

# Do we need a Universal Basic Income?

Centre for Brexit Studies Director Professor Alex de Ruyter has made the case for a Universal Basic Income, and the difference it could make during a global crisis like the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The current Covid-19 pandemic has shone a cruel light on the fact that millions of people in the UK have lost their jobs and are now being forced to rely on the benefits system.

In a live video on the Centre's YouTube channel today, Professor de Ruyter said that a Universal Basic Income could be made possible by using the state pension as a benchmark, arguing that it could be funded with an overhaul of the benefits system in the UK, and closing down tax loopholes.

The talk from Professor Alex de Ruyter is the second in a series of YouTube live videos that the Centre for Brexit Studies will be hosting during this uncertain time, covering the impact that COVID-19 and Brexit could have on the UK.

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