

# Annual Report



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# MISSION STATEMENT

**The International Inequalities Institute (III) at The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) is a centre for rigorous research into the nature, causes and consequences of the multiple inequalities afflicting our world today. Because social, economic, political and cultural inequalities are inherently intertwined, the III welcomes methods and approaches from across the social sciences and encourages interdisciplinary dialogue. Because those inequalities inevitably cut across national boundaries, our work is international in scope. We believe that rigorous research can and should engage with practice and policy, and we seek to promote linkages between theory, empirics and practice.**

These are our core values:

- **Rigour:** we seek to promote research of the highest academic standards, all the more so because we intend it to inform practice and the policy debate.
- **Interdisciplinarity:** based at LSE, one of the world's premier social science universities, we believe that bringing together scholarly perspectives from across the social sciences enriches the analysis of inequality in its multiple dimensions.
- **An international scope:** through the ebbs and flows of globalisation, the world is increasingly interconnected and so are its inequalities. We promote research on inequality around the world, ranging from the local to the global in scope.
- **Engagement:** we believe research can be rigorous and intellectually independent while simultaneously informing and being informed by the challenges of practice and policy.
  - As a core part of that engagement, we provide a platform to support students and Atlantic Fellows from across the globe who are passionate about addressing inequality. We learn from their experiences, help them enhance their knowledge, expand their repertoires and provide them with confidence and support.

# DIRECTOR'S INTRODUCTION

## Professor Francisco H G Ferreira

**The last 12 months have seen major new developments, both nationally and globally. In the UK, July marked the end of 14 years of Conservative rule and the beginning of a new Labour government with a large parliamentary majority. Across the Channel, a victory of the French far-right was averted in parliamentary elections where the left-wing New Popular Front won the most votes. Earlier in the year, the world's largest parliamentary elections ended with a considerably weakened right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party retaining power in India after much worse results (for them) than had been expected. These results have been widely interpreted as a salutary democratic check on the Prime Minister Narendra Modi government's authoritarian tendencies.**

Less auspiciously, 2023 was, once again, the world's hottest year on record, as 2022 had been before it. Heat-related deaths are on the rise in many countries and natural disasters continue to worsen every year. In the Middle East, the vicious 7 October 2023 Hamas attack on Israel was followed by a disproportionately violent military response that has destroyed most of the Gaza Strip, killed tens of thousands of civilians and caused hunger and massive suffering. The response to both these horrors has echoed around the world – including on the LSE campus – and has often been characterised by

increased polarisation. Meanwhile, the Russian invasion of Ukraine has entered its third year.

Although the research we conduct at the LSE International Inequalities Institute is generally planned and developed as multi-year research projects and programmes, rather than to the tempo of news cycles, I have been impressed by just how relevant much of our work is to many of these developments. In the UK, work by Arun Advani, Andy Summers and other researchers in our Wealth, Elites, and Tax Justice research programme on the non-domiciled (non-dom) tax regime had already led to policy

changes by the outgoing Conservative government, as well as influencing Labour Party policy plans. The same group are now using His Majesty's Revenue and Custom (HMRC) data to look at the taxation of capital gains and its distributional consequences. This group has often been called upon to advise shadow ministers who are now likely to lead their portfolios in the new government, and their work is frequently featured in the media.

In France, one leading member of our Public Economics of Inequality research programme is the current director of the Conseil D'Analyse Économique (Council of Economic Analysis), while another has served as president of a commission evaluating the impact of the stimulus package in response to the COVID-19 crisis. In India, our Faculty Associate Alpa Shah's new book, *The incarcerations: BK-16 and the search for democracy in India*, which analyses one of the most egregious recent miscarriages of justice in that country, was published shortly ahead of the Indian elections and is a finalist for the 2024 Orwell Prize. Separately, our India Observatory organised a major international conference to celebrate the centenary of Bhimrao R. Ambedkar's doctorate at LSE.<sup>1</sup> Dr Ambedkar was perhaps the foremost historical leader of the Dalits (formerly known as 'untouchables') and headed the committee that drafted the Indian Constitution.

The link between the climate crisis and inequality has always been at the forefront of our minds at the III. This year, among other initiatives and in collaboration with LSE's Grantham Institute and the Queen Mary University of London, we held an all-day workshop on 'Climate change and inequality', featuring various novel research papers as well as a keynote address by Professor



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Nicholas Stern.<sup>2</sup> The III is also taking part in a Horizon Europe project, Sustainability Performances, Evidence and Scenarios (SPES), whose goal is to contribute to the transition towards sustainable human development in Europe.<sup>3</sup>

Work on connections between inequality, conflicts and peace – as well as on the rise of authoritarianism – has also continued under the Politics of Inequality research programme, in close collaboration with the Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity (AFSEE) Programme. AFSEE has also increased the levels of its already generous contributions to LSE's Scholar-at-Risk Programme, which works to bring to safety academics at risk in countries experiencing conflict, including Ukraine and Palestine.

The span of our research spreads well beyond countries experiencing conflict or major electoral changes. Other highlights from the past year include the launch of the Global Economic Opportunity and Mobility database at a June conference in Italy. This is the result of a broad partnership between our Opportunity and Mobility research programme and the Universities of Bari in Italy and Monash in Australia, as well as the Asian Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Vélezreyes+ Foundation and other supporters.<sup>4</sup> The database provides estimates of the extent to which inequality is inherited – so constituting inequality of opportunity – in 72 countries, representing roughly two-thirds of the world's population.



Within our Global Inequalities Observatory, the Quality of Employment project has produced a multidimensional measure of poor-quality employment that not only quantifies how many workers are in poor-quality employment in the UK, but also how intensely disadvantaged they are.<sup>5</sup> A similar approach has been applied to many other countries, and it is currently in the process of being adopted as an official labour market indicator by the government of Chile. Still in Latin America, this past year has also seen the issuance of the 27 working papers generated by phase 1 of the Latin American and Caribbean Inequality Review (LACIR), which are now in the process of being reviewed for publication in a special supplement of Oxford Open Economics, the same journal that published the findings of the UK's Deaton Review of Inequality.<sup>6</sup>

Finally, this past academic year saw the completion of the work of two of our initial research programmes, namely Global Economies of Care and Cities, Jobs, and Economic Change. While they have successfully completed multi-year work programmes, they continue to be active as research networks, as you will read in the pages that follow. To replace them as active research programmes, we have selected two new programmes through a competitive call for proposals. These new programmes are Gender, Justice, and the Wellbeing Economy, and Perceptions of Inequality, and you can find out about their new programme plans, as well as many other great things that our growing research teams have been doing, in the remainder of this Annual Report. We hope you will enjoy reading it!

- 1 Set up in 2006, the III's India Observatory is a centre to develop and enhance research and programmes related to India's economy, politics and society. It is involved in public policy engagement in, and with, India and also works in collaboration with international partners for the generation and exchange of knowledge on India and its position in the world.
- 2 The Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment was established by LSE in 2008 to create a world-leading multidisciplinary centre for policy-relevant research and training on climate change and the environment, bringing together international expertise from across LSE and beyond, including on economics, finance, geography, the environment, science, law, international relations, development and political science.
- 3 "Horizon Europe is the European Union's key funding programme for research and innovation. It tackles climate change, helps to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and boosts the EU's competitiveness and growth." Taken from the [European Commission's website](#).
- 4 The Vélezreyes+ Foundation is the personal and family philanthropic platform of David Vélez and Mariel Reyes. David is the founder of a large digital banking platform.
- 5 The III's Global Inequalities Observatory seeks to promote rigorous research methods from a wide range of social sciences to foster a greater understanding of the levels, trends, causes, and consequences of economic inequality in multiple countries and regions.
- 6 [LACIR Inequality in the early years in LAC: a comparative study of size, persistence, and policies](#). "LACIR brings together high-level scholars to provide a coherent and comprehensive overview of the inequality problem in Latin America, through a mix of in-depth critical reviews of the literature, new data, and new analyses." – taken from [LACIR \(lse.ac.uk\)](#).

# KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE AND IMPACT

The International Inequalities Institute's research programmes, core researchers, faculty associates and visiting fellows have connected with various non-academic audiences, research end-users and policymakers. Below are a selected number of examples given to highlight the III's knowledge exchange and impact (KEI) activities this academic year.

Information on KEI activity for the Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity (AFSEE) programme is covered in the AFSEE section of the report.

## Launch of the Global Estimates of Opportunity and Mobility database



Launch of the Global Estimates of Opportunity and Mobility database at the University of Bari on 6 to 7 June

The Global Estimates of Opportunity and Mobility (GEOM) database was officially launched during the 'Equality of opportunity and intergenerational mobility: a global perspective' conference that took place in Bari, Italy on the 6 to 7 June 2024. This database offers the most comprehensive set of estimates on inequality of opportunity available worldwide. To date, GEOM contains estimates for 72 countries, accounting for 67% of the world's population and covering a time span as wide as 40 years in some cases. The database is now online and has attracted the interest of media and scholars around the globe, including mentions in a recent Fairness Foundation report in the UK, and in *Sole 24 Ore*, a leading Italian newspaper.

## Non-dom status abolished



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As part of the 2024 Spring Budget, the former Chancellor announced that the non-dom tax regime will be phased out. From April 2025, people who move to the UK will not have to pay tax on money they earn overseas for the first four years. After that period, if they continue to live in the UK, they will pay the same tax as everyone else. This news followed influential research by Dr Arun Advani, Dr Andy Summers and David Burgherr showing that abolishing the regime could raise £3.2 billion a year for the UK economy. In 2023 the Labour Party pledged to abolish non-dom status, and the Conservative government was initially sceptical, but the compelling weight of evidence soon forced a change of view.

## Why wealth inequality matters



'Why Wealth Inequality Matters' event at LSE on 13 May 2024

Over the past decade, wealth inequality – driven by the private ownership of assets such as property, savings and investments – has increasingly been recognised as a major divisive force in the UK, and across the globe. A new report on 'Why wealth inequality matters' was published by Mike Savage, Mina Mahmoudzadeh, Elizabeth Mann, Michael Vaughan and Sacha Hillhorst, with the aim of bringing this inequality into proper view. The report shows how wealth operates to amplify socio-economic inequalities associated with gender, race and class, and also serves to erode democratic engagement and political trust. This report was launched at an event on 13 May 2024, which aimed to equip policymakers, journalists and civil society groups with key insights that could be used for campaigning work in the run up to the General Election. The event received wide coverage, such as journalist Polly Toynbee's *The Guardian* column and an article Fairness Foundation.<sup>7</sup>

## Latin America and Caribbean Inequality Review papers published



LACIR Synthesis Symposium – Mexico City, April 2024

During the past year, 27 working papers that constitute the phase 1 of the Latin America and Caribbean Inequality Review (LACIR) were published. In February 2024, Francisco Ferreira presented summary results of the Review to the Annual Meetings of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). In April 2024, LACIR panellists gathered at a synthesis symposium that took place in Mexico City to summarise the key findings from the report. A public event was also held in Chile entitled 'What do we know about inequality in Chile and Latin America? Evidence and public policies'.

Beyond disseminating findings through the publication of these papers, this year the LACIR team launched a podcast together with the IDB entitled 'Voices in action: rethinking equality' to reach a wider audience from the region.

<sup>7</sup> Fair Comment, 'Tracking narrative ebbs and flows on wealth inequality', Published on FAIRCOMMENT.CO.UK.



## Launch of SOUTHMOD models



Members of the SOUTHMOD teams at the UNU-WIDER annual conference in Oslo in September 2023

As part of the III's collaboration with the 'SOUTHMOD - simulating tax and benefit policies for development' project, two training courses on the use of tax-benefit microsimulation for policy analysis were successfully delivered to government officials in Peru and Costa Rica.<sup>8</sup> From the 20 to 23 November 2023, Dr Xavier Jara in collaboration with Universidad del Pacífico organised the first training and launch event on PERUMOD, the tax-benefit microsimulation model for Peru. From the 6 to 8 May 2024, Dr Xavier Jara in collaboration with Universidad de Costa Rica organised the first training and launch event on CRIMOD, the tax-benefit microsimulation model for Costa Rica. The workshops included participants from government ministries, central banks and the tax authorities of each country.

## Collaboration with Joseph Rowntree Foundation



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The past year saw a new collaboration between the III and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF), specifically focusing on the role of framing in the politics of wealth inequality. A public-facing report was published summarising academic knowledge about framing of wealth inequality, as well as a set of provocations for future knowledge exchange between practitioners and researchers. JRF published this report on its website as 'Changing the narrative on wealth inequality'. This was followed by a set of four workshops in the first half of 2024. Participants primarily included representatives from social change organisations such as Fairness Foundation, Women's Budget Group, the Equality Trust, Tax Justice UK and Patriotic Millionaires, as well as academics from seven different institutions outside LSE.

<sup>8</sup> The III is the new partner of SOUTHMOD, a major international research project financed by UNU-WIDER to develop and use tax-benefit microsimulation models for selected developing countries.

# RESEARCH



Our research is broadly organised into six main programmes, two research networks and one cross-cutting observatory.”



# GENDER JUSTICE AND THE WELLBEING ECONOMY

Led by Professor Naila Kabeer and Dr Ania Plomien

New research programme



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**There is a growing consensus among different constituencies across the Global North and Global South that rapidly rising economic inequalities and the accelerating pace of climate change constitute the important challenges of our times. The linkages between these and different manifestations of gender injustice are less widely recognised, although aspects of them have been the major focus of work by feminist scholars and activists.**

We aim to explore how these different forms of injustice relate to each other and argue that addressing gender injustice is central to sustainable progress on all fronts. It is central because gender injustice is at the heart of the imbalance between the care of people and the planet, on the one hand, and the pursuit of growth for its own sake, on the other.

The overarching proposition that brings our programme to life is that while economic inequality, gender injustice and climate change are not new phenomena, they have been significantly exacerbated by the shift in the early 1980s to a growth paradigm that rests on deregulated markets and the financialisation of the economy. The fact that economic growth is measured in terms of the gross domestic product (GDP) has meant that conceptual limitations of the GDP

have been reproduced in an era when market forces have been freed of any serious attempt to correct for them. The idea of the wellbeing economy has been gaining traction in policy and activist circles as a way of combining the long-standing concerns with material prosperity that have driven the growth model and too often neglected concerns with human capabilities, gender justice and environmental sustainability.

The objectives of the programme are to bring together research and advocacy efforts relating to three critical themes in the transition to a gender-just wellbeing economy:

- **The drivers of ill-being:** we want to document the impact of deregulated markets in a context of rapid climate change on gender inequalities, by looking at the processes of social

reproduction and their implications for gender inequalities in the public domain.

- **Conceptualising wellbeing:** our research network will assess the strengths and weakness of different conceptualisations of the wellbeing economy. We will aim to produce a synthesis paper to promote wider debate and discussion on what a wellbeing economy looks like from a gender justice perspective.
- **Pathways to the wellbeing economy:** this theme will highlight pathways to the wellbeing economy that are framed by the parameters laid out in economist Kate Raworth's model 'doughnut economics': the provision and egalitarian distribution of goods and services that are essential for human capabilities and that respect the planetary boundaries which protect earth's life-supporting systems.<sup>9</sup> While we will be working on this component of the research agenda throughout the programme, it will be the main focus of the final year of the project.

9 Kate Raworth, 'Doughnut Economics: seven ways to think like a 21st-century economist'. Published on PENGUIN.CO.UK



Integral to our agenda is that our efforts must straddle boundaries between different domains – between north and south, between different disciplines and between academia, social movements and policymaking. We want to actively engage the actors that occupy these areas by involving a network of partners, drawn from different fields, who are engaged in these issues. Key among them will be members of the AFSEE community with whom we are seeking closer collaboration.

