

INVITATION

July 15th–17th, 2021, Online

”BUT SOME ARE MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS”

Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Growing Inequality and the Need
for Solidarity

Annual Academic Conference of PhD-Students of the
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What are specific forms of social and economic inequality? What are the consequences of inequality? And can inequality be overcome by solidarity? At the academic conference we want to discuss these questions with PhD-students of all thirteen scholarship foundations and together we want to search for unconventional solutions beyond well-trodden paths.

Inequality is arguably one of the main societal problems of the 21st century that can severely threaten the cohesion of a society (Kronauer 2007). The conference aims to examine inequality in its various dimensions. Economic inequality, i.e. income and wealth distribution, will be a topic of discussion as well as societal inequality, as seen in discussions surrounding education, age, ethnicity/nationality, precarity, poverty, (dis-)abilities and gender (Kleven, Landais, Søgaaard, 2018; Ludwig-Mayerhofer, 2012; Geißler, 2014).

In addition to examining various manifestations of inequality, we will ask, if solidarity can help solve problems of inequality. Solidarity is increasingly seen as an ideal that can guide social cohesion. It can be understood as a way of balancing individual and collective interests, entailing obligations for members of societies towards each other. But how to understand solidarity? This conference will offer possibilities of discussing different understandings of solidarity and the pitfalls associated with them, for example the danger of marginalizing people.

The conference is organized by the Hans-Böckler-Foundation in cooperation with the Freie Universität Berlin. The programme of the Scientific Conference of the PhD-students was developed by PhD-students of the Hans-Böckler-Foundation, Mattis Beckmannshagen, Rick Glaubitz, Christine Körner, Marie Wachinger and Max Longmuir, Members of the Graduate College “Tax and Social Policy by Increasing Inequality” (PK 36), sponsored by the Hans-Böckler-Foundation.

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Thursday, July 15th, 2021

13:30 **Welcome Address**

Max Longmuir & Marie Wachinger, Organizing Team, Freie Universität Berlin
Dr. Jens Becker, Hans-Böckler-Foundation

14:00 **Keynote Speech 1**

Gender Inequality: The Challenge of Our Time and How to Tackle It
Dr. Jakob Egholt Søgaaard, University of Copenhagen (Economics)

Introduction: Mattis Beckmannshagen, Freie Universität Berlin

15:30 **Coffee Break**

16:00 **Parallel Sessions I**

A: Inequality and Education

Chair: Christine Körner, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

1: The Lived Experiences of Intersectionality Among Disabled BIPoC in Higher Education: Intersectional Perspectives on Racism and Ableism in Academia

Robel Abay, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Sociology/Political Science)

2: Educational Inequalities and the Growing Challenge of (Re-)Nationalization: A Comparative Approach on the Asynchronic Effects of »Bologna« in National Higher Education Systems

Lisa Rosen, Helmut-Schmidt-Universität Hamburg (Educational Science)

3: Inequality during COVID-19 Pandemic in the Context of Privacy

Selina Irnleitner, Technische Universität Dresden (Educational Science)

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B: Inequality, Gender and Work

Chair: Maximilian Longmuir, Freie Universität Berlin

1: Whose Streets? Justice in Transport Decarbonization and Gender

Vera Huwe, Universität Duisburg-Essen (Economics/Sociology)

2: Promoted Inequality?! Ambivalences of Successful Gender Equalization – A Sociological Approach

Laura Rademacher, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (Sociology)

3: Humiliation and the Struggle for Dignity at Work. An Analysis of the Inequality of Working Conditions

Torben Schwuchow, Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliches Institut (Philosophy/Sociology)

C: Inequality and Social and Economic Mobility

Chair: Rick Glaubitz, Freie Universität Berlin

1: Determinants of Perceptions of Social Mobility: Experimental Evidence from Providing Information

Anna Schwarz, Vienna University of Economics and Business (Economics)

2: Inequal for Generations? Measuring Socio-economic Mobility using Historical Occupational Statements

Jan Goldberg, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg (Economics/Sociology)

3: Geographic Variation in Intergenerational Mobility: Evidence from a Developing Country

Javier Cortés Orihuela, University of British Columbia (Economics)

17:30 **Parallel sessions I – Further discussion**

18:00 **End**

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Friday, July 16th, 2021

09:15 **Welcome: Day 2**

09:30 **Keynote Speech 2**

More Equal than Others: Citizenships and Sovereignties in Light of Coloniality

Prof. Dr. Manuela Boatcă, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (Sociology)

Introduction: Christine Körner, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:30 **Parallel Sessions II**

