



Basic Income and Social Power: Book Presentation and Expert Workshop at the University of Freiburg on September 4 and 5, 2024

The FRIBIS Annual Conference 2024 (7 – 9 October), held at the University of Freiburg, was titled "Towards the development of a full UBI? Perspectives on partial approaches in different welfare systems." The conference brought together over 40 speakers and 79 registered participants, offering a hybrid format that enabled both in-person and online attendance via Zoom.

The conference was structured around three main themes: the first examining UBI as social security and its role in welfare systems, the second exploring the connection between basic income and ecological sustainability, and the third addressing international UBI models.

We asked participants to share their personal impressions, asking questions like: Which debates have resonated most strongly? What new insights have emerged? Which questions remain unresolved? Answers to these and other questions, along with extensive photo documentation, can be found in our [detailed conference report](#).

Workshop at the Dortmund University of Applied Sciences,
January 24, 2025 on UBI and Social Infrastructure



The Dortmund University of Applied Sciences, in collaboration with FRIBIS, the German Basic Income Network and BIEN Austria, will host a workshop on "Universal Basic Income and Social Infrastructure" on January 24, 2025. Experts, including several FRIBIS members, will explore the potential synergies between individual basic security and public services in creating a socially sustainable society. The event will combine theoretical analysis with practical insights from social work, particularly in the assistance of the homeless. [Read more.](#)

FRIBIS at the BIEN Congress 2024 in Bath



This year's BIEN Congress (29 - 31 August) at the University of Bath was titled "Reclaiming radical roots: Basic income and Socio-Ecological Transformation". A number of FRIBIS members presented their research – ranging from exit options from precarious conditions and gender perspectives in basic income research to narrative economics, local basic income initiatives and socio-ecological transformation. [Detailed congress reports can be found here.](#)

Basic income lecture series in Vienna and Margit Appel joins FRIBIS "care" team



The University of Vienna will be hosting a lecture series on Universal Basic Income as a tool for social transformation and policy making in the winter semester 2024/25. Led by Prof. Barbara Prainsack, the series has been organized in cooperation with BIEN Austria and will feature several FRIBIS members as speakers. Among them is Margit Appel, co-founder of BIEN Austria and a new member of the [FRIBIS "care" team](#). She will be sharing her expertise on feminist perspectives on basic income. [Find out more here.](#)

FRIBIS team "Basisgeld" contributes expertise to public debate



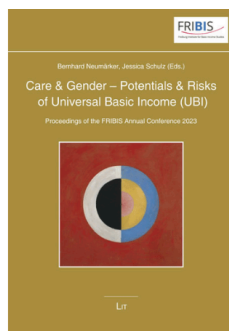
Two members of the [FRIBIS "Basisgeld" team](#) recently shared their expertise in current political discussions: Wolfgang Strengmann-Kuhn presented the basic income concept developed by Prof. Alexander Spermann in the German Bundestag on October 17, 2024. Stefan Bach (DIW Berlin) simultaneously introduced his concept of an income-dependent climate premium, which could be distributed via tax ID from 2026. [Read more.](#)

FRIBIS XUBI team reports: Important milestone for "Hamburg testet Grundeinkommen"



The "Hamburg testet Grundeinkommen" (Hamburg Tests Basic Income) initiative submitted over 95,000 signatures to the Hamburg Senate on October 1, 2024 – significantly exceeding the required 65,000 – to launch Germany's first state-funded basic income pilot project. The planned three-year trial aims to provide 2,000 people with a basic income and will be scientifically supervised by the [FRIBIS XUBI team](#). [Learn more here.](#)

New FRIBIS volume released: *Care & Gender – Potentials & Risks of Universal Basic Income (UBI)*



The fifth volume in the FRIBIS series, *Care & Gender – Potentials & Risks of Universal Basic Income (UBI)*, has just been released. Edited by Bernhard Neumärker and Jessica Schulz, this volume brings together selected contributions from the 2023 FRIBIS Annual Conference, which examined basic income comprehensively from an intersectional feminist perspective for the first time. The volume is available from LIT Verlag in print and as an e-book. [Read more.](#)

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