We commit to:

- invite a variety of outputs ranging from academic working papers, blogs, think pieces and videos to reflect the different themes of the programme
- hold convening events throughout the life of the programme and explore the possibility of running a course on its themes. We hope to hold a final international conference at the end and produce an edited volume that synthesises our findings
- mentor young scholars by offering a prize each year for the best essay on a selected programme theme



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# OPPORTUNITY, MOBILITY AND INTERGENERATIONAL TRANSMISSION OF INEQUALITY

Led by Professor Francisco H G Ferreira and Dr Paolo Brunori



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**The Opportunity, Mobility and Intergenerational Transmission of Inequality (OM) research programme focused its efforts on finalising and launching the Global Opportunity and Mobility database (GEOM). This database offers the most comprehensive set of estimates on inequality of opportunity available worldwide. Leveraging a comprehensive set of accessible household surveys, we selected national-representative samples containing reliable information about income/consumption and a rich set of circumstances beyond individual control, such as gender at birth, parental education and occupation, place of birth, and race/ethnicity. To date, GEOM contains estimates for 72 countries, accounting for 67% of the world's population and covering a time span as wide as 40 years in some cases.**

The statistical approach adopted to estimate inequality of opportunity in GEOM was developed by researchers in the OM programme. We adopted a data-driven approach borrowing a set of tree-based algorithms that serve the scope of the analysis of inequality of opportunity. The methodological contribution was described in full in a recent working paper by Paolo Brunori, Francisco Ferreira and Pedro Salas-Rojo.<sup>10</sup>

GEOM is a data and research initiative spearheaded by the International Inequalities Institute (III) and the Department of Economics and Finance at the University of Bari, Italy, in collaboration with various global organisations including Monash University – Centre for Development Economics and Sustainability in Australia, Asian Development Bank – Economic Research and Development Impact Department, the Centro de Estudios Espinosa Yglesias in Mexico, and the

University of Florence in Italy. The GEOM project has also received economic and technical support from the philanthropic platform the Velezreyes+ Foundation.

The GEOM database was during the 'Equality of opportunity and intergenerational mobility: a global perspective' conference that took place in Bari, Italy on the 6 to 7 June and is now online attracting the interest of media and global scholars.<sup>11</sup>

Beyond the finalisation of the GEOM database, the financial support from the VelezReyes+ Foundation enabled us to hire a research officer, Louis Sirugue, who just graduated from the Paris School of Economics. Louis has joined the team to expand the scope of GEOM to intergenerational income mobility, as well as exploring the possibility of estimating inequality of opportunity using administrative records. We will start collaborating with the government of Ecuador's statistical office on the use of its administrative data.

<sup>10</sup> LSE Research Online, 'Inherited Inequality: a general framework and an application to South Africa'. Published on EPRINTS.LSE.AC.UK.

<sup>11</sup> GEOM Conference, 'Equality of opportunity and intergenerational mobility. A global perspective'. Published on SITES.GOOGLE.COM.





Researchers from the III are also participating in a Horizon Europe project, ‘Sustainability performances, evidence and scenarios’ (SPES), whose overall goal is to contribute to the transition towards sustainable human development in European countries and regions.<sup>12</sup>

This past year the III team has contributed with a full report to the ‘SPES work package 3: assessing and improving composite indices and measurement frameworks on transition performances’. Our report explores measurement challenges associated with five composite indicators broadly used by international policy institutions to measure wellbeing and transition performance. After formally discussing the construction and checking data requirements, we performed a myriad of sensitivity and robustness analyses. The III team is also leading the ‘SPES work package 6: leaving no one behind and just transition’. While project partners at

the University of Belgrade have already identified transition losers from the ongoing green transformation, our team is focused on examining the socio-economic and demographic groups that are most likely to be affected by the direct and indirect impact of climate change. We have also participated in the consortium meetings held in Bordeaux and Rome, presenting our preliminary results and engaging with partner institutions.

An important event during the programme was the ‘Seventeenth Winter School on inequality and collective welfare theory (IT 17)’, which took place in the Italian Alps from 7 to 12 January 2024. Besides being part of the event organisation, several OM members and PhD students from LSE delivered six participant presentations and two lectures making the III community among the liveliest contributors at the Winter School.

The most recent event co-organised by the QMUL Research Circle for the Study of Inequality and Poverty and the III in which the OM programme was involved was the III/QMUL Workshop on Climate Change and Inequality held at LSE on 10 May 2024. The conference gathered experts on the field, the keynote speaker being Professor Lord Nicholas Stern, Chair of Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, LSE.

Finally, OM has organised five ‘Statistical methods to understand inherited inequalities’ seminars. These are informal gatherings held during lunchtime, hosting scholars active in the field of statistical methods for the study of inequality and wellbeing. In the last academic year, we hosted prominent researchers, including Koen Decancq, Emmanuel Flachaire and Paul Hufe.



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# HIGHLIGHTS

## Launch of the Global Estimates of Opportunity and Mobility database

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Launch of the Global Estimates of Opportunity and Mobility database at the University of Bari on 6 to 7 June

The GEOM is a newly launched public data repository and website aimed at providing comparable estimates of inequality of opportunity worldwide. This initiative measures inequality of opportunity based on life outcomes such as how a person's income varies due to circumstances beyond their control. Currently, GEOM includes data for 72 countries, covering 67% of the global population, primarily derived from household surveys due to the limited availability of high-quality administrative data.

To address the challenge of selecting relevant circumstances and balancing bias, the project uses advanced machine learning techniques such as conditional inference trees, transformation trees and random forests. The database allows for observing changes over time in some countries, due to the analysis of 196 surveys.

Initial results reveal that even in countries with the least inequality of opportunity, like Korea, Australia and Denmark, about 25% of income inequality is due to inherited circumstances. In contrast, in countries like South Africa, nearly 80% of income inequality is due to unfair opportunities. In Latin America, the share is around 60%, while in the US and UK, it is 40% and 30% respectively. These estimates could increase with better data.

### RESEARCH TEAM:

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## Seventeenth Winter School on inequality and collective welfare theory



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An important event in the OM sphere was the ‘Seventeenth Winter School on inequality and collective welfare theory’ (IT 17), which took place in the Italian Alps from 7 to 12 January 2024. The event provided junior and senior researchers on inequality and social welfare analysis the opportunity to discuss big challenges for our societies. This year, the challenges included artificial intelligence and the labour market, climate change, and development and conflict. Several OM members and PhD students from LSE delivered six participant presentations and two lectures making our community among the liveliest contributors at the Winter School. Speakers included Paolo Brunori, Frank Cowell, Lucinda Platt and Flaviana Palmisano.

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## The III and The Research Circle for the Study of Inequality and Poverty: workshop on climate change and inequality

The Research Circle for the Study of Inequality and Poverty (QMUL) and the III hosted a workshop on climate change and inequality on the 10 May 2024 at LSE. The conference gathered experts in the field, with a primary interest in empirical studies of the effects of climatic changes and shocks on different dimensions and measures of inequality (for example, intergenerational persistence, wages, regional dynamics, gender, health and education, top incomes, and migration) as well as different channels of transmission (for example, industries, public policy, public finance and political economy mechanisms). The keynote speaker for the workshop was Professor Lord Nicholas Stern, IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government at the Department of Economics and Chair of Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, LSE.

### RESEARCH TEAM:

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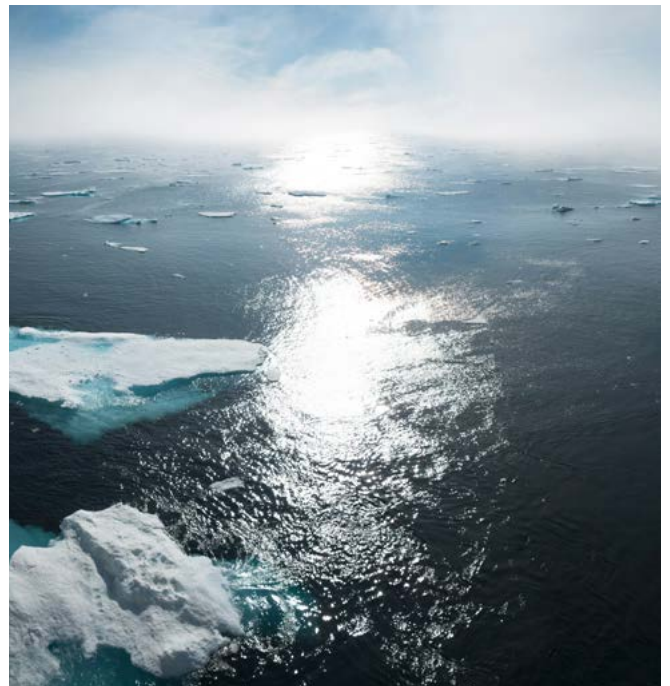


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# PERCEPTIONS OF INEQUALITY

Led by Professor Frank Cowell and Professor Joan Costa-Font  
New research programme



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**We focus on examining research themes and questions that concern perceptions of, and attitudes towards, the diverse forms of inequality such as income, health and education. Members of the research programme are involved in the study of distributional values and preferences, including narratives and cognitive and behavioural determinants that can explain differences in inequality perceptions and preferences across societies and social groups.**

The research agenda includes applied empirical work to advance our understanding of perceptions of inequality and their potential explanations. This is based on indicators of individual attitudes and behaviours, such as interpersonal trust, social identity, ideology, poverty aversion, social cues, reference points, and the fear of being last. The programme pays special attention to gender differences in inequality aversion, including gender effects on risk perceptions and attitudes, trust and pro-social behaviours, locus of control, and time preferences, as well as other behavioural determinants such as empathy, guilt and shame. It is thereby also committed to an explicitly intersectional approach that considers additional self-identified reference groups.

From a social and public-policy standpoint, evidence is crucial to assess the public's support for re-distributive policies and interventions – such as who favours more or less inequality, how distributional preferences differ across types of social and economic inequalities, and whether perceptions

and attitudes are consistent. It is also essential for arriving at estimates of inequality aversion to be used in making welfare evaluations of policy reforms that have distributional implications. We need to understand better what shapes the differences in egalitarian attitudes.

The programme also aims to synthesise and advance state-of-the-art methodological contributions that help compare and identify the best perception and preference elicitation techniques, spanning experimental methods from psychology, economics, and behavioural science, as well as the use of quantitative and qualitative surveys, and observational techniques from the social sciences.

A central objective of the programme is to contribute world-class research on (mis)perceptions of inequality, including attitudes, distributional preferences and behavioural insights. This will cover various domains of inequality (income, health, education, etc.) and express a strong emphasis on gendered and intersectional analyses.

We aim to build this as a leading, highly active and visible international research programme, with the International Inequalities Institute (III) as its hub and centre. This means that the programme will be firmly based at the III and LSE, but is explicitly intended to bring together research excellence across disciplines, world regions and career stages.

## ACTIVITIES:

- We have a number of working papers that we expect to share, via the III working paper series.
- We expect to run a number of workshops and seminars, involving the academic members of the programme, the wider III and Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity community, as well as policymakers, civil society organisations and the general public.
- We are designing a survey to elicit inequality perceptions and aversion across a number of countries in several domains.
- We are planning collaborations and partnerships with other organisations working on egalitarian attitudes and perceptions of inequality.
- We are aiming to curate a go-to database on perceptions of inequality around the world.

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# POLITICS OF INEQUALITY

Led by Professor Armine Ishkanian and Professor Ellen Helsper



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**The Politics of Inequality research programme takes an international, comparative, interdisciplinary and multi-method approach to explore the practices of resistance, mobilisation and contestation which constitute a politics of inequality from a bottom-up perspective. The research on this programme is linked to the work of the Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity (AFSEE) programme, informs teaching on AFSEE modules and supports research by and participation of AFSEE Fellows.**

The programme has three goals:

- supporting and producing significant and robust research
- creating networking opportunities for those studying the politics of inequality
- supporting collaborations and knowledge exchange with AFSEE Fellows and other non-academic stakeholders

Here we highlight the work of core LSE programme affiliates: Professor Armine Ishkanian and Professor Ellen Helsper (Politics of Inequality programme leaders), and Co-PIs Dr Maël Lavenaire, Dr Fabricio Mendes Fialho, Dr George Kunnath and Dr Annalena Oppel.

## MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

From 2023 to 2024 is the last academic year in which the Politics of Inequalities research programme runs, it will continue as a network from 2025. We focused on

exploring different pathways for continuation by publishing research on existing projects, winning grants to continue research and consolidating the network through activities involving various stakeholders.

The organisation of the Politics of Inequalities closing conference in November 2024 contributing to all three programme goals will take centre stage this year. The conference is a celebration of the work done by researchers and AFSEE Fellows and combines talks, a podcast and multimedia presentations alongside spaces for networking around future collaborations between different stakeholders. The conference proceedings will be published in a format combining traditional academic and alternative creative formats.

## POLITICS OF INEQUALITY PROGRAMME THEMES

The three main aims of the programme are worked through in five different themes: digital inequalities, movements and policy, conflict and peace, authoritarianism and populism, and racial inequalities. This section describes the important developments for each with further details in the highlights and publications sections.

### INEQUALITIES IN AN INCREASINGLY DIGITAL WORLD: REPRODUCTION AND RESISTANCE IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Professor Helsper leads on two projects, 'From digital skills to tangible outcomes' (DiSTO) and 'Rethinking media literacy and digital skills' (REMEDIIS).

This year DiSTO established a network with researchers and practitioners from Colombia, India, Sudan and the UK to examine digital resilience and inequalities in areas experiencing conflict. Work on the Spanish and Dutch DiSTO projects also continued with publications around inequalities in online job searches and the unequal consequences of negative online experiences.

The REMEDIIS project published reports detailing the lessons learned from workshops and visits to intervention sites about barriers related to content design as well as

organisational hurdles. The project received an extension to run for one more year allowing for further co-development of tools and fieldwork.

A new project Resisting Inequalities through a Global Arts Network (RIGAN) with community organisations in Kenya, India and Scotland received funding from the Atlantic Equity Challenge.<sup>14</sup> It aims to improve the impact of global networks resisting inequalities through creative community arts-based initiatives, taking into account offline and online barriers, and improving access and participation.

Further funding through the 100x Impact Accelerator Research Grant by Marshall Institute for Dr Fialho's project 'A digital patient feedback platform in Tanzania: evaluating the pathways to impact' expands this work to public services.

### MOVEMENTS, POLICY AND THE POLITICS OF INEQUALITY<sup>15</sup>

Professor Ishkanian leads this theme and is the director of AFSEE. Through this collaboration, the programme integrates the research findings from this theme and others. The emphasis for this theme was on publishing and presenting this work in various forums as well as the organisation of the conference in November.

The publication of a blog and a research paper were highlights. Based on research around social movements, the blog discusses how inequality is not inevitable but is reinforced by political practice and social and cultural norms. However, the research shows that changing systems and structures

that perpetuate inequalities, while difficult, is not impossible.

The paper highlights that the agency of local civil society actors is influenced by the liberal peacebuilding paradigm of international actors and by hegemonic state and societal discourses about the conflict (Armine Ishkanian, Arpy Manusyan, Mariam Khalatyan, and Nvard Margaryan, 2023).

### INEQUALITIES, CONFLICT AND PEACE<sup>16</sup>

Dr Kunnath leads on two research projects in Colombia which produced various academic and non-academic outputs in the last year, including a documentary, a special issue, conferences and capacity building and knowledge exchange activities in Colombia. A top-up research grant by LSE's International Science Partnerships Fund (ISPF) was awarded, which enabled the project to develop knowledge exchange and impact (KEI) activities with De Mano en

Mano, a digital marketing platform run by the former Revolutionary Armed Forces (FARC) guerrillas in Colombia.

A new collaboration with the Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice research programme investigates the racial wealth divide among various ethnic groups in the UK. Work started on a co-authored chapter with Professor Mike Savage on the wealth divide among South Asian communities, examining the role of caste in wealth disparities. This chapter will be included in an edited volume on racial wealth divide to be published by the LSE Press.

### AUTHORITARIANISM AND POPULISM IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY<sup>17</sup>

Through publishing papers and blogs, Dr Fialho has brought together researchers to discuss authoritarianism and the reproduction and resistance to populist ideas, analysing worldwide opinion survey data to find explanations for the rise of



Maël Lavenaire presenting at an event at LSE in October 2023

14 Launched in September 2021, the Atlantic Equity Challenge (AEQ) is funding four projects that examine inequalities on sites in Bangladesh, Colombia, India, Lebanon, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Uganda.

15 The III, 'Movements, policy and the politics of inequality'. Published on LSE.AC.UK.

16 The III, 'Inequalities, conflict and peace'. Published on LSE.AC.UK.

17 The III, 'Authoritarianism and populism in the twenty-first century'. Published on LSE.AC.UK.



authoritarianism and populism. The international press has paid attention to this pressing topic in a year of elections around the world.

