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Contexts of Social Inequality

Conference

June 20-21, 2016

Room A 310

This interdisciplinary two-day conference explores the role of contexts in the production and reproduction of social inequality.

Contexts matter for individual and aggregate outcomes because they channel opportunities and define choices. Contexts connect individuals or segregate them from each other. Contexts include neighborhoods, networks, families, schools, workplaces, and nations.

This conference brings together economists and sociologists, for an interdisciplinary exchange of theory, evidence, and methodology.

Monday, June 20, 2016

10:00 – 10:10 **Welcome**
Felix Elwert, WZB and University of Wisconsin-Madison

Session 1 Networks and Inequality

10:10 – 11:10
Network, Markets, and Inequality
Sanjeev Goyal, University of Cambridge

11:10 – 12:00
Experiments in Social Inequality and Social Coordination
Hirokazu Shirado, Yale University

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 13:50
Inequality and Risk Taking Behavior
Ed Hopkins, University of Edinburgh

13:50 – 14:40
Theory and Experiments on the Emergence of Social Conventions in Winner Take All Ecologies
Damon Centola, University of Pennsylvania

14:40 – 15:10 Coffee Break

Session 2 Contexts, Mechanisms, Measurement

15:10 – 16:00
Neighborhood Effects on Educational Outcomes
Felix Elwert, WZB and University of Wisconsin-Madison

16:00 – 16:50
Neighborhoods, Schools and Academic Achievement
Geoffrey Wodtke, University of Toronto

16:50 – 17:40
Cardinal Treatment of Ordinal Variables
Carsten Schröder, The German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin)

19:00 Conference Dinner

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Session 3 Inequality in Germany

9:30 – 10:45
Keynote – The Distribution Conflict: Germany's Social Market Economy
Marcel Fratzscher, The German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin)

10:45 – 11:10 Coffee Break

11:10 – 12:00
Earnings Inequality in Germany: a Lifetime Perspective
Timm Bönke, Free University Berlin

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

Session 4 Inequality and Mobility

13:00 – 13:50
Some Microfoundations of the Great Gatsby Curve
Steven Durlauf, University of Wisconsin-Madison

13:50 – 14:40
Income Inequality and Intergenerational Income Mobility in the U.S.
Deirdre Bloome, University of Michigan

14:40 – 15:10 Coffee Break

15:10 – 16:00
On the Accumulation of Wealth: the Role of Inheritance
Arash Nekoei, Stockholm University

16:00 – 16:50
Immigration and Preferences for Greater Law Enforcement Spending in Rich Democracies
David Brady, University of California, Riverside
