

## **Debating Unconditional Basic Income: Views from the developing and the developed worlds**

A revival of the idea of basic income is a paramount feature of current times. From the left to the right, throughout the political spectrum, voices increasingly converge in claiming that an unconditional basic income would address major social and structural problems such as today's technological unemployment and underemployment; extreme poverty; welfare traps and hidden disincentives to work, freeing human beings from bureaucracy and poor jobs and enabling them to reach their potential.

In such a polarized world is it possible that basic income may escape ideologies and end up as a cure-all solution to persistent problems in relation to labor market flexibility, new forms of entrepreneurialism, and growing concentration of wealth? Would basic income reinvent work? Or would it reinforce the primacy of modern finance over our lives by generalizing social policy as a collateral to access new financial products?

### **Round-table (open to the public)**

**Opening:** Lena Lavinas (WIKO)

**Moderator:** Barbara Fritz (LAI - Freie Universität)

**Presenter:** Yannick Vanderborght (Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles, Centre de Recherche en Science Politique ([CReSPo](#) & [Chaire Hoover](#) - Louvain University)).  
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**Discussants:** Anke Hassel (Hertie School of Governance)  
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