Professor Helsper leads a project mapping geographic and network inequalities in relation to populism with Chilean partners. This focuses on the relationships between inequalities in digital literacy, online and offline social capital in different regions, and populist or anti-establishment voting by analysing existing industry and public data sets. This collaboration kicked off at a conference in Chile around misinformation co-organised with the Fundación Piensa and the US Embassy.<sup>18</sup>

### **HISTORICISING CONTEMPORARY RACIAL INEQUALITIES<sup>19</sup>**

Dr Lavenaire's work has advanced current research through investigations of historical archives. The 'Social change and racial inequalities in the post-slavery plantation societies' project offers a unique, previously unexplored,

understanding of the political, economic and cultural implications of slavery and plantations for global and local inequalities. Recent work has been to take a deep dive into the UK national archives exploring documentation coming from the Colonial Office in the UK. This work was combined with the knowledge developed from earlier research into the contemporary national archives in France. This exploration led the project to expand data collection from the French archives to include that dating back to the middle of the 19th century on the sites of the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris and the Archives Nationales d'Outre-Mer (the national centre specialised in the documentation coming from colonial offices in France) and pieces found in the archives of Guadeloupe.

Dr Oppel's work explores different interpretations and institutionalisations of meritocracy, particularly in contexts of the Global South going beyond Western-centric discourses of success. This involved six months of fieldwork and

immersion in Brazil, setting up new collaborations, discussions and exchanges with academics and practitioners. The implications of histories of racial inequalities on current practices in relation to 'Black tax' are detailed in a forthcoming academic paper (Oppel, forthcoming). Similar work discussing 'The fiscal space of developing countries and its impact on poverty (SDG 1) and/or inequality (SDG 7) reduction' was also presented at the 'Confronting debt, climate change and poverty: global financial architecture reform and fiscal space of developing countries' event organised by the European Parliament.<sup>20</sup>



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18 Fundación Piensa. Published on FUNDACIONPIENSACL.

19 III, "Historicising contemporary racial inequalities" Published on LSE.AC.UK.

20 Center For Global Development, Confronting debt, climate change and poverty: global financial architecture reform and fiscal space of developing countries'. Published on CGDEV.ORG.



# HIGHLIGHTS

## DiSTO and REMEDIS

Funding acknowledgement: Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation (convocatoria proyectos I+D 'Retos de la Sociedad' 2018) and Dutch Government Household Survey funding.

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As part of the DiSTO projects, Professor Helsper presented new theoretical models around digital inclusion policymaking at the International Communication Association conference this year in Australia.

She also continued work on the Spanish project published papers on the compound effects of social and digital inequalities which mean that online job searches are less likely to lead to positive outcomes (for example, being noticed, invited to interviews or getting a job) and more likely to be associated with negative outcomes (such as burn out and low self-esteem) for those who are historically disadvantaged on the labour market (Stefano de Marco, Guillaume Dumont and Ellen Helsper, 2023, in press; Guillaume Dumont, Stefano de Marco and Ellen Helsper, 2023).

The Dutch project examined how negative online experiences influence disengagement in different ways for advantaged and disadvantaged adults, and found that for those who depend on online resources, there is no alternative but to go back to the same platforms that caused the negative experiences. However, for negative social experiences, which are more likely for those who have historically experienced discrimination, there tend to be offline alternatives that can retract from digital interactive spaces (Alexander Van Deursen, Ellen Helsper and Luc Schneider, forthcoming).

Highlights of events that presented work on these DiSTO projects are:

- Helsper, E.J., Wang, A., and Liu, S. (2024) *Four models of digital inclusion policymaking*. The 74th Annual ICA Conference, Gold Coast (Australia).



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- Helsper, E.J. (2024) Opportunity and inequity in interactive digital spaces. Feeling better: immersive technologies, experience design & wellbeing seminar. Guildhall School, London, UK.
- Helsper, E.J. (2024) Intersectional socio-digital inequalities and negative experiences. Gender Based Violence and Digital Technologies Seminar, University of Stavanger, Norway.

This has also been a very active year for the REMEDIS project. UK workshops were organised with Citizens Online, Good Things Foundation and CodeYourFuture to deliver training and informal learning to, among other groups, refugees, the long-term unemployed, vulnerable elderly and young people. The UK DiSTO team, under the lead of Research Fellow Diego Martinez was extensively involved in workshops and co-development meetings for the Spanish team working with Verificat and PantallasAmigas who work in formal education and initiatives with vulnerable young people in Spain.

Results from this work were written up in two publications which detailed the many lessons learned about not only the barriers related to content (focus on technical skill and not critical literacy, lack of clarity of learning goals) but in terms of organisational barriers (human resources and volunteer capabilities, funding structures, length of delivery of the intervention, and language issues) (Diego Martinez, Ellen Helsper and others, 2023a, 2023b). The project has received an extension to run until September 2025 in which tools will be co-developed with practitioners and more visits conducted to consolidate the findings and gather more data.

Work in progress on DiSTO and REMEDIS project has been presented at: Helsper, E.J. (2024) *Inequalities in digital literacy and citizenship*. Invited speaker seminar. University of Exeter, Exeter, UK.

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The former project explores the implementation of the gender commitments of the Colombian peace agreement of 2016, while the latter focuses on capacity building programmes and knowledge exchange activities with women affected by armed conflict in Colombia. This work has been published in a special issue (Márquez Montaña and George Kunnath, 2024).

This year a top-up research grant of £20,000 by the ISPF was awarded, which enabled the project to develop KEI activities with De Mano en Mano, a digital marketing platform run by the former FARC guerrillas in Colombia for the sale of agricultural products from their peace co-operatives.

Important in this theme is the co-production of research questions and materials and co-publication of research findings with those who are participating in research. This was achieved this year through the production of the documentary *No hay paz sin justicia social*, which was co-produced with the AEQ project team (2024).

The sharing of this work, which is grounded in collaborations with activists, citizens and with academics from around the world, is also very important as highlighted in the following presentations:

- Kunnath, G. (2023). *Caste and politics in South Asia*. Politics in South Asia, DPIR, University of Oxford.
- Kunnath, G. (2023). Peace and gender (in)equality: lessons from the Colombian peace agreement of 2016<sup>21</sup>.
- Kunnath, G. (2023). El Género en la Implementación del Acuerdo de Paz de 2016: balances y perspectivas. [Gender and the implementation of the Peace Agreement of 2016: balances and perspectives]. Icesi University conference, Cali.

## Gender and the Colombian Peace Agreement



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Funding acknowledgement: Atlantic Equity Challenge (AEQ) grant (2021) and LSE Knowledge Exchange and Impact (KEI) award (2023).

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21 LSE available at: <https://www2.lse.ac.uk/International-Inequalities/Research/Politics-of-Inequality/Peace-and-Gender-Inequality>

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Authoritarianism across continents and (digital) social capital and anti-establishment politics

The 'Authoritarianism across continents' project led by Dr Fialho consists of a cross-national analysis of the rise of authoritarianism in different continents. It examines attitudes, values and social cleavages underpinning the support for right-wing populism using cross-national survey data. The second project examines race-formation processes, group boundaries, and political attitudes and behaviour in Brazil, South Africa, and the US. A research seminar was organised by the III around the findings of this project, a series of papers and a blog on the topic, there has since been interest from international media in the findings.

- Fialho, F. M. and Almeida, Alberto C. (2024) [Plus ça change? Continuity and change in social attitudes and worldviews in 21st-century Brazil.](#)

The '(Digital) social capital and networks: homogeneity and heterogeneity as drivers of populism and anti-establishment thinking' project led by Professor Helsper has strong links to the authoritarianism across continents project. It has three goals:

- the development of global indicators to measure networks within communities through interactions among individuals with similar and/or diverse social and economic backgrounds
- creating global indicators for assessing both weak and strong connections through digital networks between communities
- understanding how different forms of social online and offline interactions relate to economic growth, mobility or political preferences, in particular to populism and anti-establishment ideas and behaviours



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The scientific impact of this project will be especially related to the third objective, covering a wide range of problems and involving experts from diverse disciplines. First, the goal is to delve into the relationship between social connections and economic growth in developing countries, seeking to clarify how networks between communities can boost economic mobility. Second, the project will examine the influence of different forms of social interactions on mobility and migration processes, analysing how these structures affect mobility and integration. Third, it aims to explore the relationship between social connectivity and the rise of anti-establishment, nationalist and populist attitudes, investigating how different types of networks can both challenge and reinforce these political ideas.





This project saw its kick off in Chile by presentations to stakeholders (policymakers, diplomats, journalists and student unions) during the following two events:

- Helsper, E.J. (2024) Socio-digital equity and critical digital competencies: consequences for (un)informed citizens. Empoderando la verdad (Empowering the truth) Conference on the World Press Freedom Day. Day one for stakeholders, day two with regional student representatives. Organised by Fundacion Piensa y the American Embassy, Vina del Mar.
- Helsper, E.J. (2024) Socio-digital inequalities and the consequences for (mis)informed citizenship. Invited lecture series. Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Valparaíso.

Another presentation relevant to this research project by programme members was: Ishkanian, A. (2024) 'Navigating the digital in a time of disinformation'. LSE event co-hosted by AFSEE, LSE Faith Centre and Facing History UK.

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# PUBLIC ECONOMICS OF INEQUALITY

Led by Professor Johannes Spinnewijn



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**The academic year 2023/24 has been an active and productive year for the Public Economics of Inequality research programme. The researchers further progressed the programme's research agenda and they have made some notable achievements.**

The research has continued to focus on measuring inequality, understanding its underlying mechanisms, and enhancing policy designs to effectively address inequality. The team engaged in numerous projects and published widely on critical topics, including capital taxation, wealth and property taxation, inheritance taxation, gender inequality, health inequalities, long-term unemployment, and the impacts of innovation and inflation on inequality.

The core members of the theme remained Associate Professor Xavier Jaravel, Professor Camille Landais, Assistant Professor Kate Smith, and Professor Johannes Spinnewijn. We welcomed Professor David Seim as a visitor during part of the autumn and winter terms. We also welcomed two new III pre-docs, Boris Beyen, a graduate from KU Leuven, who worked with Professor Spinnewijn on understanding health inequalities in the Netherlands and will move on to the PhD programme in economics at LSE, and Zeynep Beyram, an LSE graduate, who worked with Professor Smith on the energy crisis and its distributional

consequences in the UK. She will move on to a PhD programme in economics at Yale University.

The team has continued to push the boundaries of research on inequality. Associate Professor Jaravel has continued his line of work analysing productivity dynamics and their effects on inequality. This work generated new insights into the impacts of inequality access to innovation careers and the impacts of inflation and trade shocks on inequality. He wrote a book on innovation and inequality that received a lot of attention in France and beyond, and visited the economics department at Harvard during the spring. Professor Landais has provided critical insights into gender disparities, examining the impact of parental leave and childcare policies on reducing these disparities, the persistence of 'child penalties' on women's labour market outcomes, and wealth and property taxation in the US. Assistant Professor Smith's research has worked on the distributional effects of price shocks on households, exploring how policy designs can effectively

support households during periods of rising energy prices. She was also awarded a new grant to continue her work on how to design taxes on owner-managed businesses, which involves the matching of UK administrative tax records to understand the impact of self-employment and business ownership on individuals' income trajectories. Professor Spinnewijn has continued his work on health inequalities, constructing a chronic disease index using administrative data in the Netherlands to analyse how health inequalities arise over the life cycle and studying how the take-up of private health insurance in universal healthcare systems like in Sweden may worsen inequality in health outcomes.

The programme organised various seminars inviting speakers from both within and outside the III and LSE, including David Seim (Stockholm University), Joana Naritomi (LSE, International Development, SPP), David Coady (LSE Visiting Professor in Practice, III) and Johannes Spinnewijn (LSE, Dept of Economics, III).

We also continued to organise Public Economics of Inequality seminars jointly with University College London (UCL) at the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) and Application seminars together with the applied-micro groups from the economics departments. This included speakers like Winnie van Dijk, Yale University,



presenting her work on the design and evaluation of economic policies aimed at improving the lives of low-income households; Amy Finkelstein, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, analysing the mortality impacts of the Great Recession; Marcella Alsan, Harvard University, examining the rise of private health insurance in the US in the post-Second World War era (from 1946 to 1954); Nicole Maestas, Harvard University, presenting her work on disability insurance and how this protection affects individuals' earnings and employment trajectories, and Michael Best, Columbia University, analysing how perceptions of inequity in tax systems may reduce tax compliance.

The programme members also organised the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) Public Economics Annual Symposium 2024 in Lisbon in June and the Paris-London Public Economics conference as part of the CEPR

Winter Symposium in Paris. They also hosted at STICERD the annual Morishima Lecture 2024 by Matthew Gentzkow, Stanford University, on 'Social media and social good', analysing how social media is affecting polarisation and mental health.<sup>22</sup>

The team has also continued to live by its adage to turn research into policy. Professor Landais continued in his role as director of the Conseil D'Analyse Economique (CDE), directly supporting the Prime Minister and the French government, providing several reports and translating research insights into policy recommendations on various topics. Professor Jaravel serves on the French Council and published a report for the French Council of Economic Analysis on how to address the unequal effects of inflation.<sup>23</sup> He also served as the president of a commission evaluating the impacts of the €100 billion stimulus package launched by

the French Government in response to the COVID-19 crisis.<sup>24</sup> Professor Spinnewijn continued his role as the director of the CEPR public economics group and became an academic expert for the Central Planning Bureau in the Netherlands. He was invited to conclude a conference on the role of inequality in life-expectancy on pension design in a panel with the directors of social security administrations.

Overall, the Public Economics of Inequality research programme focused on broadening our understanding of the complexities of inequality. Through their diligent efforts, the researchers have significantly enriched our knowledge and provided robust, evidence-based recommendations to guide policy design and reform. Their work not only highlights the multifaceted nature of inequality but also offers practical solutions for mitigating its impacts and fostering a more equitable society.



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# HIGHLIGHTS

## The lost Marie Curies and how to find them



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Innovation is increasingly monopolised by a small entrepreneurial elite that is not representative of the population. To simultaneously increase our innovation potential and reduce inequality, it is urgent to involve everyone, especially women and people of underprivileged backgrounds, in the innovation process, from the creation of technologies to their widespread dissemination. Based on the latest economics research, this book discusses what we know and what we should do to find the 'lost Marie Curies' and 'lost Einsteins' and give them their chance.

### RESEARCH TEAM:

**Dr Xavier Jaravel**, Faculty Associate, LSE III and Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, LSE.

## The Chronic Disease Index: analysing health inequalities over the life cycle



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The rich live longer than the poor, but relatively little is known about the evolution of health inequality across the life cycle. Using rich administrative data from the Netherlands, we develop an index of chronic disease burden based on the projected contribution to old-age mortality. Chronic conditions account for one-third of the mortality gap in old age. Using our index, we demonstrate that health inequality arises much earlier in life; by age 35 years, the bottom half of the income distribution has the same disease burden as those aged 50 years in the top half. Approximately 60% of the divergence across income groups is due to low-income individuals developing chronic illness at a faster rate, rather than chronically ill individuals sorting into lower-income groups. Using linked health survey data, we then examine the contributions of various mediators to the incidence of chronic diseases over the life cycle. Socio-economic and geographic factors explain most of the variation, while individual health behaviours play a moderate role. Our findings align with calls to target health policies toward early-life social determinants of health.

### RESEARCH TEAM:

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## The distributional impact of the European energy price crisis



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From 2021 to 2022 we saw huge rises in the wholesale price of energy in Europe, with governments spending more than €500 billion to mitigate the effect on households. Policies included energy price subsidies and cash transfers. This paper studies the distributional impact of the price shock and associated government response on UK households using financial data from bank accounts. We show that the UK's policy response reduced the welfare impact of the price shock from 6.7% of income to 1.2%, on average. It also reduced the variance of the welfare impacts, protecting high-energy consumption households. We explore how alternative policy designs could support the neediest households at a lower efficiency cost.

### RESEARCH TEAM:

**Dr Peter Levell**, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies; **Professor Martin O'Connell**, Research Fellow, Institute for Fiscal Studies and Professor of Economics, University of Wisconsin; **Dr Kate Smith**, Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, LSE.

