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ECMI Working Paper #109 now available: Universal Basic Income as a Tool of Empowerment for Minorities.

One of the most recent publications in the ECMI's Working Paper series was made available in late December 2018. Entitled 'Universal Basic Income as a Tool of Empowerment for Minorities', the Working Paper was authored by ECMI Junior Research Associate Sonja Wolf and ECMI Research Assistant Craig Willis.

The Working Paper combines the relatively new approach of minority empowerment in the research and policy-making in the field of minority studies, with the much-discussed policy proposal of a Universal Basic Income (UBI). The two authors combine their respective academic foci in order to discuss the background theory behind the two research areas and how the two can intertwine. Minority empowerment expert Sonja Wolf outlines the core ideal of removing the marginalisation of minorities by providing room for them to take agency on their own behalf, with Craig Willis providing the theoretical background on UBI.

In seeking to explore the theoretical overlap, the Working Paper includes "focus on employment, education, relationships and family life, community work, and government intrusion and social stigma; core elements for any individual and society, including minority communities". The analysis section finds that UBI has the potential to alter all of these aspects, but only if it is used to increase the existing standard of welfare and government services and not as an opportunity to reduce government spending by cutting the vital existing programmes. After the introductory overview that this Working Paper aims to provide, the authors thus recommend further research to expand on the findings. This includes suggesting increased scrutiny on the specific areas of live outlined, as well as more empirical focus on how UBI could affect specific national minorities in Europe.

This Working Paper is available now online on the ECMI publications page: <https://www.ecmi.de/publications/detail/109-universal-basic-income-as-a-tool-of-empowerment-for-minorities-400/>

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