

The Evolution of Economic and Social Inequalities in Switzerland (and Beyond): Exactly How and Why Inequality has Changed and with What Impacts

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PROGRAMME

Thursday, October 23, 2014

- 13:00 Registration
- 14:20 **Welcome and Introduction**
Christian Suter (University of Neuchâtel)
- 14:30-16:00 **Keynote 1: Growing Inequalities in Europe and their Impacts: Insights from the EU-FP7 GINI Project**
Wiemer Salverda (University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies/AIAS)
- Keynote 2: The Development of Wealth Inequality in Germany**
Markus Grabka (DIW Berlin)
Chair: Christian Suter (University of Neuchâtel/Doct. Progr. Prowel)
- 16:00-16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30-18:00 **Workshop Session 1: Income Inequality in Switzerland: Longitudinal Perspectives**
Chair: Monica Budowski (University of Fribourg/Doct. Progr. Prowel),
Discussant: Wiemer Salverda (University of Amsterdam)
- Paper 1:**The Evolution of Top Income Shares in Switzerland since 1981
Isabel Martínez (University of St.Gallen)
- Paper 2:**Longtime Inequality Trends in Income in Switzerland
Rudolf Farys (University of Berne), Robert Fluder (University of Applied Sciences, Berne), Tobias Fritschi (University of Applied Sciences, Berne), Oliver Hümbelin (University of Applied Sciences, Berne) and Ben Jann (University of Berne)
- Paper 3:**Various Data Sources, Various Survey Types, Various Indicators: How Converging are Conclusions Regarding the Evolution of Income Inequality in Switzerland since the Early 1990s?
Eric Crettaz (University of Applied Sciences of Western Switzerland, Geneva), Pascale Gazareth (University of Neuchâtel) and Christian Suter (University of Neuchâtel)
- 18:15-19:00 **Keynote 3: Household Income Mobility During Great Recession Years in Europe**
Philippe Van Kerm (CEPS/INSTEAD, Luxembourg)
Chair: Ben Jann (University of Berne)
- 19:30 Cocktails and Dinner (Hôtel Alpes et Lac)

Friday, October 24, 2021

- 8:30-9:30 **Workshop Session 2: Trends in Inequality of Wealth in Switzerland**
Chair: Wiemer Salverda (University of Amsterdam)
Discussant: Markus Grabka (DIW Berlin)
- Paper 1:**What Can we Learn about Inequalities in Wealth in Switzerland from Survey Data?
Eric Crettaz (University of Applied Sciences of Western Switzerland, Geneva) and Ursina Kuhn (FORS/University of Lausanne)
- Paper 2:**Long-Term Trends in Wealth Inequality in Switzerland: Findings from Cantonal Tax Data
Robert Fluder (University of Applied Sciences, Berne) and Ben Jann (University of Berne)
- 9:30-10:00 Coffee Break
- 10:00-11:45 **Workshop Session 3: Drivers of Economic Inequalities in Switzerland (and Beyond)**
Chair: René Levy (University of Lausanne)
Discussant: Philippe Von Kerm (CEPS/INSTEAD, Luxembourg)
- Paper 1:**Inequality by Demographic Factors – Findings from Individual-level Cantonal Tax Data
Rudolf Farys (University of Berne) and Oliver Hümbelin (University of Applied Sciences, Berne)
- Paper 2:**The Effects of the Free Movement of Persons on the Distribution of Wages in Switzerland
Tobias Müller and Roman Graf (University of Geneva)
- Paper 3:**Drivers of Income Inequality in Europe: A Comparison of Different Welfare Systems
Marianne Furrer and Uma Rani (Research Department, ILO Geneva)
- Paper 4:**Examining the Impact of Chinese Foreign Aid and Investment on Inequality in Sub-Saharan Africa
Marilyn Grell-Brisk (University of Neuchâtel/Doct. Progr. Prowel)
- 11:45-13:00 **Keynote 4: Does Parents' Education Predict Pathways through Secondary School?**
Jenny Chesters (University of Canberra)
- Keynote 5: Inequality and Well-being: Reflections and Empirical Evidence**
Heinz-Herbert Noll (GESIS, Mannheim)
Chair: Monica Budowski (University of Fribourg/Doct. Progr. Prowel)
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch

- 14:00-15:30 **Workshop Session 4: Educational Inequalities in Switzerland**
- Chair: Daniel Künzler (University of Fribourg/Doct. Progr. Prowel)
 Discussant: Jenny Chesters (University of Canberra)
- Paper 1:** Transition from Primary to Secondary School: Mechanisms
 Contributing to Educational Inequalities
 Carmen Zurbriggen (University of Fribourg/Doct. Progr. Prowel)
- Paper 2:** Who Benefits Most from University Education in Switzerland
 Lionel Perini (University of Neuchâtel)
- Paper 3:** Inequalities at the Transition to Higher Education at the Intersection of
 Migrant Background and Gender
 Andreas Hadjar (University of Luxembourg) and Dorit Griga
 (University of Berne)
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-17:30 **Workshop Session 5: Inequalities Impacts on Quality of Life and Well-being in Switzerland**
- Chair: Jenny Chesters (University of Canberra)
 Discussant: Heinz-Herbert Noll (GESIS, Mannheim)
- Paper 1:** Health and Inequality: Household Mobility in Deprivations and Income
 due to a Household Member's Deterioration in Health
 Monica Budowski (University of Fribourg), Maurizia Masia
 (University of Fribourg) and Robin Tillmann (FORS/University of
 Lausanne)
- Paper 2:** The Impacts of Health and Economic Inequalities on Well-being in
 Switzerland, 2000-2011
 Katia Iglesias (University of Neuchâtel)
- Paper 3:** Neither Prosperous nor Poor, the Subjective Wellbeing of Those in
 between: Comparative Perspective of Three Measures
 Jehane Moussa (University of Neuchâtel/Doct. Progr. Prowel)
- 17:30-19:00 **Keynote 6: The Multi-dimensional Characteristics of Poverty and Living
 Conditions: How Different Aspects Interact and Do Not Interact with Each
 Other**
- Björn Halleröd (University of Gothenburg)
- Keynote 7: Constructing Multidimensional Poverty Measures**
- Filomena Maggino (University of Florence) and Marco Fattore
 (University of Milan – Bicocca)
- Chair: Eric Crettaz (University of Applied Sciences of Western
 Switzerland, Geneva)
- 19:30 Cocktails and Dinner (Palais DuPeyrou)

Saturday, October 25, 2021

8:30- 10:15 **Workshop Session 6: Non-Monetary Deprivation and Poverty in Switzerland (and Beyond)**

Chair: Monica Budowski (University of Fribourg/Doct. Progr. Prowel)
Discussants: Filomena Maggino (University of Florence) and Björn Halleröd (University of Gothenburg)

Paper 1:Analyzing Deprivation in Switzerland: Index Construction and Evolution from 1999 to 2012
Pascale Gazareth (University of Neuchâtel) and Katia Iglesias (University of Neuchâtel)

Paper 2:Multidimensional Deprivation in Switzerland Using Self Organizing Map
Mario Lucchini and Christine Butti (University of Applied Science and Arts of Southern Switzerland)

Paper 3:National Practices in the Measurement of Deprivation and Poverty in Upper-middle Income Countries
Tugce Beycan (University of Neuchâtel/Doct. Progr. Prowel)

Paper 4:From Multidimensional Poverty to Happiness Deprivation
Florian Wendelspiess Chávez Juárez (University of Geneva)

10:15-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-11:30 **Keynote 8: Gender Inequalities and the Crisis**

Sylvia Walby (Lancaster University)
Chair: Daniel Künzler (University of Fribourg/Doct. Progr. Prowel)

11:30-13:00 **Workshop Session 7: Gender Inequalities in Switzerland: Evolutionary Dynamics and Impacts**

Chair: Christian Suter (University of Neuchâtel/Doct. Progr. Prowel)
Discussant: Sylvia Walby (Lancaster University)

Paper 1:Income Inequality and Female Labour Market Participation
Ursina Kuhn (FORS/Univ. of Lausanne) and Laura Ravazzini (University of Neuchâtel/Doct. Progr. Prowel)

Paper 2:The Effects of Swiss Gender Policies on Vertical Sex Segregation in STEM Professions
Laura Ravazzini (University of Neuchâtel/Doct. Progr. Prowel)