A: Quantitative and Theoretical Analyses of Social and Economic Inequality

Chair: Rick Glaubitz, Freie Universität Berlin

1: Inequality, Redistribution and the Financial Crisis: Evidence from Distributional National Accounts for Austria

Emanuel List, Vienna University of Economics and Business (Economics)

2: Castes, Perceived Discrimination and Human Capital Formation in India

Isha Gupta, University of Padova, Italy (Economics and Management)

3: A Network-Based Explanation of Perceived Inequality

Jan Schulz, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg (Economics)

B: Inequality and Migration

Chair: Marie Wachinger, Freie Universität Berlin

1: Negotiating Precarious Lives and Work: The Role of Social Capital Among African Irregular Migrants in Turkey

Ronald Musizvingoza, Bursa Uludağ University (Sociology)

2: Cities of Refuge – Places of Assembly. Hybrid Forms of Accommodation for Refugees and their Meaning for Cities as Social Unity

Philipp Piechura, Hafencity University Hamburg (Sociology)

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3: Expectation of More Solidarity: Experiences of Inequal Treatment and Racism Among Migrant Actors of Sub-Saharan-African Origin in the Context of Precarious Employment. A Qualitative Study

Wilfried Emmanuel Koung A. Sanama, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (Sociology)

13:00 **Parallel sessions II – Further discussion**

13:30 **Lunch Break**

14:30 **Parallel Sessions III**

A: Inequality and Political Polarization

Chair: Dr. Jens Becker, Hans-Böckler-Foundation

1: Can Universalistic Welfare Institutions Counteract the Development of Right-Wing Extremist Attitudes in European Societies?

Thomas Bollwein, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg (Ergonomics)

2: An Equal State of Inequality: How Connecting Inequality and Constitution of the State Alters the View on Populism

Malte Albrecht, Universität Marburg (Political Economy and Empirical Sociology)

3: Rethinking Democracy under Conditions of Radical Inequality

Christiane Cromm, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Political Theory)

B: Labor Inequality

Chair: Mattis Beckmannshagen, Freie Universität Berlin

1: Specialist or Generalist? The Positive Effect of Cross-Industry Job Mobility on Occupational Wages

Justine Hervé, Fordham University, New York (Economics)

2: Bargaining Power and the Labor Share – A Structural Break Approach

Alexander Lammers, Technische Universität Dortmund (Economics)

3: Less Work, More Labor: School Closures and Work Hours during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Austria

Lisa Marie Hanzl, Universität Duisburg-Essen (Economics)

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16:00 Parallel sessions III – Further discussion

17:00 Social Breakout (online)

18:00 End Meet Up

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09:15 **Welcome: Day 3**

09:30 **Keynote Speech 3**

The White Man's Burden Redux: Transnational Solidarity and the Imperative to Save the World

Prof. Dr. Nikita Dhawan, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen (Political Science/Gender Studies)

Introduction: Rick Glaubitz, Freie Universität Berlin

11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:15 **Parallel Sessions IV**

A: Critical Assessment of Theories of Solidarity and Inequality

Chair: Marie Wachinger, Freie Universität Berlin

1: Solidarity Citizenship Theory: Future Aspiration or Desire for the Past

Franziska Maier, Universität Stuttgart (Political Theory)

2: Who Is Able to Become a Subject of Rights? Resisting Biopolitical Inequality through the Solidary Struggles of the Disenfranchised

Simon Faets, Hochschule für Philosophie München (Philosophy)

3: Disabling Affect Material Consequences of Ableist Feelings between Violence and Emotion Work

Yvonne Wechuli, Universität Köln (Sociology)

B: Societal Consequences of Inequality

Chair: Christine Körner, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

1: We Don't Care? Solidarity and Equality between Generations

Katharina Niedling, Universität Bielefeld (Public Health)

2: Linking Wealth and Power: A Class Analysis of the Bourgeoisie in the 21st Century

H. Lukas R. Arndt, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (Sociology)

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3: Persistence of Social Inequality? Research Approaches on Social Transformation and Law using the Example of Educational Inequality and Legal Action in Colombia

Markus Ciesielski, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen (Political Science/Law)

12.45 **Parallel sessions IV – Further discussion**

13:15 **Closing Remarks**

Organizing team

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INFORMATION

Host of the event Hans-Böckler-Foundation
Scholarship Department

Location Online

**Closing date
registration** **July 6th, 2021**

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Further costs will not be covered.

Registration is no guarantee of attendance. After the closing date for registration you will receive a reply stating whether you can attend the conference.

Languages The conference language is English.

INFORMATION

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sound recordings**

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