## Paris-London Public Economics Workshop and CEPR Winter Week in Paris

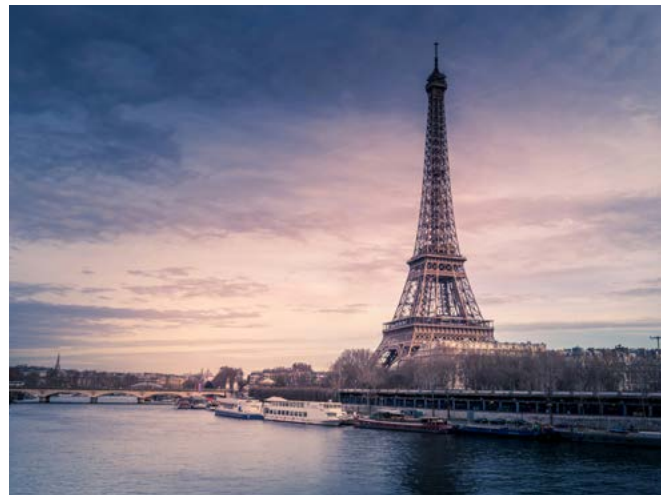


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The programme members organised the 4th Paris-London Public Economics workshop, jointly with UCL, Paris School of Economics and Sciences Po, in December 2023. The workshop was hosted at Sciences Po and integrated into the new CEPR Winter Week in Paris, which tries to bring together researchers and policymakers in all economic domains. The workshop covered a variety of topics ranging from policy evaluation and the identification of taxable income elasticities and labour supply responses to the distributional consequences of patient-cost sharing, the impact of inequality on entrepreneurship and the optimal taxation of couples. The workshop included speakers like Professor Carol Propper from Imperial College London, Professor Mike Golosov from the University of Chicago, Professor Joel Slemrod from the University of Michigan, Professor Claus Kreiner from the University of Copenhagen, Professor Jon Kolstad from UC Berkeley and Professor Eric Zwick from the University of Chicago. The workshop also organised a policy panel on 'taxing the tich' with contributions by Gabriel Zucman from the European Union Tax Observatory, Alexandra Roulet as former economics advisor to French President Emmanuel Macron, and Professor Camille Landais as the director of the CAE.





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# WEALTH, ELITES AND TAX JUSTICE

Led by Professor Mike Savage



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**There is growing awareness that wealth inequality is a fundamental problem that desperately needs to be tackled. As Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice programme leader Professor Mike Savage argued in his recent book *The Return of Inequality*, the massive build of wealth assets in recent decades returns us to older historical periods in which rich, entitled and often arrogant elites hog the political stage.<sup>25</sup>**

This historical framing needs to recognise the astonishing build-up of private wealth assets in recent years. In the UK, stocks of wealth – assets such as property, savings, and investments that can be given a monetary value – have soared in recent decades. Average wealth in the UK has doubled from £100,000 per head in 1985 to £200,000 per head in 2021. To put this another way, it took several millennia for wealth in Britain to reach the £100,000 threshold. And then, a mere 36 years later, this stock of wealth had doubled: a bonanza unprecedented in human history.

At first glance, this may seem like a wonderful story of economic advancement. However, this dramatic boom in wealth stocks comes at a heavy price. Wealth is incredibly unevenly distributed. Because it can be accumulated over time – ‘wealth begets wealth’ – there is almost no upper limit to how much some individuals can acquire. And yet, many people get

by with no wealth whatsoever. Half of the UK population has less than 5% of the total wealth stocks, whereas the top 10% take 57%. Around a quarter of the UK population has no wealth whatsoever and are left juggling debts. As wealth builds, so economic divides also intensify.

We are mindful of and grateful for the important research by the Resolution Foundation, the Runnymede Trust, the Women’s Budget Group and the Deaton Report (hosted by the Institute for Fiscal Studies) which has helped to expose the economic dimensions of wealth inequality in the contemporary UK. Our work at the III builds on this economic analysis to expose the wider social, cultural and political challenges that wealth inequality generates.

We champion a second front therefore, extending our awareness away from purely economic life to recognise the fundamental

challenges that wealth inequality poses to wellbeing and the social fabric on which we all depend. We call for a wider recognition that the accumulation of wealth is not simply a matter of tackling the super-rich – vitally important though this is. We have an interdisciplinary team of economists, media scholars, sociologists, social policy researchers and legal scholars. This second front explores the broader social meanings of wealth that matter to people in their everyday lives. As welfare provision is cut back, the ability to draw on some kind of wealth resource seems to matter even more. It follows that for many people, the principle of taxing wealth seems to be undermining the very possibility of leading the good life itself. Taxing wealth head-on might intuitively be seen to be divisive in targeting small groups of people – successful people – rather than encouraging inclusive and solidaristic solutions. The reverse is the case. Treating wealth as part of the social fabric, and not simply as a private good, is a vital step for us to take to raise the campaigning stakes.

25 Harvard University Press, ‘The return of inequality’. Published on HUP.HARVARD.EDU.



During 2023 we pushed forward this interdisciplinary agenda across five linked domains.

- We continued our collaboration with the World Elite Database project. This is the first significant sociological collaboration which is building up a systematic comparative analysis of economic elites across nations. Professor Mike Savage chairs the Standing Committee with oversight of the project as a whole, which currently has sociologists from 17 nations enrolled and has now published initial findings.<sup>26</sup> The III colleagues Victoria Gronwald, Johnathan Inkley, Mina Mahmoudzadeh and Marta Pagnini form a dynamic research team.
- We have made major strides in collaborative research exploring the dynamics of the racial wealth divide, concentrating on the UK and South Africa. Our work includes economic analysis underscoring the extent of racial wealth inequalities, alongside

qualitative and experiential studies considering the long-term ways that wealth inequality intensifies and elaborates racial hierarchies and inequalities.

- Dr Arun Advani and Dr Andy Summers continue their pathbreaking research on the taxation of wealth, much of it deploying new and original data analysis from His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) Datalab. Their analysis of the potential tax take from abolishing the non-dom clause was taken up by the Labour Party and now current government.
- Mina Mahmoudzadeh, working in collaboration with Professor Sam Friedman and Professor Mike Savage, is developing original analyses of the way that social class background impacts individuals' abilities to build up wealth assets, and how this 'class origin wealth gap' may be increasing over time.

- III Research Fellows Sarah Kerr and Michael Vaughan are pushing ahead with exciting research reflecting on how wealth inequality is communicated in the media, and how it can most effectively be framed in public debate.

More broadly, we are proud to have played an important role in enhancing public interest in the challenges of wealth inequality. The recognition of huge disparities in wealth, pitting many millions of people juggling debt against those with more wealth than they know what to do with, is now a lightning conductor for this sense of malaise. The III has hosted three book launch events which have all attracted packed audiences and tackled wealth inequality head-on. Dr Faiza Shaheen in June 2023, Liam Byrne MP in February and Gary Stevenson in March 2024 all chimed with the message that fundamental injustices are produced by booming wealth assets which empower the few.<sup>27 28 29</sup>



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# HIGHLIGHTS

## Changing the narrative on wealth inequality



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The past year also saw a new collaboration between the research programme and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF), specifically focusing on the role of framing in the politics of wealth inequality.<sup>30</sup> This work, led by Dr Sarah Kerr, involved several linked stages of work. We delivered a public-facing report summarising academic knowledge about the framing of wealth inequality, as well as a set of provocations for future knowledge exchange between practitioners and researchers. JRF published this report on its website as 'Changing the narrative on wealth inequality'.<sup>31</sup>

We followed up this piece of work with a set of four workshops in the first half of 2024. The workshop series explored how we can use what we know about the effects of frames to develop more radical and impactful strategic communications on wealth inequality. The series covered four different dimensions of this topic: how we define the problem of wealth inequality; how framing interacts with wider narratives like meritocracy; framing of wealth inequality in art and media photography; and finally, the role of data visualisation. Participants primarily included representatives from social change organisations like the Fairness Foundation, Women's Budget Group, Equality Trust, Tax Justice UK and Patriotic Millionaires, as well as academics from seven different institutions outside LSE.

### RESEARCH TEAM:

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**Dr Sarah Kerr**, Research Fellow, LSE III.

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## Non-doms: the end of an era



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The UK's so-called 'non-dom' regime has been one of the UK tax system's most stubborn survivors. It allowed those who live in the UK, but who can assert that their permanent home is abroad – non-doms – to claim an exemption from tax on their foreign income and gains, something unavailable to other UK residents. This tax advantage is traceable to the very first Income Tax in 1799 – originally it applied to everyone, but became restricted to non-doms in 1915. More than 100 years later, after many unsuccessful attempts at reform, in March 2024, it was finally abolished. My colleagues Dr Arun Advani, Dr Andy Summers and David Burgherr played a decisive role in this outcome and are testimony to the III's capacity to use original research to lead to decisive political change.

Dr Advani and Dr Summers led the research team which applied to HMRC, the UK tax authority, for access to the data that would allow them to find out the scale and significance of non-doms. They tracked the potential tax take from abolishing non-dom status by comparing remittance basis users to similar UK doms who were obliged to declare their worldwide income in full: in aggregate, these totalled over £10 billion per year. They discovered most non-doms did not actually leave the UK in response to previous non-dom restrictions which were implemented by former Tory Chancellor George Osborne in 2015. They also worked out that the non-doms who stayed in the UK ended up paying a lot more tax – around an extra £100,000 each per year. This was the decisive evidence base that made the case for abolition a compelling one.



In 2023 the Labour Party pledged to abolish non-dom status. Drawing directly on Dr Advani, Dr Summers' and Burgherr's research, they calculated this would raise £3.2 billion. The government was initially sceptical. When pressed in Parliament in November 2022, the former Chancellor, Jeremy Hunt, reiterated the long-standing mantra that non-doms "are people who are highly mobile, and I want to make sure we do not do anything that inadvertently loses us more money than we raise." But the compelling weight of evidence soon forced a change of view. In March 2024 former Chancellor Jeremy Hunt announced the end of the non-dom regime. The concept of domicile for tax purposes was completely abolished, and replaced with a residence test. The remittance basis – in UK tax law since 1799 – was finally retired.

This is an optimistic story that cutting edge social science research can make a fundamental difference to policy. We are proud to have supported this vital intervention.

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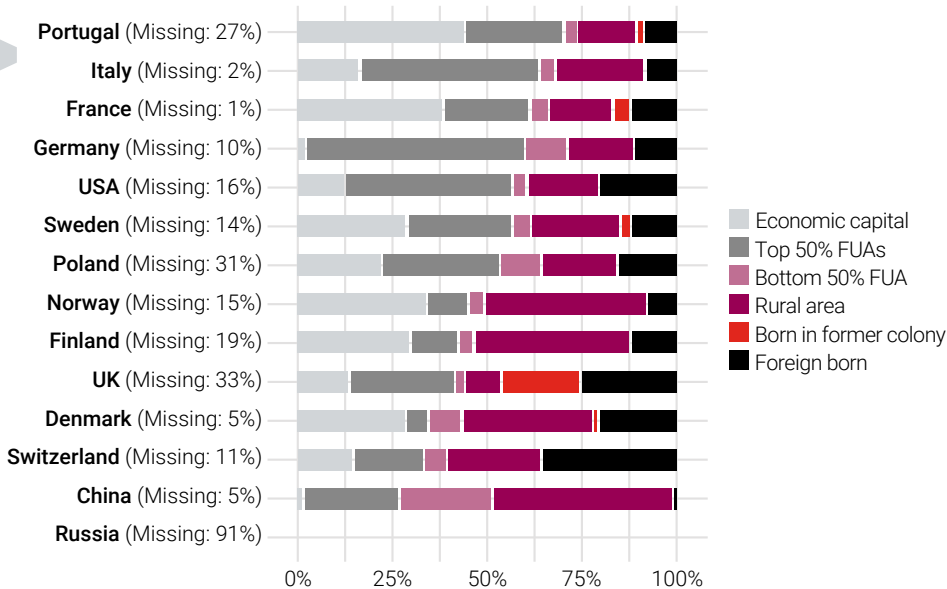
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## World Elite Database

The III plays a leading role in an exciting new initiative, the World Elite Database (WED). This is an international consortium of researchers founded in 2021, which is the first attempt to develop a comparative analysis of different national elites, by generating a range of standardised data to describe and compare national power structures made of the relationships between the individual characteristics and organisational attributes that are regularly associated with positions of economic power.

The III is the UK partner in this international collaboration. Professor Mike Savage chairs the steering committee, and Victoria Gronwald, Jonathan Inkle, Mina Mahmoudzadeh and Marta Pagnini form the UK research team. Our first and preliminary findings, from 14 countries indicate – unsurprisingly – that economic elites generally combine the most traditional attributes of domination (seniority, masculinity) with advanced educational credentials (degrees and diplomas from locally or internationally prestigious higher-education institutions). However, cross-country variations are not reducible to existing typologies, such as varieties of wealth, capitalism or welfare state regimes.

One of the most arresting early findings is that the UK economic elite is much more transnational than that of any other nation that we have studied to date – with 45% of the UK economic elite born outside the UK. Only the Swiss elite approaches this proportion, which largely reflects its close relationship to Germany. This transnational dimension reflects the ongoing significance of British imperial ties and suggests that WED's comparative analysis of elites will allow powerful insights into the distinctiveness of inequality in Britain.

**RESEARCH TEAM:**

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Figure 1: The World Elite Database project will be scaled up in the coming years and interested researchers are invited to contact Professor Mike Savage to discuss the work further.

## Social mobility and the class wealth gap

III Research Assistant Mina Mahmoudzadeh has conducted the first major study of how social class origin is playing an increasing role in shaping the extent of UK adults' wealth assets. Drawing on original analysis of 'Understanding Society, the UK Household Longitudinal Study', she showed, for the first time, that the adult wealth stocks of those born in the 1960s was predominantly driven by how much they themselves earned, rather than their class background.<sup>32</sup> However, for those born in the 1980s, class background played a much greater role.

Figure 2 shows the proportion by class origin who end up in the top or bottom wealth deciles at age 35 to 40 years, distinguishing those born in the 1960s, with those born in the 1980s. For those born in the 1960s, people who will now be in their late 50s or early 60s, those from upper professional and managerial backgrounds (NS-SEC 1) were as likely to be in the



Mina Mahmoudzadeh presenting research at Why Wealth Inequality Matters

32 "Understanding Society" is the UK Household Longitudinal Study. Published on UNDERSTANDINGSOCIETY.AC.UK.



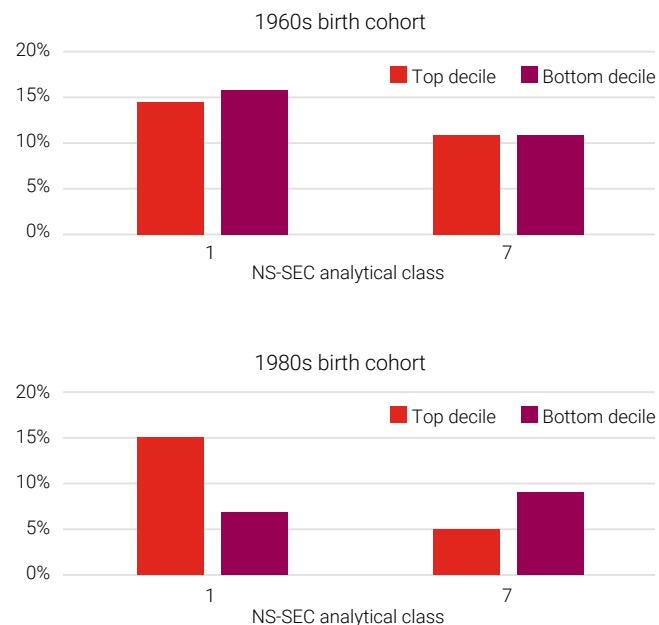


lowest, rather than highest decile.<sup>33</sup> It is remarkable to see that across both charts nearly 16% of those coming from this advantaged class background ended up in the lowest wealth decile. And we can also see that it was possible for those from the working-class routine occupational background (NS-SEC 7) to accumulate wealth during their lives. As many respondents reached the highest wealth decile as the lowest.

