

**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 Workshops

The FRIBIS Workshops are open for activities of all kinds: artistic performances, open discussion sessions, workshops with group activities, and more. The focus will be on experimenting with new ideas and approaches. Our priority is not to exhibit finished results, but rather to develop new ideas, also in direct exchange with the conference participants.

Proposals should include the following information and be summarized **in one PDF file**):

- a title for the laboratory
- an indication of whether the laboratory will be virtual or face-to-face
- the name and email address(es) of the lab leader(s)
- a short summary (less than 300 characters; including blanks)
- a longer summary (less than 1200 characters, including blanks).

The longer summary should outline the requirements of the laboratory, e.g. its technical and material demands. It is possible to limit the number of participants by pre-registration. Please indicate the minimum and maximum number of participants so that your laboratory can be carried out in the best possible way. Please also stipulate what the participants will need during the lab activity (if necessary). We will not confirm reception of the proposals until the end of the call for contributions (31 May 2022). The decision on the admission of a laboratory will be made by the organizers by 15 June 2022 and will be announced subsequently to the lab leaders.