

# Il reddito di base: un'idea-guida per le politiche sociali

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## *Basic Income: A Guiding Idea for Social Policies*

*Abstract:* Cash transfers to working-age adults arouse strong opposition in Italy. They would deny the value at the core of the Italian Constitution, work, and would ignore the importance of in-kind services. The criticism is even stronger towards transfers that are unconditional such as basic income. Unconditionality would breed parasitism and would ignore differences in needs, giving everyone the same amount. Relying on the fundamental work developed by van Parijs, the article dismisses these objections, defending the role of basic income as a guiding idea in the process of progressively reforming the current schemes of income support.

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