However, there is a dramatic shift for those born in the 1980s, people who are now in their late thirties or early forties. For this generation, far fewer of those born into professional and managerial classes ended up in the lowest wealth decile. They were twice as likely to be in the highest wealth decile. By contrast, a far higher proportion of those in the lower classes 5, 6, and 7 ended up in the lowest wealth decile, and very few had moved into the top of the wealth distribution. It seems clear that prospects for acquiring wealth are far more determined by class background than was the case for those born only 20 years earlier.

It seems that homeownership is a key factor in driving these trends. The proportion of young people able to become homeowners has been significantly falling over the past few decades and reliance on the 'bank of mum and dad', generally via inter vivos gifts, has increased for younger generations when buying homes.<sup>34</sup> This reliance on parental support has been driving the divergence of homeownership rates by family background and driving wealth inequalities within younger cohorts, as those from less affluent origins remain locked out of the housing market.

Figure 2: Percentage of individuals by class origin who end up in the top and bottom wealth deciles at age 35-40



These findings reinforce other research conducted at the III regarding the gender and racial wealth divides. It is those with access to historic resources who are most likely to benefit as wealth assets rise. The escalation of wealth facilitates the return of an inheritance-based society, where social background plays an increasingly important role in affecting children's futures.

**RESEARCH TEAM:**

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33 The Office for National Statistics classifies socio-economic backgrounds using NS-SEC, which stands for National Statistics Socio-economic Classification.

34 Inter vivos refers to monetary gifts given by parents to children before they die rather than as part of a will.



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# GLOBAL INEQUALITIES OBSERVATORY



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**The Global Inequalities Observatory (GIO) at the International Inequalities Institute brings together research that generates new data, methodologies and tools for improving the measurement of international inequalities across a range of different topics, such as social mobility, employment, sustainability, and tax and social policy.**

It also hosts the UK's Satellite Office of the Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) and promotes understanding of inequalities from a multidisciplinary perspective in particular regions. For example, the Latin American and Caribbean Inequalities Review (LACIR) and the India Observatory undertake high-level research into the causes and consequences of inequalities in these regions and provide a basis for policy impact.

The Observatory's core values for empirical research are (1) rigour (2) transparency for reproducibility and (3) interdisciplinarity. It aims for broad – but not exhaustive – geographical coverage, including the Global South as well as advanced industrial countries. By working across a range of themes related to economic inequality, the GIO complements – and collaborates with – the research programmes currently in operation at the ILL.



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## India Observatory

The India Observatory carries out research to inform policy on opportunities and challenges to the economic and social development of India, South Asia and the wider Global South community. As the world navigates rapid and disruptive changes in the global economy and politics, there is a need for our analysis to maintain a focus on creating a better life for those who are still facing challenges. The India Observatory (South Asia Growth and Development Programme) reflects on the opportunities and challenges of these changes in enabling the achievement of the global UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The research programme develops thought and analysis through the themes of sustainability, technological innovation and disruption, fiscal policy, human capital and skills, and urbanisation, with an overarching view of the global and local inequalities that define our modern world.

The India Observatory research project 'Digital ecosystems for futuristic entrepreneurship' is supported by UK and India collaboration funding through the Indian Council of Social Science Research and the UK's Economic and Social Research Council project. This project focuses on studying opportunities and challenges for furthering knowledge economies in India and the UK through ecosystems for entrepreneurship to enhance mutual economic prosperity, human capital development and welfare. Using a multidisciplinary approach, the study focuses on ecosystems for technology-based entrepreneurship including in financial services and financial technology (fintech). This past year, the project team has worked to disseminate the findings of events in India and the UK, with more events planned for the following months.

Furthering academic exchange and LSE's links into India, this year we partnered with the Indian University of Mumbai and Babasaheb Ambedkar Research and Training Institute in Pune, to organise an international conference involving academics from India working on research focusing on Ambedkar's multidisciplinary focus to celebrate the centenary of Dr Ambedkar's PhD at LSE.<sup>35</sup> The event saw a vibrant discussion of Dr Ambedkar's legacy, and participants had the opportunity to read his documents in the LSE archives as well as visiting the house where he had stayed while studying. The programme also included an event to mark Dr Ambedkar's birthday on 14 April organised at the Indian High Commission in London.



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The India Observatory continues to support capacity-building programmes through its fellowship schemes. Through the prestigious Sir Ratan Tata Post-Doctoral Fellowship and the Subir Chowdhury Post-Doctoral Fellowship schemes, as well as other Fellowship programmes, we support South Asian scholars working on issues relevant to the sub-continent. These schemes support their growth and development through active mentoring and exposure to the rich research environment at LSE. The alumni of the fellowships are well-placed within South Asian academia, and the Observatory supports this community of scholars through inter-cohort conferences and webinars to allow the creation of research networks. Our visiting scholars for 2023/24 have been actively contributing to our research agenda of growth, development and inequality. This includes projects on interstate seasonal migrant women in Punjab, India, and on the links between India's manufacturing growth and the defeminisation of its workforce.

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35 Dr Ambedkar first visited LSE in 1916, returned in 1921 and submitted his doctoral thesis in 1923.

## Latin American and Caribbean Inequality Review

The Latin American and Caribbean Inequality Review LACIR is a project hosted at the ILO, and sponsored by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), and Yale University. Under the direction of a panel of 15 inequality scholars, this project aims to understand why high levels of inequality persist in Latin America and the Caribbean and explore strategies to address this persistent issue. During the past year, we published 27 of the working papers that constitute this review. These explore different topics within the following five themes: 1) Levels and trends of inequality, 2) Inequality of opportunity, 3) Inequality and markets, 4) Taxation and redistribution and 5) Inequality and political power.

During the past year, we have participated and co-organised public events to disseminate the findings of the review. In March 2024, our institute director, Professor Francisco Ferreira, presented the LACIR findings at the IDB group's 2024 annual meetings of the boards of governors.

In April 2024, the LACIR panellists gathered at a synthesis symposium that took place in Mexico City. The goal of the symposium was to summarise the key lessons learned so far and outline the next steps of the project. This involved reflecting on the findings of the 27 papers written in phase 1, to distil an overarching narrative which, while doing justice to the complexity of the topic, can provide a compelling agenda for both research and policies addressing the region's multiple inequalities. Such a narrative will form the backbone of the review's second and final volume: a short, non-technical summary of what is known about inequality in the region, and the policy challenges it represents.



In addition, we co-organised the event 'What do we know about inequality in Chile and Latin America?' in association with the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. The event took place in Santiago in May 2024, and its goal was to get policymakers and other stakeholders to comment on our findings. Academics, a UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean representative, and Nicolas Grau, the Chilean minister of economics, were among the participants. Furthermore, this past year, our research has gained further visibility in the press. Our network of academics and LACIR's panel members have been featured in newspapers such as *El País* (daily newspaper in Spain), *Project Syndicate* (non-profit media organisation), *La Nación* (daily newspaper in Argentina) and *Nada es Gratis* (blog on economics in Spain) among several others.



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IDB 2024 Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors of the IDB - Professor Francisco Ferreira

Beyond disseminating our findings through the publication of these papers, this year we launched a podcast together with the IDB titled 'Voices in action: rethinking equality' in order to reach a wider audience from the region. The podcast is conducted by Ana María Ibañez Londoño, Vice President of Sectors and Knowledge at the IDB and features LACIR authors and policymakers. In each episode, we discuss the persistence, causes and consequences of various forms of inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean. So far, we have released the first three episodes through various platforms, including Spotify, Deezer and YouTube.<sup>36</sup>



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LACIR Synthesis Symposium – Mexico City, April 2024

#### PANEL MEMBERS:

**Professor Facundo Alvaredo**, Professor, Department of Economics, Paris School of Economics and Co-Director of the World Inequality Database and the World Inequality Lab; **Professor Orazio Attanasio**, Cowles Professor of Economics, Yale University. **Professor Richard Blundell**, David Ricardo Chair of Political Economy at University College London and Director of the ESRC Centre for the Microeconomic Analysis of Public Policy at the Institute for Fiscal Studies; **François Bourguignon**, Emeritus Professor of Economics, Paris School of Economics; **Professor Marcela Eslava**, Professor and Dean of Economics, Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia; **Professor Raquel Fernández**, Silver Professor in the Department of Economics, New York University; **Professor Francisco Ferreira**, Amartya Sen Professor of Inequality Studies and Director of the LSE III; **Dr Ana María Ibañez**, Principal Economics Advisor, Inter-American Development Bank; **Dr Sonya Krutikova**, Deputy Research Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies; **Dr Santiago Levy**, Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution and Senior Advisor with the United Nations Development Programme; **Professor Nora Lustig**, Samuel Z. Stone Professor of Latin American Economics and Founding Director of the Commitment to Equity Institute, Tulane University; **Professor Julián Messina**, Beatriz Galindo Senior Distinguished Researcher, Universidad de Alicante; **Professor Florencia Torche**, Dunlevie Family Professor, Department of Sociology, Stanford University; **Dr Ana De La O Torres**, Associate Professor of Political Science, Yale University; **Professor Andrés Velasco**, Professor and Dean of the School of Public Policy, LSE.

#### RESEARCH TEAM

**Dr Valentina Contreras**, Research Officer, LSE III; **Dr Valentina Martínez-Pabon**, Postdoctoral Associate in the Economic Growth Center, Yale University; **Valentina Papú**, Project Assistant, LSE III.

36 To learn more about the project and keep up with the latest updates, please visit our website at [Latin America and Caribbean Inequality Review](https://www.lacir.org/).



## Measuring Multidimensional Employment Deprivations

COVID-19, the cost-of-living crisis and intensely disruptive strike action have pushed employment up the ladder of political priorities in an election year. In the run up to the 2024 election, the Labour Party's manifesto included a 'Plan to make work pay', which aims to "deliver a new deal for working people". Given this context, our work on inequalities in the labour market has been timely as it has focused on conceptualising and quantifying how many workers in the UK have jobs that could be described as "poor-quality employment".

Using data from Understanding Society and combining variables on low wages, insecure contracts, short employment tenures, excessive or insufficient working hours, no pension coverage and no job autonomy, we have generated a multidimensional measure of poor-quality employment.<sup>37</sup> This not only quantifies how many workers are in poor-quality employment in the UK, but also how intensely they are deprived. Our results show that a quarter of the UK labour force is employed in poor-quality jobs (Sehnbruch and others, 2024). In London, where the cost-of-living is higher than average, this proportion increases to one in three workers.

From the graph on page 44 we can also see that women, younger and older, less educated workers, the self-employed and some ethnic minorities are also more likely to be in poor-quality employment. Conversely, union members are more likely to be in good-quality jobs. None of this is surprising. However, our work also shows that the intensity of deprivation among these workers has increased slowly but surely in



recent years. While minimum wage increases and the rollout of employer pension systems have improved the employment conditions of workers, a steady increase in precarious contracts and short job tenures have had the opposite effect.

It is therefore worth considering the social contract that simultaneously sustains and builds on our labour market, taking account of trends such as an ageing population, increased migration and unprecedented technological change. Our existing social contract is based on a logic of 'flexicurity' – the easy hiring and firing of employees. Current legislation permits the hiring of workers on flexible contracts, such as on a part-time, temporary, short-term or zero-hour basis, or through different forms of subcontracting or the gig economy.

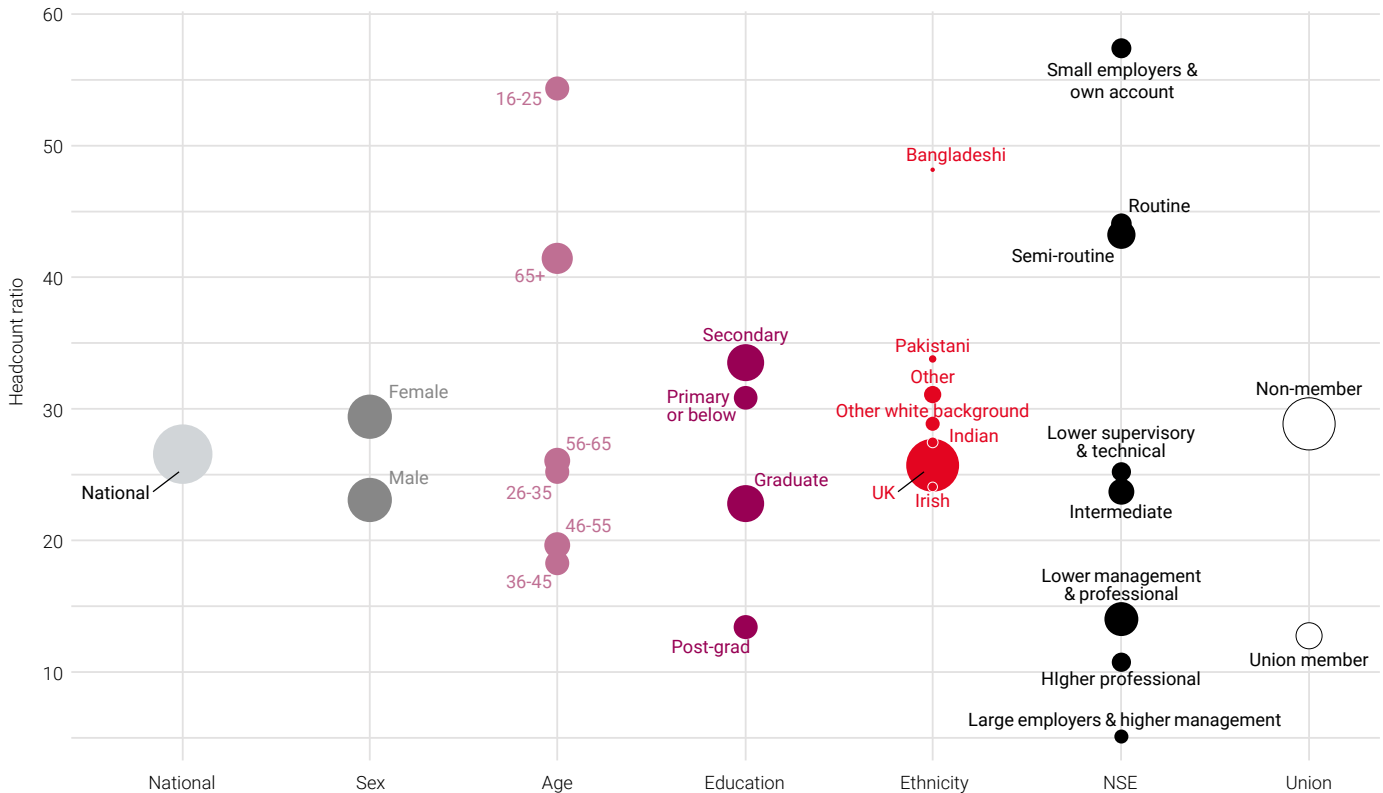
To protect workers under such contractual arrangements, our government – like those in most advanced economies – provides different forms of social security (for example, Universal Credit, housing benefits and healthcare) as well as employment services designed to help workers find more or better work (or the next job in case of unemployment). Jones and others (2024) recently estimated that 20% of workers in the UK receive Universal Credit, and also showed that the conditionality attached to such support often traps workers in a vicious circle of poor-quality employment as the underlying assumption of the principle of flexicurity model is that any job is better than no job. The Labour Party's manifesto thankfully recognises that this principle not only hurts workers trapped in insecure jobs, but also undermines the productivity of the economy as a whole, especially when "good employers are being undercut in an uneven playing field."



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37 Understanding Society is the UK Household Longitudinal Study. Published on UNDERSTANDINGSOCIETY.AC.UK

Figure 3: Poor-quality employment in the UK



The broader issue though is that the flexicurity model includes a tipping point, which is inherently at odds with the logic that underpins the model: flexicurity can only be sustained when enough workers have stable, long-term jobs that pay continuous contributions into the tax and social system that fund it in a broader context of a productive economy. When too many jobs are flexible instead of secure, the model becomes unsustainable. Building a social contract on a labour market foundation with too much poor-quality employment is like building houses on sand.

Our research has contributed three key findings to this debate during the last year: first, the flexicurity model is not sustainable if a quarter of all jobs are of poor quality and contribute less overall and also less consistently to social security systems. Second, workers require income and other social support as they frequently rotate between such jobs, inactivity and unemployment. Governments end up subsidising poor-quality employment.

