

Il reddito di base incondizionato fra politica e istituzioni

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Abstract: This paper examines the proposal to introduce an unconditional basic income (UBI) in terms of the desirability and political feasibility of its institution. The Author argues that the introduction of the UBI could have a positive impact in terms of distributive rationalization and legitimation of public institutions; for that reason he favours the idea that it should be the European Union, whose institutions are in grater need of legitimation, to introduce the UBI. The Author claims also that the greater introduction of the UBI would be possible, since, as a matter of fact, in many countries the state already guarantees to every person in one way or another access to some monetary transfers; the unification of several existing measures in the UBI could have positive effects in terms of fairness and rationality. Finally, the Author draws attention to some open issues and to some symbolic and cultural obstacles that may make it difficult to completely remove the conditionality of the policies aimed at guaranteeing access to income.

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