
Beyond Work for Pay? Basic-Income Concepts in Global Debates on Automation, Poverty, and Unemployment (1920-2020)

Workshop at the [German Historical Institute Washington](#)
Sept. 30/Oct. 1, 2022

Conveners: Manuel Franzmann (Christian-Albrecht University of Kiel), Axel Jansen (GHI Washington), Alice O'Connor (University of California, Santa Barbara)

Friday, Sept. 30, 2022

- 9:30 am** Welcome (Axel Jansen)
Opening remarks by conveners (Alice O'Connor)
- 10:00 – 11:30 am** **Panel 1: UBI and Social Movements**
Chair: Alice O'Connor
Oleksandr Svitych (O. P. Jindal Global University, New Delhi), "Amartya Sen, Karl Polanyi, and Universal Basic Income"
César Guzmán-Concha (University of Geneva), "Social Movements as Policy Entrepreneurs: Mainstreaming Universal Basic Income in Britain"
Respondent Grace Davie (City University of New York)
- 11:30 – 11:45 am** **Coffee Break**

11.45 am – 1.15 pm Panel 2: UBI, Technology, and the Future of Work

Chair: Manuel Franzmann

Natalie Rauscher (Ruprecht Karl University of Heidelberg), "This time is different, or is it? The Universal Basic Income in recent public and political discourse around technological change in the United States"

Otto Lehto (New York University), "The Permanent Unemployment Hypothesis vs. the Permanent Uncertainty Hypothesis: A Paradigm Shift in the UBI Debate?"

Respondent

Louis Hyman (Cornell University, Ithaca, NY)

1:15 – 3:00 pm Lunch on your own

3:00 – 4.45 pm Panel 3: UBI and the Shifting Parameters of Social Provision

Chair: Axel Jansen

Daniel Zamora (Université Libre de Bruxelles), "The Rise of Cash Transfers and the Demise of Development Economics"

Respondents

Ugo Gentilini (World Bank, Washington, DC)
Jennifer Burns (Stanford University)

6:00 pm Conference Dinner

Saturday, October 1, 2022

9:30 – 11:00 am Panel 4: The Politics of Popular Support

Chair: Atiba Pertilla (GHI Washington)

Toru Yamamori (Doshisha University, Kyoto City, Japan), "A Forgotten Feminist History of Universal Basic Income and Responsible Production" [[via Internet](#)]

Bru Laín (University Barcelona, Spain), "Why do basic income experiments fail in assessing employment impact? Evidence from Barcelona's B-MINCOME pilot"

Respondent

Axel Jansen

11:30 – 11:45 am Coffee Break

**11:30 am – 12.45pm Concluding Discussion
Roundtable – UBI: A Conversation with
History**

Chair: Axel Jansen

Roundtable:

Martin Geyer (Ludwig Maximilians Universität Munich)

Alice O'Connor

Conversation with the audience

12:45 pm

Lunch

End of Workshop