Third, the disadvantages associated with poor-quality employment exacerbate each other: most workers in this category suffer from low wages and one or more other precarious employment conditions at the same time. In fact, our most recent research shows not only the extent to which these employment conditions come in clusters, but also that more intensely disadvantaged workers find it significantly more difficult to find a good job. This, of course, exacerbates the cost of flexibility to security and productivity and constitutes a long-term mechanism that undermines the social contract.

Our research suggests that three key policy areas could contribute to establishing a more solid, long-term foundation on which we can build socio-economic progress. First, and key among them, is the fact that our existing data infrastructure on employment and the labour market is outdated and not fit for purpose in a technology driven economy. Household and labour force surveys ask a limited range of questions, do not keep track of rapid new developments (such as the gig economy), and are based on sample sizes that are too small. Other countries have resolved this by linking up administrative databases, not only to each other (for example, earnings, pension, education and household data), but also to survey and qualitative data. This would not only allow governments to monitor labour market developments more carefully and in real time, it would also allow them to introduce new measures (such as poor-quality employment) and use them to target fiscal resources in the most efficient way for the most vulnerable workers.

Equally, we lack a functioning institutional infrastructure for lifelong learning and skill development. As the pace of technological change accelerates this will become an increasingly important pillar of our socio-economic development.

Just as a better data infrastructure on employment would allow governments to target social policy, it could also help to target skill development over the life cycle. A second policy priority should be to establish a lifelong learning infrastructure that tracks skill development in the workforce and anticipates demographic and technological change.



Third, a policy that complements regulatory reforms designed to outlaw the most egregious forms of abuse in the labour market is one that charges firms for the negative externalities that flexible employment generates: it should never be cheaper to hire a worker on a temporary, outsourced or zero-hours contract than on a permanent one, as the former is associated with higher overall costs to the economy, as explained. At present, employers with good and bad hiring practices pay the same rates of tax and social insurance. A progressive way of approaching this issue – already implemented by different countries around the world – would be to factor such costs into the national insurance contributions paid on precarious contracts or into tax rates. This would equalise different types of employment relationships.

Thinking about these results from the perspective of a social contract built on a labour market highlights the interconnectedness of these issues. As our recent Beveridge Symposium on changing labour markets and the future of social protection concluded, “social policies affect behaviour in the labour market and the functioning of the labour market determines the effectiveness (or lack thereof) of social policies (Sehnbruch and Velasco, 2024).” To sustain our social contract going forward, we must treat social and labour policies as two aspects of the same thing, which require a solid data infrastructure to inform them..



*Anna Valero, Luis Garicano, Kirsten Sehnbruch, Stephen Machin and Alison McGovern at the 'Beveridge 2.0: changing labour markets and the future of social protection' event at LSE*

#### **RESEARCH TEAM:**

**Professor Kirsten Sehnbruch**, British Academy Global Professor and Distinguished Policy Fellow LSE III; **Dr Mauricio Apablaza**, Visiting Fellow, LSE III; **Dr Beatriz Jambrina Canseco**, Research Officer, LSE III.



As the world navigates rapid and disruptive changes to the global economy and politics, there is a need for our analysis to maintain a focus on creating a better life for those who are still facing challenges.”





## SOUTHMOD – Simulating Tax and Benefit Policies for Development

The SOUTHMOD project was launched in 2016 by the UN University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) to develop and encourage the use of tax-benefit microsimulation models for selected developing countries. The models developed under SOUTHMOD combine detailed coding of the legislation of taxes and benefits with representative household survey data on incomes and expenditures to simulate individual and household tax liabilities and benefit entitlements in each country.

The models can be used to assess the extent to which policy reforms contribute to changes in poverty and inequality and to make comparisons over time and across countries. They can also be used to simulate the effect of proposed or hypothetical policy reforms and to assess the cushioning effect of taxes and benefits in the event of economic shocks or demographic changes. All models developed under the SOUTHMOD project are freely available for non-commercial use and an important part of the project involves building capacity in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC) to encourage the use of microsimulation models for policy analysis and to foster interaction between academics and government institutions in the region.

Dr Xavier Jara leads this project, as part of which he coordinates the maintenance and use of the tax-benefit microsimulation models in four Latin American countries: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. These models were successfully released in May 2023 as part



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of the SOUTHMOD bundle of microsimulation models. The third phase of the SOUTHMOD project started in 2024 and will run until 2027.

During the academic year 2023/24, three training courses on the use and application of the models for policy analysis were organised as part of the SOUTHMOD project in Bogota, Quito and Lima. These courses provided an introduction for potential users of the simulation tool on its components, potential advantages and possible applications, as well as how it can be used for research purposes. The training courses in Quito and Lima were delivered by Dr Xavier Jara and included participants from government ministries, central banks and academic institutions. The training in Lima was followed by a launch event with presentations by Dr Javier Torres from Universidad del Pacifico and Dr Xavier Jara from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), as well as a panel discussion with the participation of Director of the Universidad del Pacifico



Xavier Jara with members of the SOUTHMOD teams from Bolivia, Colombia and Peru after a panel presentation at the UNU-WIDER annual conference in Oslo in September 2023



SOUTHMOD workshop in Oslo on 5 September 2023

Research Center Joanna Kamiche and Professor in the Department of Economics Carlos Casas from the Universidad del Pacífico.

Several reports were also published documenting the SOUTHMOD models developed for Peru, Colombia, Bolivia and Ecuador. These reports describe the different tax-benefit policies in place, how the microsimulation model picks up these different provisions, and the database on which each model runs. Research making use of the models was presented at a special session on 'Tax-benefit systems and crisis' during the WIDER Development Conference in Oslo on 6 to 8 September 2023, which took place after the annual SOUTHMOD workshop.<sup>38</sup>

SOUTHMOD represents a major international collaboration between LSE, UNU-WIDER, the Southern African Social Policy Research Insights and researchers from LMIC from institutions such as the Universidad del Pacífico in Peru.

#### RESEARCH TEAM:

**Dr H. Xavier Jara**, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, LSE III; **Mr Kwabena Adu-Ababio**, Research Associate, UNU-WIDER; **Dr Jesse Lastunen**, Research Associate, UNU-WIDER; **Professor Jukka Pirttilä**, Professor of Public Economics, University of Helsinki and Non-Resident Senior Research Fellow, UNU-WIDER; **Dr Pia Rattenhuber**, Research Fellow, UNU-WIDER; **Dr Anna Zasova**, Research Associate, UNU-WIDER.



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<sup>38</sup> UNU WIDER, 'Tax-benefit systems and crisis – how have countries fared during COVID-19?'. Published on WIDER.UNU.EDU.



## Sustainability Performances, Evidence and Scenarios

Researchers from the International Inequalities Institute are participating in a Horizon Europe project, Sustainability Performances, Evidence and Scenarios (SPES), that addresses the interconnections between economic growth, human flourishing and sustainability.<sup>39</sup>

The overall goal of the SPES project is to contribute to the transition towards sustainable human development in European countries and regions.

In doing so, the SPES project will a) define an appropriate measurement and analytical framework on sustainable human development and transition performances; and b) enable an integrated policy approach towards sustainability based on the co-evolution of social, environmental and economic dimensions of sustainability.

The SPES project is based on an interdisciplinary approach involving academic partners from multiple fields of social sciences, and the research design is based on a mixed-methods approach. Although quantitative methods are prevalent, these are combined with qualitative methods. The results will inform the implementation of existing policy frameworks, with a particular focus on the European Commission's 2030 agenda, the European Green Deal, and the Next Generation EU. This will give further strength to the transition towards sustainable human development in Europe.

The III team, in collaboration with a team of researchers from the Faculty of Economics at the University of Belgrade, leads work package 6 titled 'Leaving no one behind and just transition.' The empirical analysis performed under WP6 will identify the socio-economic and demographic groups vulnerable to shocks directly and indirectly linked to climate change, for instance increasing energy prices. LSE will also contribute to work package 3 'Assessing and improving composite indices and measurement frameworks on transition performances'. LSE will provide an assessment of the feasibility of producing composite indicators relevant to measure transition performances in Europe by checking their statistical sensitivity and robustness. Furthermore, the team contributes to policy tools and stakeholder engagement models, and other work packages where project partners need feedback and support.

<sup>39</sup> Sustainability Performances, Evidence & Scenarios, 'Sustainability performances, evidence and scenarios'. Published on [SUSTAINABILITYPERFORMANCES.EU](https://SUSTAINABILITYPERFORMANCES.EU).

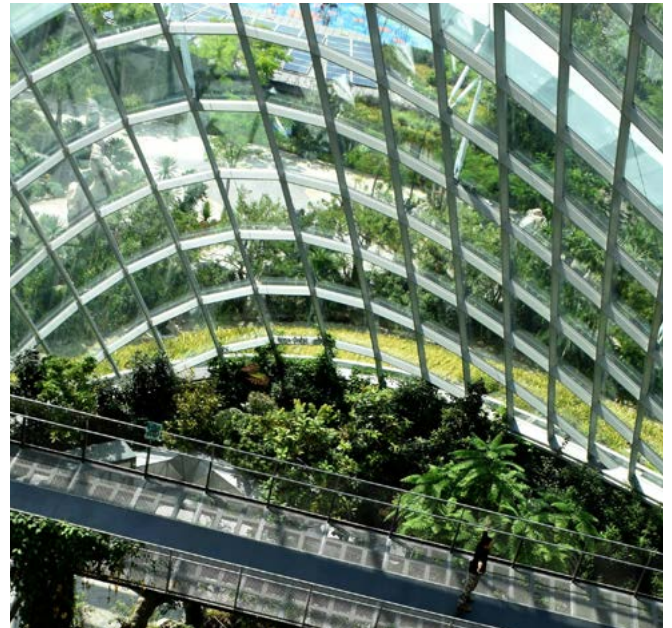


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### RESEARCH TEAM:

**Dr Paolo Brunori**, Project Leader, Sustainability Performances, Evidence and Scenarios, LSE and Associate Professorial Research Fellow, III; **Dr Aygen Kurt-Dickson**, Policy Fellow – Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity, III; **Dr Xavier Jara**, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, III; **Dr Amaia Palancia-Esteban**, Research Officer, III; **Dr Pedro Salas-Rojo**, Research Officer, III; **Dr Nora Waitkus**, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, III.



## Uk Luxembourg Income Study Satellite Office

The Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) database is the largest available income database of harmonised microdata from approximately 50 countries, spanning five decades. The UK LIS Satellite Office aims to promote the use of the LIS databases and serve as the point of liaison between LIS and the community of data users in the UK. Now in its third year, it has done significant work to consolidate its status and regular usage has increased since its launch.

Currently, preparations are underway for the Second Comparative Economic Inequality Conference at the University of Luxembourg on 27 to 28 February 2025. The inaugural event in 2023 attracted around 70 participants from Europe and the US, who presented ongoing research using the LIS and the Luxembourg Wealth Study Database datasets, alongside other relevant data sources. Looking ahead, we hope to achieve a similar turnout for the second conference, which will focus on measuring inequality.

### RESEARCH TEAM:

**Dr Xavier Jara**, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, LSE III; **Teresa Munzi**, Director of Operations, Luxembourg Income Study; **Dr Nora Waitkus**, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, LSE III.



# NETWORKS

The III networks are former research programmes that continue to be active in research, collaboration, and impact in their subject area.

## Cities Jobs and Economic Change

The Cities, Jobs and Economic Change network has been active in both academic research and policy engagement. Our academic research has included the publication of several papers, including:

- a new dataset on localised wealth inequality – ‘GEOWEALTH: spatial wealth inequality data for the United States, 1960-2020’, produced by network members Dr Tom Kemeny, University of Toronto and III, and Joel Suss, *Financial Times* and III and Dr Dylan Connor, School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning, Arizona State University
- Cities, Jobs and Economic programme leader Neil Lee’s new book *Innovation for the masses*, published by University of California Press
- and work by other network members such as Davide Luca, University of Cambridge and Andrew McNeil, University College London (UCL), who published in the *Journal of Urban Economics* on how ‘local economic decline impacts economic outcomes and political attitudes’.<sup>40 41 42</sup>

We organised a major workshop on ‘innovation and inequality in the US and Europe’, co-hosted and funded by London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) Phelan US Centre. This brought together 25 academics and several PhD students and post-docs from across the UK, EU and the US for a series of discussions. It was headed up by network members Professor Neil Lee, Professor Michael Storper and Professor David Soskice, with assistance from Max Herbertson. Contributors included: Professor Jane Gingrich, University of Oxford; Chiara Criscuolo, the International Finance Corporation; Professor Torben Iversen, Harvard University, and Professor Peter Hall from Harvard University. We



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welcomed Niccolo Durazzi from the University of Edinburgh and Dr David Hope from Kings College London, as academic visitors. Network members including Dr Mark Fransham from the University of Oxford organised a highly successful series of special sessions on spatial inequality at the Regional Studies Association annual conference in Florence.

Our policy work continues to be influential. We hosted a series of seminars on industrial policy, bringing together LSE academics with senior civil servants from the UK Government Department for Business and Trade. With Aveek Bhattacharya of the Social Market Foundation, a think tank, Professor Neil Lee edited a collection on the UK Labour Party’s economic policy, including contributions from some of the UK’s leading economists. We have also worked with policymakers in the UK and internationally, and with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and Asian Development Bank on projects on network issues.

40 GEOWEALTH: spatial wealth inequality data for the United States, 1960-2020, Tom Kemeny, Joel Suss and Dylan Connor.

41 Lee, Neil (2024) *Innovation for the masses*. University of California Press.

42 McNeil, Andrew., Luca, Davide., and Lee, Neil. (2023), *The long shadow of local decline: birthplace economic adversity and long-term individual outcomes in the UK*. *Journal of Urban Economics*.

## Global Economies of Care

In the last year, the Global Economies of Care research programme became a research network. Members of the network ran an informal reading group, continued the collaboration with the Wollstonecraft Society which resulted in the 4th Wollstonecraft Society Lecture hosted by the III, carried out a research project, and saw through the publication of books and articles.

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### FORGOTTEN HISTORIES OF RACIALISED COLONIAL NETWORKS OF DOMESTIC-CARE WORKERS IN SOUTH INDIA: IMPACTS ON CONTEMPORARY LABOUR MARKETS.

This one-year project by Dr Shalini Grover involving archival research, in-depth historical ethnography and eclectic legal, literary and visual historical sources has resulted in nuanced conclusions that challenge the history of care (in other words, imperialist beliefs) across space and time. Primarily, this decolonial project, set in South India's Kolar Gold Fields, has prioritised the domestic careworkers' worldviews, voices, skill sets, competencies and daily experiences. Care work is historically captured from the 'subaltern perspective' instead of normative and romantic colonial perspectives. The deep sentimentalisation of employers as part of cultural legacies is juxtaposed with workers' actual conditions and their varied (gendered) forms of exploitation. Yet the emotional landscape of storytelling is shaped by the temporalities and circumstances of both employers and domestic workers. The 'forgotten histories' leitmotif has opened the door for examining several subversive aspects around everyday care, such as labour strikes, unionisation and anti-colonial movements challenging notions that workers were compliant and passive. The timeframe of late colonial South Asia and beyond by no means exhaustive, has centred workers' lives. This project has enabled a revisiting whereby workers are no longer footnotes or insertions in large-scale events dominating empire histories and South Asian ethnographies, but protagonists, professionals and revolutionaries.



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#### COLLABORATION WITH THE WOLLSTONECRAFT SOCIETY

This year our collaboration led to the 4th Wollstonecraft Society Lecture that was delivered by Baroness Shami Chakrabarti, on the subject of human rights, in the legacy of Mary Wollstonecraft's 'A vindication of the rights of men'.

#### THE INCARCERATIONS: BK-16 AND THE SEARCH FOR DEMOCRACY IN INDIA

This project by Professor Alpa Shah, which began, four years ago under this theme as 'caretakers of democracy', resulted in the publication of the book *The incarcerations* on 14 March 2024.<sup>43</sup> The book tells the story of 16 human rights activists incarcerated without trial in India, shows how they have been framed in a case in which evidence has been implanted on their computers, and uses this story to chart the wider collapse of democracy in the world's largest democracy. *The incarcerations* became an instant bestseller in India, has been widely reviewed across the UK and Indian press from *The Times* to *The Telegraph*, was listed on the *Financial Times*' 'What to read in 2024' list, and is currently longlisted for the 2025 Moore Human Rights Prize and a finalist for the 2024 Orwell Prize.

