between basic income and development ideas and the potential they hold for the challenges of both the present and the future.

For decades globalization and neoliberal economic policies have driven social and ecological crises worldwide. The ongoing climate change has not only lead to environmental disasters, but is also causing social crises. The increasing social and economic inequality is resulting in social polarization and increasing support for populist parties. And, as more and more public goods and services have been privatized in favour of economic growth, the risks in the wake of the various global crises have become collective problems. At the same time standards for the management of natural resources and the natural living environment are lacking, as are norms and values for labour markets, health policy and crisis prevention. We also lack sustainable means and mechanisms to establish social, ecological and economic justice.

Given these challenges, we want to explore the extent to which basic income can help to overcome crises and create new perspectives. Could a basic income help us to use environmental resources more sustainably, preserve biodiverse habitats and make social communities more resilient? Would it help people in (post-)conflict regions to build or secure social peace? Or would it rather have the opposite effect, as some critics suggest? What are the potentials and risks of a basic income for development practices in the Global South, and how does this/do they relate to concepts of redistribution and justice? These and other questions will be addressed at this year's FRIBIS annual conference.

We welcome contributions from scholars and activists of all genders, cultures and places. Each conference participant can only participate in a maximum of two categories (presentation, discussant, workshop, lab or roundtable organization and leadership). It is not possible to participate twice in the same category. Please send both your abstract (maximum 1,200 characters incl. blanks) and a short version of the abstract (maximum 300 characters incl. blanks) to Fabienne Hansen [[conference@fribis.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:conference@fribis.uni-freiburg.de)]. Further information on the specific formats and subject areas can be found on the [FRIBIS homepage](#). **Deadline: 31 May 2022.**

The conference will take place in Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany). Due to the uncertain pandemic situation and the resulting travel and event restrictions, we cannot yet say with certainty in which form the conference will take place (presence, hybrid or online). But we will make every effort to let you know in good time.

## Call for Student Participation

As part of FRIBIS' promotion of young researchers, students (at least 4th bachelor semester) are also invited to present their ideas. We are particularly – but by no means exclusively – looking forward to contributions dealing with the following topics:

- **Ecologically sustainable development:** What role can a UBI play in improving people's economic living conditions while protecting the environment?
- **Development cooperation and social justice:** Could the function of a basic income be to render development cooperation more efficient, increasing equal opportunities and promoting redistribution from top to bottom?
- **Basic income in (post-)conflict regions:** What impact could the introduction of a UBI have in regions branded by resource conflicts and power struggles? Can a UBI support societies in their development towards more resilience and social peace?
- **Proposals beyond the conference's focus on "development" are also welcome.**

The best presentation at the conference will receive the **FRIBIS Student Award**, which comes with a prize of €500. Proposals should include the following information (**summarized in one PDF file**):

- a title
- name(s) and email address(es) of the author(s)
- a short abstract of less than 300 characters (including blanks)
- a longer abstract of less than 1200 characters (including blanks).

Please send your papers to [conference@fribis.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:conference@fribis.uni-freiburg.de). Contributions will be accepted in both German and English. Note that we will not confirm receipt of the proposal until the end of the call (31 May 2022). The decision on the admission of papers will be made by the conference organizers by 15 June 2022 and the authors will be informed subsequently.