

Call for academic contributors

Financing universal basic income out of global resource usage

c.ubi is looking for academic contributors to join us in exploring the underlying pillars of c.ubi and their interconnections: the circular economy, the commons, universal basic income and distributed technologies.

ABOUT

c.ubi is an initiative that proposes a preliminary framework to finance a universal basic income out of global resource usage, within the context of a circular economy, enabled by technology.

We are organised as a collaborative effort of individuals and organisations working in the academic, business and public sector. We are promoting the ideas behind c.ubi and its practical implications in our own organisations, and improving on these as we go along.

Problem

Growing inequality in our societies, the rise of automated solutions, and increasing environmental degradation are reaching unprecedented levels and harming global well-being.

- Eight people have the same amount of wealth as the entire bottom half of the planet - and the gap is growing (Oxfam)
- 47 percent of US jobs could be computerized within one or two decades (Oxford Martin)
- 100 companies have been the source of more than 70% of the world's CO2 emissions (Carbon Majors Database)

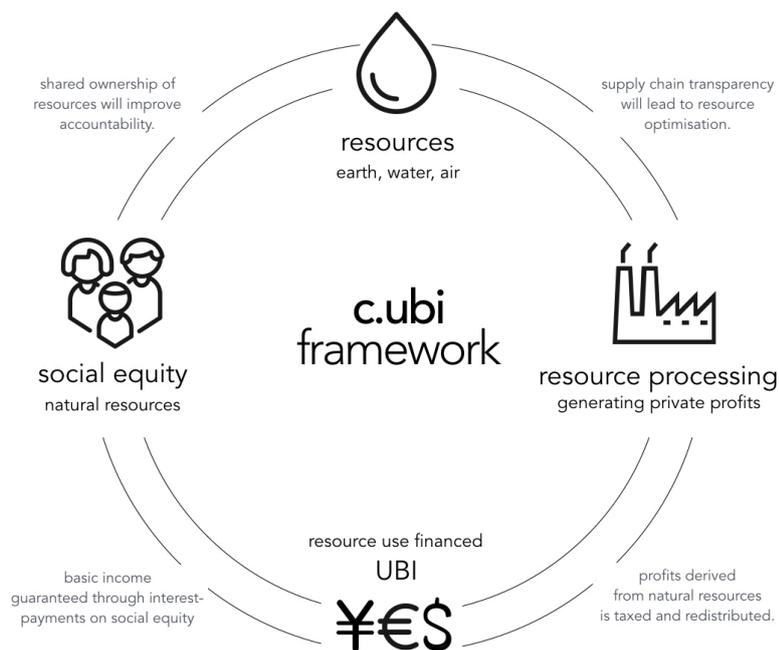
These interrelated problems call for holistic solutions that target the root cause of these issues.

Solution

A framework to finance a universal basic income (UBI) within the context of the circular economy to be enabled by a slew of emerging and maturing distributed technology.

We believe our world's socio-economic structure is in need of a re-design and c.ubi aims to contribute to this. Utilising the tools and methods of (human-centred) design, we are setting out to create a framework that:

1. focuses on re-distribution of resources and the wealth derived thereof
2. helps establish a circular economy and full supply chain transparency
3. creates a structure to introduce and finance basic income



Who we are looking for

We are looking for forward-thinking academic individuals and organisations that believe they can contribute to and advance the ideas behind c.ubi, while addressing the research topics below.

Research topics

Taxation, technology & UBI

Which regional universal basic income schemes have been attempted or tested? How can successes be replicated?

What global taxation models have been attempted/implemented in the past?

What technological developments are currently gathering pace and how could they contribute to the c.ubi solution framework?

How would c.ubi funding look like?

Resource usage

What are the social, economic and environmental implications of taxing resource usage?

What are CO₂ / carbon linked revenues spent on by governments?

What are the current policies in place around the private / corporate use of natural resources?

What share of global GDP is currently derived from natural resources?

Social ownership

How can social ownership of natural resources be achieved?

What are examples of social ownership of natural resources around the world?

Become a collaborator

If you are interested in becoming an academic collaborator, write us at lennard@circularubi.org. Read more about c.ubi at circularubi.org

