

Facing the future: Basic Income and its critics – Seminar Style Questions

About Seminars: Along with lectures, seminars – smaller group sessions (5-20 students, approx. 45mins) – are the main teaching block on most undergraduate degrees. The point of seminars is to consider both the lectures you've seen, and the attached readings you'll have been assigned in greater detail. A lecturer will typically run a seminar as a group discussion around a set of questions given out in advance.

Seminar tips:

- Try to answer these questions with reference to the reading you've been set for the week – if possible using citations.
- Where you are asked to draw your own conclusions – make these clear, but also provide the evidence that you are basing them on.
- Where possible/relevant, separate your answers into sections that address each point of the question directly.

Seminar Questions:

1. What are the most significant social and economic risks associated with automation and 'the Second Machine Age'?
2. Which of these risks does a UBI claim to address?
3. What are the strongest objections – social, economic, moral or technological – to a UBI?
4. In what ways can different models/versions of a UBI address these objections better or worse?