

Does Universal Basic Income Improve Health?

Knowledge Gaps and the Design of a Randomised Controlled Trial

Programme – September 23
Kristiania University of Applied Sciences
Room P2-03, Prinsens gate 7-9, Oslo
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About the Conference

This half-day conference brings together leading voices in Universal Basic Income and Health to explore the conditions, challenges, and knowledge gaps relevant to designing a credible UBI trial in Norway. Against a backdrop of rising health-related work exits and growing interest in foundational social interventions, the programme offers a focused afternoon of insight, dialogue, and strategic reflection. Each session includes time for questions, and we warmly invite participants to engage throughout.

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- 12:00 – *Registration and buffet lunch*

If you have any dietary preferences, please email them to event@kristiania.no.

- 12:40 – *Welcome, introduction, and meeting objectives* – Martin Underwood, University of Warwick
- 12:50 – *An ongoing 2025 review of health outcomes from UBI-like interventions* – Rob Froud, Kristiania University of Applied Sciences, and University of Warwick (Chair: Margreth Grotle, OsloMet)
- 13:05 – *The need for larger trials* – Marcia Gibson, University of Glasgow (Chair: Robert Froud, Kristiania University of Applied Sciences, and University of Warwick)
- 13:30 – *Assuring (continued) political commitment* – Jurgen De Wispelaere, University of Bath (Chair: Olli Kangas, University of Turku)
- 14:00 – *Introduction to the UK Science and Technology Network* – Joar Kvamsas, British Embassy, Oslo (Chair: Martin Underwood, University of Warwick)
- 14:10 – *Coffee*
- 14:25 – *B-MINCOME: methodological considerations and lessons learned from designing the Catalan pilot* – Bru Laín, Universitat de Barcelona (Chair: Axel West Pedersen, OsloMet)
- 14:50 – *How should we plan a robust basic income experiment? Knowledge gaps and steps ahead* – Olli Kangas, University of Turku (Chair: Jurgen De Wispelaere, University of Bath)

- 15:15 – *Basic Income: A Transformative Policy for Sustainable Welfare?* – Simon Birnbaum, Södertörn University (Chair: Margreth Grotle, OsloMet)
- 15:40 – *Comfort break*
- 15:55 – *The economics of a basic income trial* – Kalle Moene, University of Oslo (Chair: Axel West Pedersen, OsloMet)
- 16:20 – *Popularity, feasibility and affordability, and how these relate to the assessment of evidence* – Elliot Johnson, Northumbria University (Chair: Martin Underwood, University of Warwick)
- 16:45 – *Closing remarks* - Rob Froud, Kristiania University of Applied Sciences, and University of Warwick
- 17:00 – *Close*