

IWG Reading Group

Comparative Life Course & Inequality Research Centre

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About: About: The Reading Sessions of the Inequality Working Group aim at discussing the most recent and topical books in the fields of social and economic inequality. One book at a time will be discussed during each of the meetings, starting with a short summary of the selected book (by a different volunteer each time) and followed by key discussion points and an informal discussion of the reading. Each meeting will last for about one hour. The meetings will take place on Zoom and their aim is to discuss the core points of the book and expose constructive criticism. Moreover, very welcome are insights on how the book is useful for personal research and which contributions would be crucial in the specific field of research. To facilitate the discussion of the book the proposed questions are the following:

- What is the main argument of the book? Do you agree with it?
- Which other books or theories go against it?
- Are the hypotheses rigorously tested? Which research design and methods would be more rigorous to test the same hypotheses?
- Which ideas were relevant for your own research?

The books are five in total. Two in the fall term and three in the Spring term.

Each book covers a different topic related to inequality, respectively gender, health, socioeconomic, spatial, and global inequality.

All sessions will take place through zoom at 14:00 CET.

Program 2020/2021

Date	Content
Gender Inequality	
10/14/2020	Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men Caroline Criado Perez (2019)
Health Inequality	
11/18/2020	Deaths of Despair and the Future of Capitalism Anne Case and Angus Deaton (2020)
Socioeconomic Inequality	
4/02/2021	Manifesto for a dream Michelle Jackson (2020)
Global Inequality	
18/03/2021	Good economics for hard times Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo (2019)
Spatial Inequality	
29/04/2021	The new Geography of jobs Enrico Moretti (2013)

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