

# Piloting new social safety nets: Evaluation of a job guarantee program and of a basic income program

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Abstract

Ideas for new social safety nets are generating much debate. Two leading contenders are job guarantee programs and (universal) basic income programs. In this talk I will discuss the evaluation of two pilot programs in Austria and Germany which have recently started. The first is a job-guarantee program in Mairienthal (Gramatneusidl) implemented by the AMS in Austria. The second is a basic income pilot implemented by "Mein Grundeinkommen" in Germany. I will focus on the study design and evaluation challenges. I look forward to discussions about the design of follow-up surveys, as well as about ways to integrate these evaluations into the broader theoretical, conceptual, and policy debates.