43 Shah, Alpa (2024) *The incarcerations*. HarperCollins: London and Delhi.



# Atlantic Fellows

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# REMEMBERING CHARLES 'CHUCK' FEENEY

The Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity (AFSEE) community is deeply saddened by the passing of Charles 'Chuck' F. Feeney, the founder of The Atlantic Philanthropies, whose gift funded the establishment of the AFSEE Programme and our six sister programmes.<sup>44</sup> Chuck saw the establishment of the seven Atlantic Fellows programmes as one of his last big bets to produce significant, long-lasting solutions to reduce inequities and advance a fairer, healthier, more inclusive world.<sup>45</sup>

Professor Armine Ishkanian, Executive Director of AFSEE, said that Chuck was an extraordinary individual whose incredible generosity not only touched but transformed the lives of so many people around the world. "In the spirit of 'giving while living', Chuck donated the bulk of his fortune to support education, health and equity and he did so quietly and humbly. Chuck Feeney has left behind an incredible legacy. We at AFSEE will never forget his generosity and vision. We are grateful for what he and everyone at Atlantic Philanthropies have enabled and set in motion," said Professor Ishkanian."

Dr Claire Gordon, Chair of the AFSEE Governing Board, said Chuck Feeney's visionary and generous legacy will live on through the global community of Atlantic Fellows programmes. "On behalf of the AFSEE Governing Board, I would like to thank Chuck Feeney for the inspirational and life-changing programme that his generosity has made possible at

LSE. His memory, values, and legacy live on through our thriving community of AFSEE Fellows," said Dr Gordon.

Chuck's vision for a more equitable world has so far supported over 800 Fellows across the seven programmes, including 116 AFSEE Fellows. "Chuck Feeney's transformative gift of the Atlantic Fellowship programmes embodies the call to action implicit in Nelson Mandela's words, 'As long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality persist in our world, none of us can truly rest,'" said AFSEE Fellow Jane Sloane (2017-18 Cohort).

AFSEE Fellow Pedro Telles (2018-19 Cohort) said, "Philanthropy should be about helping build the conditions for philanthropists not to be needed anymore, but not many philanthropists approach it that way. By giving away all his fortune without seeking attention, Chuck Feeney walked the talk and led the way to philanthropic practices where impact is truly and solely the priority."

## HONOURING THE LEGACY OF CHUCK FEENEY AT THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

The AFSEE Programme hosted a special event at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) on Thursday 6 June 2024 to celebrate the life and legacy of Chuck Feeney. The event was attended by members of the AFSEE, LSE, and Atlantic Fellows communities, and Chuck's friends and family.

The special event included opening remarks from Dr Claire Gordon, Chair of the AFSEE Governing Board and a panel discussion with AFSEE Executive Director Professor Armine Ishkanian, President and CEO of the Atlantic Philanthropies, Christopher Oechsli; former chair of the Atlantic Philanthropies Board, Peter Smitham and AFSEE Fellow Kevin Liverpool (2021-22 Cohort). The panel discussed Chuck's vision for the Atlantic Fellowships and how his legacy can be seen through the work of AFSEE, AFSEE Fellows, and the wider Atlantic Fellows community. A highlights film was produced after the event for those who could not attend in person.<sup>46</sup>

The event also launched an AFSEE mini-exhibition showcasing Chuck's legacy through the incredible work that AFSEE Fellows are doing to tackle social and economic inequalities globally. The exhibition features 18 AFSEE Fellows working on the following six themes: climate justice, decolonisation, gender equity, human rights, fiscal justice, and youth empowerment. After the special event, the mini-exhibition was displayed in the Centre Building on LSE campus in London, UK.

44 'The Atlantic Philanthropies', Published on ATLANTICPHILANTHROPIES.ORG.

45 'Atlantic Fellows', Published on ATLANTICFELLOWS.ORG.

46 'Highlights: AFSEE special event celebrating Chuck Feeney'. Published on YOUTUBE.COM.







# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INTRODUCTION

In the past year, new and ongoing conflicts, climate-related disasters and growing inequalities of wealth have created turmoil, violence and polarisation. In these uncertain times, we continue our work to advance social and economic equity. From our rigorous curriculum to our robust governance structures and innovative lifelong offerings, the AFSEE Programme continues to work with Fellows and colleagues across LSE, the Atlantic Fellows community, and beyond.



During this period of fragmentation and great tumult, AFSEE strives to remain an inclusive and welcoming space that fosters dialogue. Remaining true to our founding charter and principles, AFSEE, as a global fellowship programme, supports Fellows to 'bridge' across divides and "to engage in uncomfortable discussions, and have the compassion and courage to understand, be open to and be changed by others' perspectives and experiences."

To accomplish our mission, we have identified four strategic goals and areas of work. In accordance with the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, AFSEE is working to advance the four key goals and pillars of action:

- 1. Fellowship experience:** to design and deliver a rigorous, interconnected and innovative fellowship programme
- 2. Lifelong engagement:** to provide robust lifelong engagement opportunities for Senior Fellows
- 3. Fellow and programme impact:** to support and strengthen the impact of Fellows and to promote the visibility and reputation of the AFSEE Programme
- 4. Global networks and partnerships:** to strengthen the programme's global connections and impact

To achieve these goals, we have developed robust governance structures and have a strong operational team. Our work is informed and guided by the AFSEE Programme Charter. Below is a

summary of some of the key highlights from the 2023/24 academic year.

## OUR GOVERNANCE

I thank all the members of the AFSEE Governing Board for their time and support of AFSEE. I am particularly grateful to Dr Claire Gordon, the Chair of the Governing Board, for her superb and thoughtful leadership. Her support and guidance have been invaluable in this tumultuous year. The AFSEE Senior Fellow representative on the Board, Mohammed-Anwar Sadat Adam (2020-21 Cohort) continues in the role, and I am grateful to Anwar for his insightful contributions and dedication.

In addition to the Governing Board, AFSEE's work is also supported by the Programme Committee, which is a consultative body that provides knowledge and expertise to the programme around key areas including the curriculum, programming and outreach. The AFSEE Programme Committee is comprised of core team members, our learning partners and Senior Fellows. This year we were joined by Raquel Jesse from our partner organisation, the Center on International Cooperation at New York University, and Selam Bedada from our sister programme, the Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity. I would like to thank the outgoing

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Senior Fellow members of the 2023/24 AFSEE Programme Committee for their hard work and service: Dr Fola Adeleke (2017-18 Cohort) and Salman Usmani (2022-23 Cohort).

## OUR PROGRAMME

The seventh cohort of AFSEE Fellows started their fellowship experience in September 2023. One of the ways that we embed the new Fellows into the wider AFSEE Community from the beginning is by inviting Senior Fellows to present in the AFSEE Modules. This year, Dr Tyehimba Salandy (2020-21 Cohort) gave an excellent lecture during Module 1 on his research in Trinidad and Tobago. We also welcomed back the following Senior Fellows to present in the Senior Fellows' roundtables:

- Module 1: Dr Fola Adeleke (2017-18 Cohort), Ruby Hembrom (2021-22 Cohort), and Dr Máximo Jaramillo Molina (2020-21 Cohort)
- Module 2: Aisha Abdulaziz (2021-22 Cohort), Danilo Ćurčić (2020-21 Cohort), and Hamidreza Vasheghanifarahani (2022-23 Cohort)
- Module 3: Allison Corkery (2018-19 Cohort), Zephania Repollo (2021-22 Cohort), and Pedro Telles (2018-19 Cohort)
- Module 4: Alon-Lee Green (2019-20 Cohort), Makmid Kamara (2021-22 Cohort), and Michaela Rafferty (2019-20 Cohort)

In March 2024, AFSEE completed the recruitment for its eighth cohort. On the back of the huge success of the first AFSEE Ambassador Programme, we recruited another group of Senior Fellows to support our outreach this year. Similar to last year, the ambassadors worked on identifying

and communicating with contacts in their regions and hosted a series of informational webinars.

The AFSEE Ambassadors in 2023/24 were:

- Caribbean: Kevin Liverpool (2021-22 Cohort)
- Central America: Gabriela Valencia (2022-23 Cohort)
- Europe: Kitti Baracsi (2020-21 Cohort)
- Middle East and North Africa: Hamidreza Vasheghanifarahani (2022-23 Cohort)
- South America: Amanda Segnini (2021-22 Cohort)
- Southeast Asia: Lily Jamaludin (2022-23 Cohort)
- South Asia: Priyanka Jain (2022-23 Cohort)
- Sub-Saharan Africa: Craig Dube (2018-19 Cohort) and Oabona Sepora (2020-21 Cohort)

We thank the ambassadors for their great efforts, which contributed to the record number of applications received this year – 688 in total.

As our Senior Fellows community grows year on year, we are investing more resources in this area of work to support the development and implementation of various lifelong offerings to Senior Fellows. Some of the key highlights from this strand of work this year have been the series of academic-practitioner case studies written by Senior Fellows as part of the 'Exploring the potential of academic-practitioner collaborations for social change (AcPrac)' project, the great work produced by Senior Fellows as part of Stage 2 of the AFSEE Incubation Labs, not to mention the second round of the Atlantic Equity Challenge (AEQ) research grants, to which we received a record number of applications from Senior Fellows

## LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD

We would like to acknowledge the passing of Chuck Feeney in October 2023, thanks to whose generosity and vision the AFSEE Programme exists. All of us at AFSEE are enormously grateful to Chuck and the Atlantic Philanthropies team, in particular President and CEO Chris Oechsli, for their support. AFSEE held an event to celebrate Chuck's life and legacy in June, attended by Chuck's family and friends, alongside LSE colleagues and members of the AFSEE Community.

This year, we bid farewell to two members of the AFSEE team: Dr Sara Camacho Felix and Adele Oliver. Sara has been at AFSEE for five years and has played a key role in shaping the fellowship experience by introducing pedagogical innovations and spearheading the accreditation of the non-residential track of the programme. We will miss Sara and thank her for her commitment to the programme and Fellows. We wish her well in her new job at King's College London. Adele, who has not been with AFSEE as long, but has played a key part in helping us define our knowledge exchange and impact work, is leaving LSE to begin a PhD at the University of Glasgow. We wish her much success in her studies.

We live in a world of great adversity, conflicts and inequalities, and having hope for a better future in such bleak times is not easy. Yet, if we acknowledge that inequality is not inevitable, in other words, that it is not some physical law of nature such as gravity, then we know that it can be tackled and that a fairer, healthier and more inclusive world is possible.

# REFLECTIONS FROM THE CHAIR OF THE GOVERNING BOARD



As we reach the end of another successful year for the AFSEE Programme, I am delighted to share some reflections as Chair of the Governing Board. Across all four AFSEE strategic priorities, ambitious and exciting projects and activities are underway embedding the AFSEE vision and laying the foundations for lasting impact. This year has not been without its challenges, however. Global events have tested the resolve of our community to continue to live and learn according to the principles of equity, curiosity, gracious understanding, and generosity set out in our Programme Charter.

The AFSEE Governing Board met twice this academic year, once online in January 2024, and for the second time at LSE in July 2024

coinciding with the Board of Boards meetings at the Atlantic Institute in Oxford, which brought together for the first-time Governing Board members from all the seven Atlantic Fellows Programmes. At AFSEE, we have sought to make our board meetings a space for active engagement combining authentic probing discussions on, at times, challenging issues as well as celebrating the many successes of AFSEE's work. Without this balance, we are not doing our job

We have also had some changes to the Governing Board this year. We said goodbye to Nicolette Naylor, who stepped down to become the Deputy Chair of the Atlantic Institute Governing Board, and Professor Gurminder Bhambra and Professor Stephan Chambers also reached the end of their terms. I would like to thank Nicolette, Gurminder and Stephan for being part of our AFSEE journey, for bringing their critical insights to the programme, and for their generosity of spirit and commitment through a period of change and consolidation. Though departures are always sad, they also make way for new arrivals. We are delighted to have welcomed two new board members from LSE; Professor Ernestina Coast (Department of International Development), who joined in January 2024 and more recently Professor Hakan Seckinelgin (Department of Social Policy).

The highlight of the year for me was undoubtedly the event in May 2024 to honour and celebrate the life and legacy of our benefactor Chuck Feeney. It was a profoundly personal moment as we remembered the man, his vision, and his commitment to giving while living and to building catalytic communities of global changemakers working to reduce social, economic and health inequities in the world. Thank you, Chuck.

It is a huge honour for me to be a member of the AFSEE Community and to be able to play a small role in upholding its values and principles. During my time at AFSEE, I have seen the programme go from strength to strength under the transformational and inspirational leadership of the programme's Executive Director, Professor Armine Ishkanian, to whom I extend enormous thanks. I would also like to thank Chris Oechsli, President and CEO of Atlantic Philanthropies and Chair of the Atlantic Institute Governing Board, for his continuing wise counsel and commitment to AFSEE, and his engagement with the programme over the past year.

**Dr Claire Gordon**  
Chair, AFSEE Governing Board



# WHO WE ARE

**The AFSEE programme, based at LSE International Inequalities Institute, is building a catalytic, values-led global community of people who are committed to using collective leadership to work towards social and economic justice for all. By drawing on the insights of academic research, innovative social change strategies, and the Fellows' experience and expertise, the AFSEE Programme empowers a new generation of changemakers, including policymakers, activists, researchers, practitioners and campaigners, to work together across disciplines, backgrounds and borders.**

Established with a landmark gift from The Atlantic Philanthropies in 2016, over 20 years, the AFSEE Programme will support more than 400 Fellows from all over the world. Their active fellowship year centres on four key learning modules designed to support the Fellows' growth and development as leaders of social change. Residential Fellows undertake an MSc in Inequalities and Social Science at

LSE and participate in the AFSEE Modules, while Non-Residential Fellows remain in their home and professional environments and travel to attend the modules while carrying out project work. From the 2024/25 academic year onwards, Non-Residential Fellows will be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Economic Equity upon successful completion of the active fellowship year.

AFSEE is one of seven Atlantic Fellow Programmes, which together create a global community to advance fairer, healthier and more inclusive societies. After finishing their active fellowship year, all Atlantic Fellows become part of a connected community of changemakers and receive ongoing support from the Atlantic Institute throughout their careers with opportunities to meet, learn from one another and connect with the global community. Based in Oxford at Rhodes Trust, the Atlantic Institute amplifies the impact of the Atlantic Fellows network and helps promote a lifelong community among Fellows. The Atlantic Philanthropies has invested over US\$600 million to support the work of this global network of thousands of Atlantic Fellows over the next two decades and beyond.

## OUR VALUES

*Fairness*

*Courage*

*Kindness*

*Curiosity*

*Commitment*

# IMPACT AND REACH

## IMPACT STORIES

**Anita Peña Saavedra** (2018-19 Cohort)

advises the Ministry of Women and Gender Equality at the Government of Chile on the intersectional factors that intervene in gender inequality as well as promotes policies for preventing and addressing gender-based violence across Latin America and the Caribbean. Recently, she has introduced technological innovation in the monitoring of cases of gender-based violence and created actions that mitigate the gaps and barriers that persist for LGBTIQ+ people in accessing gender violence services.



**Carlos Brown Solà** (2022-23 Cohort)

aims to make fiscal discussions and decisions accessible to everyone, rather than just a selected few. His Fellowship Project 'Revolución Fiscal' is a collective endeavour focusing on the concept of fiscal justice from a Global South perspective, aimed at demystifying common ideas around fiscal issues and tax justice. In the launch event for the project in the state of Quintana Roo, Mexico, community members, tax justice activists, and performers discussed and explored fiscal justice through creative approaches including board games and arts.



**Danilo Ćurčić** (2020-21 Cohort) is working to bring economic and social rights to the most vulnerable communities and individuals in Serbia through his work at the A11 Initiative. By challenging the system through legal support, strategic litigation and community building, Danilo is trying to remind people that inequality, poverty, exclusion and forced evictions are not their fault, but the consequence of deep-rooted inequalities. He is also trying to change the dominant narrative of housing as a commodity rather than a crucial human right important for human dignity.



**Jack Nissan** (2017-18 Cohort)

founded the Tinderbox Collective, a diverse community of young people, musicians and artists, to help young people build their confidence, creativity and imagination to achieve things they may never have thought possible. Recent initiatives include 'We Make Music Instrument Libraries', a campaign to get musical instruments into public libraries across Scotland so people can borrow them for free, and the Music Manifesto for Scotland, a successful campaign led by the Music Education Partnership Group in 2021 to make music tuition free in all schools across Scotland.



