Call for Papers

BASIC INCOME AND THE EURO-DIVIDEND AS SOCIOPOLITICAL PILLARS OF THE EU AND ITS MEMBER COUNTRIES
Interdisciplinary Conference at the University of Freiburg, Germany

October 11-12, 2018

Keynote Speakers:
Philippe Van Parijs (Université Catholique de Louvain)
Olli E. Kangas (KELA, Finland)
Malcolm Torry (London School of Economics)
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In Europe, the public debate about a universal basic income (UBI) is usually a national one. In recent years, though, a European version of a UBI attracted more and more attention – primarily pushed by a suggestion of Philippe Van Parijs titled by him as a "Euro-Dividend".

This conference aims to shed light at pros and cons of an EU wide UBI regulation and its relation to national approaches from an interdisciplinary perspective. Both UBI approaches shall be analysed and discussed with respect to justice, economic and migration effects, legal aspects, creation of solidarity in the EU, and their political viability. On the first day, the conference will address general topics about UBI while the schedule of the second day contains EU-related concepts just like the Euro-Dividend.

We invite papers from philosophy, sociology, political science, law, economics and even technical sciences addressing one or more of the following topics:

- UBI and arguments of freedom, solidarity, social and gender justice
- Changing time allocation and shifting time sovereignty, voluntarism and creativity
- Legal aspects of UBI
- Experiments and microsimulations on UBI’s determination and impact
- UBI in the digital age / robots, AI, labor, and the welfare state
- The European pillar of social rights, UBI, and Euro-Dividend: creating European solidarity
- Financial feasibility of a UBI and financing concepts of a Euro-Dividend
- EU labour market effects and migration (on international level and within the EU)

Please send the title and an abstract of about one-page length by June 11th, 2018, to max.trommsdorff@vwl.uni-freiburg.de. Participants will be informed about the acceptance of their papers by July 2nd.

For more information, please visit www.wipo.uni-freiburg.de/conferences/BI-Conference.