

## What's the latest? Workshop on state-of-the art inequality research

Dates: 12 & 19 May 2023

Credits: 10

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In this workshop we discuss recent scholarship from top journals from Sociology, Economics, and Political Science, on research on inequality. We discuss how authors present their research problem, to which broader theoretical debate the papers relate, which empirical methods are used, and which conclusions can be drawn. The workshop helps researchers to position their own work in the broader field, recognize different styles of writing and publication, and see strengths and weaknesses of research designs.

### Day 1: 12 May 2023: Shared themes on social and economic inequalities

#### Social mobility and societal context

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## **Globalization & technology**

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- Burgoon, Brian. 2012. "Inequality and Anti-Globalization Backlash by Political Parties." *European Union Politics*. doi: [10.1177/1465116512467546](https://doi.org/10.1177/1465116512467546).
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## **Day 2: 19 May 2023**

### **Inequality and political representation**

- Schakel, Wouter, and Daphne Van der Pas. 2020. "Degrees of Influence: Educational Inequality in Policy Representation." *European Journal of Political Research* Advance access. doi: [10.1111/1475-6765.12405](https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12405).
- Abou-Chadi, Tarik, and Simon Hix. 2021. "Brahmin Left versus Merchant Right? Education, Class, Multiparty Competition, and Redistribution in Western Europe." *The British Journal of Sociology* 72(1):79–92. doi: [10.1111/1468-4446.12834](https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-4446.12834).

### **Neighborhoods and segregation**

- Chetty, Raj, and Nathaniel Hendren. 2018. "The Impacts of Neighborhoods on Intergenerational Mobility I: Childhood Exposure Effects." *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 133(3):1107–62. doi: [10.1093/qje/qjy007](https://doi.org/10.1093/qje/qjy007).
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- Owens, Ann, Sean F. Reardon, and Christopher Jencks. 2016. "Income Segregation Between Schools and School Districts." *American Educational Research Journal* 53(4):1159–97. doi: [10.3102/0002831216652722](https://doi.org/10.3102/0002831216652722).

### **Scientific knowledge and policy relevance**

- DiPrete, Thomas A., and Brittany N. Fox-Williams. 2021. "The Relevance of Inequality Research in Sociology for Inequality Reduction." *Socius* 7:23780231211020200. doi: [10.1177/23780231211020199](https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231211020199).
- Jackson, Michelle. 2020. *Manifesto for a Dream: Inequality, Constraint, and Radical Reform*. Stanford University Press. (chapter 3).
- Athey, Susan, and Guido W. Imbens. 2017. "The State of Applied Econometrics: Causality and Policy Evaluation." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 31(2):3–32. doi: [10.1257/jep.31.2.3](https://doi.org/10.1257/jep.31.2.3).

## **Workshop preparation**

- Please read the papers before you come to the workshop. Prepare at least one discussion point you would like to discuss per paper, on issues related to the research problem, analytical/empirical approach, or theoretical angle.
- As an interdisciplinary workshop, we aim to promote the discussion between fields. Think of differences between fields, what can we learn from each other?