



Inequality and Discrimination

Max Weber Programme Multidisciplinary Research Workshop

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The aim of this workshop is to bring together academics from different areas of social science working on inequality and discrimination. With an emphasis on data, theory, and policy, this workshop will tackle these issues by exploring key questions like: What do the data tell us about causes and consequences of inequality and discrimination? What are the theories needed to understand what has been happening? What are policy ideas and controversies associated with these problems? This workshop embodies the multidisciplinary approach promoted by the Max Weber Programme: we hope that participants to the workshop will appreciate the contributions brought by different disciplines on the topic of inequality and discrimination, and see the potential of an interdisciplinary approach.

Location: Zoom.us (the link will be disseminated by email).

Format: 20-minute presentations each followed by 5-minute Q&A; for keynote sessions, 45-minute presentations each followed by 15-minute Q&A.

Housekeeping:

- The meetings will be started around 5 minutes before the beginning of each session. Please, for security reasons do not circulate the zoom link without prior authorization.
- Video and audio: we strongly encourage everyone to keep their video on in order to retain a feeling of presence and community; however, everyone but the presenter should mute their microphones. The presenter should open their presentation on their laptop and share their screen.
- Questions: only clarification questions should be asked during a presentation; more general questions should be asked during the Q&A or privately to the presenter. You can write your question in the chat during or after the presentation; alternatively, use the “raise hand”

feature of Zoom (by clicking on “participants” in the bottom of your screen and then on “raise hand” in the bottom right corner), wait for the acknowledgement by the presenter (during the presentation) or the chair (during the discussion), then unmute your microphone, and speak up.

Program

Monday, May 11

14.25 - 14.30 Welcome and introduction by Alessandro Spiganti (EUI)

14.30 - 15.45 Session 1. Labour market and occupational classes

Chair: Alessandro Spiganti (EUI)

Arianna Gatta (EUI): "Do employers discriminate participants in welfare programs?"

William Foley (EUI): "The role of income comparison in the association between social class and status"

Roger Fernandez-Urbano (EUI): "Impossible is nothing? Perceived labour market opportunities and subjective well-being: A natural field experiment in Spain and the U.S."

15.45 - 16.00 *Break*

16.00 - 17.00 Keynote Session

Chair: Alessandro Spiganti (EUI)

Valeria Maggian (Ca' Foscari University of Venice): "The wrong man for the job: biased beliefs and job mismatching"

Tuesday, May 12

10.30 - 11.45 Session 2. Integration of immigrants and refugees

Chair: Stelios Tsiaras (EUI)

Giulia Tura (EUI): "Matching refugees: Economic and socio-cultural integration perspectives"

Alessandro Ferrara (EUI): "Ethnic gaps in educational choices: Exploring heterogeneities in France"

Eva Zschirnt (EUI): "Experimental evidence on the spatial variation in ethnic discrimination occurrence"

11.45 - 12.00 *Break*

12.00 - 13.00 Keynote Session

Chair: Stelios Tsiaras (EUI)

Andrea Colciago (Dutch Central Bank and University of Milano Bicocca): Competition and inequality

13.00 - 14.00 *Break*

14.00 - 15.15 Session 3. Educational inequalities

Chair: Eva Zschirnt (EUI)

Maria Canizares (EUI): "When the city bets"

Risto Conte Keivabu (EUI): "Climate change, test scores and social inequality: The case of heat stress in Italy"

Ilze Plavgo (EUI): "Intergenerational educational inequality in sub-Saharan Africa for birth cohorts 1974-2003: Trends and macro-level explanations"

15.15 - 15.30 *Break*

15.30 - 16.45 Session 4. Law, policies, and rights

Chair: Alessandro Spiganti (EUI)

Jeffrey Miller (EUI): "Equality Law in Europe"

Stelios Tsiaras (EUI): "Asset purchases, limited asset markets participation and inequality"

Hannah Mirjam Adzakpa (EUI): "Fulfilling the right to a social minimum for persons with disabilities across the EU? A dialogue between human rights and social policy"

16.45 - 16.50 Concluding remarks