Paper 3:Resource Related Inequalities in New Mothers' Employment Under Two Different Family-Policy Regimes. Evidence from Switzerland and West Germany
Lena Liechti (University of Fribourg/Doct. Progr. Prowel)

BIOGRAPHIES OF KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Jenny Chesters completed her PhD at the University of Queensland in 2009. She is currently employed as a Research Fellow at the University of Canberra. Her publications include 13 authored/co-authored papers published in international journals including the *Swiss Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Education Policy* and *Studies in Higher Education* and Australian journals including *Journal of Sociology*, *Australian Journal of Social Issues* and *Australian Journal of Labour Economics*. She has also authored/co-authored eight book chapters for edited volumes. Her research interests include inequality in educational attainment; transitions between education and employment throughout the life course; and global wealth inequality.

Markus M. Grabka studied sociology and informatics at the technical university of Berlin. In 2004 he received his Ph.D. in Public health (Dr. p.h.). Since 1999 he is research associate at the DIW Berlin in the department “Socio-economic panel study” (SOEP). His line of action is microsimulation and the support and development of the German part of the Cross national Equivalent File (CNEF). He is member of the academic advisory board “poverty and richness report of the German government” of the federal ministry of labour and social affairs, rapporteur on income inequality in Germany to the (OECD) and rapporteur on income and wealth inequality in Germany to German Council of Economic Experts (SVR). Research interests are in the field of income and wealth distribution and health economics. He has published in the following journals: *European Economic Review*, *Journal of Income Distribution*, *Journal of Housing economics*, *Journal of Economic Inequality*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, *The European Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Labor Research*, *Review of Income and Wealth*.

Björn Halleröd is professor of sociology at the University of Gothenburg. During the past 25 years Halleröd has worked with issues related to poverty, wellbeing, and general living conditions. He is currently leading projects about governance and child poverty in developing countries, older peoples’ working conditions and labour market exit, and how genetic factors and social conditions interplay in the development of Alzheimer’s disease. Among other things he is currently vice chairman of the Swedish Council for Research Infrastructure and one of the EU-commission’s non-governmental experts on poverty and social exclusion. His most recent publications include: “Gender Inequality from Beyond the Grave: Intra-Household Distribution and Wellbeing after Spousal Loss” (*Ageing & Society*, Vol. 33, 2013), “Bad Governance and Poor Children: A Comparative Analysis of Government Efficiency and Severe Child Deprivation in 68 Low- and Middle-Income Countries” (*World Development*, Vol. 48, 2013), and “A Multidimensional and Longitudinal Analysis of Wellbeing among the Elderly” (*Swedish ESOPAnet, Autumn meeting 2013*).

Filomena Maggino is Professor of Social Statistics and Multivariate Statistical Analysis at the University of Florence and Coordinator of the International II level master “QoLexity. Measuring, Monitoring and Analysis of Quality of Life and its Complexity” (University of Florence). Her main research interests concern: (i) data production (in particular, subjective data assessment), (ii) data analysis (in particular, multivariate and dimensional analysis, scaling models and construction of composite and synthetic indicators), and (iii) data presentation and dissemination (with particular reference to defining a model aimed at assessing the quality of communication in statistics). Main field of application is quality-of-life and wellbeing measurement and analysis. She is author of many publications on these topics. Filomena Maggino is currently Editor-in-Chief of *Social Indicators Research* journal (Springer), and President and co-founder of the *Italian Association for Quality-of-Life Studies* (AIQUAV). She is advisor of the *Italian National Institute of Statistics* (ISTAT) with reference to quality-of-life and wellbeing issues and was President of the *International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies* (ISQOLS).

Heinz-Herbert Noll was director of the Social Indicators Research Centre of GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences in Mannheim. Since his retirement in 2014 he works as a freelance researcher and consultant. He graduated in sociology, economics and statistics at the University of Frankfurt and received his doctorate at the University of Mannheim. He has taught at various European universities. Heinz-Herbert Noll served as chair of the Social Indicators Section of the *German Sociological Association* and was President of the *Research Committee Social Indicators* of the ISA as well as of the *International Society for Quality of Life Studies*. He also is/was a member of the editorial boards of international journals, e.g. *Social Indicators Research*. H.-H. Noll has published widely on topics related to social indicators, quality of life, subjective well-being and social inequality. His recent publications include "The Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi-Report: Old Wine in New Skins? Views from a Social Indicators Perspective" (*Social Indicators Research*, Vol. 102, 2011) and "Subjective Social Indicators: Benefits and Limitations for Policy Making" (*Social Indicators Research*, Vol. 114, 2013).

