

Causes and Consequences of Inequality

Max Weber Programme Multidisciplinary Research Workshop

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Abstract

The aim of the workshop is to examine the sources of inequality and policies to tackle it by bringing together academics from different areas of social sciences. The workshop will critically examine data, theory, and policy implications. Focus will be on areas including but not limited to economic redistributive policies with related issues of justice like targeting equality in outcomes versus equality in opportunities, identity-based discrimination like gender and racial inequality in the labour market, intra-household inequality like bargaining power differences between the two spouses, intergenerational transfers, and unequal access to public goods like health and education.

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

Format and Housekeeping:

- Sessions will have 15 minutes for each presentation and 5 minutes for questions and discussion at the end.
- We strongly encourage everyone to keep their video on for a feeling of community engagement over the virtual platform. However, everyone except the presenter should mute their microphones unless they are called upon by the chair to participate in the Q&A at the end of a presentation.
- Participants can write their question in the chat during or after the presentation, and the chair will ask them to unmute their microphone and speak up.

Program

09:25 – 09:30 [Welcome and introduction](#) by **Federica Querin** (EUI)

09:30 – 11:00 [Session 1](#). Chair: **Weverthon Barbosa Machado** (EUI)

- **Ariane Aumaitre** (EUI): “Keeping up with disposable income? Female employment status and their economic position in post-industrial economies”
- **Charlotte Fechter** (University of Koblenz-Landau): “Effects of de-standardised employment careers on minimum income eligibility at an old age in Germany”

- **Heta Pöyliö** (EUI): “Family, work and school? How participation in formal adult education is influenced by family life”
- **Florian Hertel** (University of Hamburg): “Intersecting Inequalities? Stratification by Class, Race and Gender in Europe”

11:00 – 11:15 *Break*

11:15 – 12:45 Session 2. Chair: **Aruni Mitra** (EUI and University of Manchester)

- **Giuseppe Ciccolini** (EUI): “We have been left behind, haven’t we? Economic status loss, class voting and the populist radical right”
- **Arianna Gatta** (EUI): “Towards a more inclusive welfare: Understanding non-take up and diffusion of welfare among the homeless”
- **Brendon McConnell** (University of Southampton): “Kicking You When You’re Already Down: The Multipronged Impact of Austerity on Crime”
- **Amanda Haraldsson** (EUI): “Don’t blame the candidate? A text analysis of gendered differences in political self-presentation in a lab experiment”

12:45 – 13:30 *Break*

13:30 – 14:30 Keynote Address. Chair: **Balaraju Battu** (EUI)

- **Alexander Wright Cappelen** (Norwegian School of Economics): “Fairness across the world: Preferences and Beliefs”

14:30 – 14:45 *Virtual Breakout Room Chat*

14:45 – 16:15 Session 3. Chair: **Aruni Mitra** (EUI and University of Manchester)

- **Mobarak Hossain** (University of Oxford): “Does Development Level Matter? The Linkage between School Autonomy and Inequality in Achievement in 69 Countries”
- **Pablo A. Troncoso** (University of Georgia): “How Much Should We Trust Intergenerational Mobility TSTOLS Estimates? Evidence from a Developing Country”
- **Ben Tippet** (University of Greenwich): “The Determinants of Wealth Inequality in the UK, USA and France”
- **Xabier Garcia Fuente** (University of Barcelona): “The Paradox of Redistribution in Time: Social spending in 54 countries, 1967-2018”

16:15 – 16:30 *Break*

16:30 – 17:30 Keynote Address. Chair: **Federica Querin** (EUI)

- **Daniele Vignoli** (University of Florence): “Narratives of the future and fertility in uncertain times. Evidence from the COVID-19 pandemic”

17:30 – 17:45 *Virtual Breakout Room Chat*