Wiemer Salverda is Professor of Labour Market and Inequality and Director emeritus of the Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies (University of Amsterdam). He coordinated the 30-country research project *Growing Inequalities' Impacts GINI* (2010–2013) which published its results in two volumes with Oxford University Press (*Changing Inequalities and Societal Impacts in Rich Countries*, 2014). He managed the *European Low-wage Employment Research Network LoWER* (1996–2008), which has published 16 books, special journal issues and reports, including the *Oxford Handbook of Economic Inequality*. For the Russell Sage Foundation he led the Dutch research for the *Low-wage Work in Europe* project. He contributes extensively to comparative research on wages, employment, and inequality, and regularly serves as an expert for the European Commission, OECD and ILO. More detail about these and other research interests, activities and contributions can be found at <http://www.uva-aias.net/cpages/staff/2008>.

Philippe Van Kerm holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Namur. He is head of the Living Conditions department at the CEPS/INSTEAD research centre in Luxembourg and an affiliate at the Université Catholique de Louvain, KU Leuven and ZEW Mannheim. His research is in applied microeconometrics and specifically on the measurement and the empirics of wages and income distributions. His publications on income mobility measurement in particular are often cited in the field. His most recent publications include: "The Relationship Between EU Indicators of Persistent and Current Poverty" (*Social Indicators Research*, Vol. 116, 2014), "Inequality, growth and mobility: The intertemporal distribution of income in European countries 2003–2007" (*Economic Modelling*, Vol. 35, 2013), "Generalized measures of wage differentials" (*Empirical Economics*, Vol. 45, 2013), and "Income Inequality and Self-Rated Health Status: Evidence from the European Community Household Panel" (*Demography*, Vol. 46, 2009).

Sylvia Walby is Distinguished Professor of Sociology and UNESCO Chair in Gender Research, Lancaster University, UK. She was awarded an OBE for services to equal opportunities and diversity in 2008. She was founding President, *European Sociological Association*, 1995-7, and was President of *Research Committee 02 Economy and Society*, *International Sociological Association*, 2006-10. She has conducted research for the UN, European Parliament, European Commission, European Institute for Gender Equality, UK Home Office, Equality and Human Rights Commission, and ESRC. Books include: *Globalization and Inequalities: Complexity and Contested Modernities* (Sage 2009), *The Future of Feminism* (Polity 2011) and *Gendering The Knowledge Economy* (with Gottfried, Gottschall and Osawa, Palgrave 2007). Her next book will be *Theorizing the Crisis* (Polity 2015). Web-site: <http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/fass/sociology/profiles/Sylvia-Walby>.

PROGRAMME NOTES

Registration Desk (University building, Avenue du 1^{er} mars 26, hall D-level)

Participants who have preregistered may pick up badges, conference programme and materials at the registration desk (in the hall of the conference floor). For on-site-registration please contact the registration desk. The registration desk will be staffed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 23-25. Service hours are as follows:

Thursday, October 23: 13:00-16:30 / Friday, October 24: 8:00-9:00, 13:00-14:00 / Saturday, October 25: 8:00-8:30

Coffee Breaks and Conference Lunch

During Coffee Breaks coffee and tea will be served in the hall of the conference floor. Conference lunch on Friday, October 24 will be a buffet lunch that is served in the hall of the conference floor.

Conference Dinners

All speakers and the participants of the Prowel doctoral programme are invited to the conference dinners. The conference dinner on Thursday, October 23 takes place at the Hôtel Alpes et Lac (in front of the train station, a ten-minutes' walk on a steep path, or, five minutes by the funicular, cf. number 5 on the Venue Map). The conference dinner on Friday, October 24 takes place at the Palais DuPeyrou (within walking distance from the conference venue and of all hotels, cf. number 7 on the Venue Map).

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University of Neuchâtel, Faculty of law, ②,
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