**Jite Phido** (2021-22 Cohort) is working on a book exploring alternative visions for decolonising philanthropic funding practice in Africa with fellow Africans within the Atlantic Fellows community and beyond. Through her equity and systems innovation work at Results for Development with the International Development Innovation Alliance, she has also been partnering up with equity champions from across Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean to challenge dominant norms of global philanthropy in innovation. This aims to mainstream equitable and inclusive funding practices that emphasise local voice, power and agency for leading systems transformation.



**Madhumitha Ardhanari** (2019-20

Cohort) has been working on sustainability and ecological action in Southeast Asia for over 10 years and the AFSEE Fellowship inspired her to particularly focus on the regional sand crisis. Sand is the world's most used solid material and is ecologically important, yet often neglected. Madhu is currently a doctoral candidate for a joint PhD programme between the Universities of Exeter and Queensland, where she is researching responsible and circular extraction of critical minerals and sand as part of a low-carbon transition, in the hopes of centring justice and art in rethinking extractivism.



## AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS



**Fredrick Ouko Alucheli** (2017-18 Cohort) was selected to take part in the #ShiftThePower Fellowship, organised by the Global Fund for Community Foundations.



**Jane Sloane** (2017-18 Cohort) was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Adelaide for her work in empowering individuals and organisations to make real change.



**Katy Rubin** (2023-24 Cohort) was selected as the 'Policy Change-Maker of the Year' in the Arts and Homelessness International Awards.



**Máximo Ernesto Jaramillo-Molina** (2020-21 Cohort) won the 2023 National Journalism Award in the category of 'Opinion Journalism and Analysis' for his piece for Nexos on the housing crisis in Mexico.



**Myriam Hernández Vázquez** (2021-22 Cohort) won the 'Best VR Experience' – award at the Pordenone Docs Fest with her film *GAWI*, co-created with the Rarámuri indigenous community in Mexico.



**Roseline Orwa** (2018-19 Cohort) won a Gender Equality Champion award from ForumCiv for her work in advocating for widows.



**Stephanie Akinwoya** (2022-23 Cohort) was named as one of the top 50 finalists for the Global Teacher Prize.

## AFSEE FELLOWS



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FELLOWS



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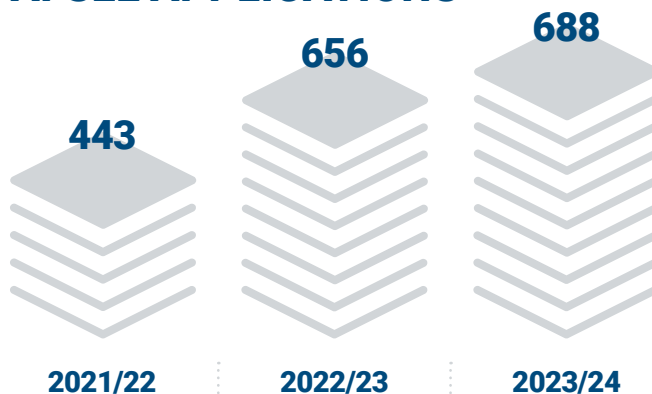


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### MOST POPULAR FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

1. Gender equity
2. Human rights
3. Climate justice and sustainability
4. Youth and education
5. Decolonisation
6. Fiscal and tax justice
7. Technology and digital rights

## AFSEE APPLICATIONS



OF ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WERE FROM APPLICANTS BASED IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM 103 COUNTRIES.





# AFSEE'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

## OUR EDUCATIONAL VISION

The AFSEE Programme retains its educational vision centred on three pillars: 1) development of a research-rich education, 2) fostering a dialogic pedagogy, and 3) reflection on professional practice to create global solidarity. This pedagogy is informed by both the works of Brazilian educator and philosopher, Paulo Freire (1970) and American author, theorist and educator, bell hooks (1994) on challenging banking models of education and envisioning education as a site to transgress.

AFSEE achieves its educational vision by supporting researchers and practitioners in working towards the creation of a more socially and economically equitable world. This means engaging with meaningful research across contexts to understand the causes and consequences of inequalities and to act for justice. We do this by fostering dialogue with researchers and practitioners to allow for more holistic thinking and the sharing of ideas and perspectives. The aim is for research to become meaningful for practitioners and for them to be

able to conduct impactful research. This informs each of the four modules of the programme: 1) Foundations of Social and Economic Inequalities (in-person), 2) Policy for Equity (online), 3) Challenging and Transforming Inequality (in-person), and 4) a thematic module on a specific aspect of inequalities (in-person).

## ADAPTING THE CURRICULUM TO REFLECT THE CHANGING REALITIES OF INEQUALITIES

This year saw the continuation of the existing three main modules, with a few small adaptations to represent the changing realities of inequalities around intersecting issues.

In light of the ongoing climate emergency, and its intersections with issues of justice and equity, a session was added to Module 2 discussing how policy can both address and exacerbate issues of climate justice. Dr Muna Dajani led the session, drawing on her work in Palestine, and introducing Fellows to concepts like greenwashing and green colonialism.

Two changes were also made to Module 3. First, a session was added on the evening of the second day, where Dr George Kunnath led an interactive discussion with Fellows and panel speakers Professor Hazel Carby, Dr Maël Lavenaire, Dr Sara Camacho Felix, and Dr Shalini Grover on what it means to decolonise. The second change focused on AFSEE piloting a 'country case study' day, where concepts around bottom-up approaches were analysed through a country case study – South Africa. Dr Shauna Mottiar explained the history of social movements in South Africa, from the activism against Apartheid to the current era. Joined by Dr Vuyiseka Dubula-Majola and Thami Nkosi, she then had a lively dialogue with Fellows about the reality of organising movements and the need for coordination between civil society organisations and social movements in South Africa. The day ended with an interactive session with Mark Heywood, social activist, journalist and creator of a new political party. This session focused on his experiences in activist journalism and encouraged Fellows to consider how they use the media in their activism.



*The panel for the decolonising discussion at Module 3 in June 2024*



## MODULE 4: CONFLICT, VIOLENCE AND JUSTICE

The thematic module for this academic year focused on conflict, violence and justice. With the rising number of wars, conflicts and violence around the world, including in Congo, Ukraine, Gaza, Myanmar and Sudan (to name a few), it seemed important to bring these issues into the classroom to understand how these conflicts, and violence more broadly, intersect with issues of global social and economic inequality.

Invited speakers for this module included: Professor Jenny Pearce, who provided an in-depth look at the, often hidden, violence of elites and the relations to inequalities focusing on Latin America; Professor Dina Matar, who spoke on media narratives in conflicts, drawing on her work in Palestine; Dr George Kunnath, who spoke about violence from below, especially in relation to his work with Maoist revolutionaries in India; and Brazilian journalist Leandro Demori who led a session on surveillance, intimidation and activist journalism.



2023-24 Cohort Fellows and AFSEE staff at Module 4 in June 2024

### POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY

Starting in the 2024/25 academic year, AFSEE Non-Residential Fellows will now earn a Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Economic Equity, awarded by LSE. A postgraduate certificate is an internationally recognised academic certificate regulated by the UK's Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education. This is the first postgraduate certificate to be recognised and offered by LSE.

Non-Residential Fellows who complete all the required elements of the AFSEE Programme and submit their project will be awarded the Postgraduate Certificate. With this comes academic recognition for the level of work that these Fellows produce, and should they wish to pursue further postgraduate study, this certificate and its transcripts would count towards those studies. This is a huge achievement for AFSEE and offers an opportunity for other institutes, centres and departments across the school to begin developing their own postgraduate certificates.



AFSEE achieves its educational vision by supporting researchers and practitioners in working towards the creation of a more socially and economically equitable world.”



# MY FELLOWSHIP YEAR: EMBRACING MY INVISIBLE DISABILITY

**I applied for the AFSEE Programme to learn more about the root cause of inequalities and most importantly to join a community of changemakers who are committed to learning from each other. It was the best decision that I have ever made, writes James Aung (2022-23 Cohort).**



While I am a person who enjoys working with people more than reading and writing, studying for an MSc in Inequalities and Social Science at LSE was one of the best journeys in my life.<sup>47</sup> Little did I imagine that in addition to my focus and learning about my interest area, my perception of my invisible disability would also change during my studies.

## MY INVISIBLE DISABILITY AND DISCOVERING LSE

Students with disabilities often have lower academic performance and graduation rates and those with invisible disabilities also face challenges due to unfair perceptions. Before I started my studies at LSE, one of my biggest

concerns was whether I could hear during lectures and seminars. While I look 'normal' and do not seem to have any issues, my hearing impairment poses significant challenges in various aspects of my life, especially communication and social interactions. It can be difficult for others to understand the extent of my disability since it is not immediately visible. I always have to ask people to repeat what they say (sometimes 3 to 4 times), which makes me feel like a burden or an inconvenience. As a result, I always avoid meeting people in noisy environments or crowded places where it becomes even more challenging for me to hear and understand conversations. I constantly struggle to fit in.

However, despite my initial concerns, I felt included and welcomed since the very beginning of the first AFSEE Module. The AFSEE Programme offered additional support, such as a live captioning service, which helped me catch up on information that I had missed during the lectures. Moreover, AFSEE connected me to LSE disability and wellbeing service (DWS) early on in my studies to ensure that I received the support that I needed during my studies.<sup>48</sup> After an assessment arranged by DWS to find out more about my needs, I was provided with a learning support plan (LSP) and some assistive devices to help my impaired hearing problem. This proactive approach gave me confidence that my needs as a student with an invisible disability would be prioritised and addressed throughout my academic journey. Additionally, I was convinced that the opportunity to connect with DWS early on would allow me to establish a strong support system, ensuring a smooth transition into university life.



2022-23 Cohort Fellows at Module 3 in April 2023

47 LSE, MSc Inequalities and Social Science, Published on LSE.AC.UK.

48 LSE, LSE disability and wellbeing service, Published on INFO.LSE.AC.UK.

49 Morina, Anabel (2016) Inclusive education in higher education: challenges and opportunities. European Journal of Special Needs Education.





## OVERCOMING CHALLENGES AND LEARNING TO ADVOCATE FOR MYSELF

Despite the positive start to my studies, I still faced many challenges during the academic year. According to research, although most academic staff support inclusive education in theory, they lack practice implementing it.<sup>49</sup> They often either need help with their workload or lack university support to implement LSPs. This was also very evident during my studies, which was not only disheartening but also hindered my learning experience.

For example, my LSPs weren't fully implemented during the whole first term due to classroom technology issues and delays in receiving assistive equipment. As a result, I struggled throughout the term and could not follow the lectures. Participating in group discussions during seminars was also challenging, as I always missed important information or struggled to follow conversations, especially when everyone was talking simultaneously. The lack of proper implementation hindered my ability to actively engage in class discussions and fully comprehend the course material, therefore impacting my academic performance. It also negatively impacted my wellbeing, as I often missed out or felt left out in group settings, which further added to my feelings of frustration and isolation, especially as I was already navigating my way around the new environment at LSE.

However, things started improving after I reached out to individuals from AFSEE and LSE for support during the second term. I encountered many exceptional individuals who went above and



2022-23 Cohort Fellows at Module 3 in April 2023

beyond to create an inclusive environment. One professor, in particular, took the time to understand my needs and provided additional resources to ensure I could fully participate in class discussions. Not only did this professor offer extra resources, but they also encouraged and created a sense of inclusivity among my peers, enhancing the overall learning experience for everyone involved. Additionally, the professor also went on to advocate internally within LSE to ensure the necessary support systems were in place for future invisibly disabled students at LSE. Additionally, LSE's counselling services played a crucial role in helping me address my mental health struggles and regain my motivation after these setbacks.

My active fellowship year has ended up changing my own perception of disabilities. From the belief that I have had my whole life that something is wrong with me, which must be fixed for me to fit into society, to now believing that people become disabled because of the barriers that society sets on them, and therefore, that is something that society needs to fix. Through my experiences at AFSEE

and LSE, I have learned the importance of challenging societal norms and promoting inclusivity for all individuals, regardless of their abilities. Moreover, advocating for disability rights and raising awareness about invisible disabilities is crucial to dismantling the barriers that society has imposed on individuals like me.

Reflecting on my time at LSE, I now realise the importance of self-advocacy. I wish I had started advocating for myself earlier to create a more inclusive environment for everyone. I hope that my journey will be a lesson learned for other students facing similar challenges to embrace their own unique strengths and capabilities and never let society's limitations define their worth or potential. Our disabilities do not define us but rather add to the diverse range of experiences and perspectives that we bring to the table. Embracing our disability can empower us to become powerful advocates for change and contribute to creating a more inclusive society where everyone is valued and respected.

# LIFELONG FELLOWSHIP

## LIFELONG ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND OFFERINGS

The AFSEE Programme is a lifelong fellowship, which means that being an AFSEE Fellow does not end when the active fellowship year ends. A key strategic objective for AFSEE is to create lifelong engagement opportunities and offerings to amplify the impact of the fellowship over time, thereby allowing Fellows to continue to shape, grow and scale up their social change work.

The 2022/23 Cohort of Fellows joined the Senior Fellows community this academic year. As part of their onboarding to Senior Fellowship, the AFSEE team hosted two bespoke workshops focusing on transitions, one per each of the respective tracks, and a series of one-to-one conversations.

At the start of this academic year, AFSEE surveyed the Senior Fellows community to seek their feedback on current offerings and to hear more about what they would be interested in exploring in terms of continued learning and professional skills development. As a result of the feedback, we organised two professional skills development webinars for Senior Fellows, one focusing on career transitions, co-organised with LSE alumna Mujo Othol and one on coaching co-organised with Sarah Harvey.

Another key takeaway from the survey was an interest from Senior Fellows for more sessions created and led by them, which led to us piloting a series of Senior Fellows-led conversations. The first session in this series was called 'Fighting for justice – joys and

challenges' and it was led by AFSEE Senior Fellows Irene Wakarindi (2020-21 Cohort), Kevin Liverpool (2021-22 Cohort), and Clare MacGillivray (2021-22 Cohort). The second session, led by AFSEE Senior Fellow Rose Longhurst (2017-18 Cohort), was called 'Struggles in relation to careers and joblessness'.

This academic year we also worked on making the Senior Fellowship offering clearer to both internal and external audiences. This included starting a monthly newsletter to Senior Fellows as well as adding a new section on the AFSEE website dedicated to providing more information about AFSEE's lifelong engagement approach.<sup>50</sup> We also produced a new film on Senior Fellowship, in which Anjali Sarker (2018-19 Cohort), Claire MacGillivray (2021-22 Cohort), Masana Mulaudzi (2017-18 Cohort), Michaela Rafferty (2019-20 Cohort) and Pedro Telles (2018-19 Cohort) talk about their experiences as AFSEE Senior Fellows.<sup>51</sup>

We have also updated the individual funding opportunities available for Senior Fellows. Fellows are encouraged to apply to secure support to access technical equipment, connectivity, hardship, professional development and participation. These funds have been specifically designed to enhance Senior Fellows' skills development, access to continuous learning, building networks, and continued engagement with the AFSEE Programme.

## AFSEE REFLECTIVE LEARNING JOURNEY

A key highlight of this academic year was updating the AFSEE Theory of Change at the end of 2023. The AFSEE Programme also underwent an official tender process to select a partner to work with for the inaugural Reflective Learning Journey, an imperative assignment to complete as we approach the AFSEE Programme's tenth anniversary. The Reflective Learning Journey project is influenced by contribution analysis methodology and more specifically, an appreciative inquiry. Our partner on the project, Matter of Focus, organised an outcomes mapping workshop, as well as six workshops exclusively for AFSEE Senior Fellows so that we could hear directly from them about their journeys after the active fellowship year. The seven-month-long project focuses on capturing data insights from key stakeholders and will ultimately result in case studies, visual maps and a further refined Theory of Change.

## STRENGTHENING TIES WITH THE BROADER ATLANTIC FELLOWS COMMUNITY

In May 2024, ten AFSEE Senior Fellows from across the first five cohorts and three staff members participated in the Africa Regional Convening 'Transforming Africa for Collective Prosperity' in Nairobi, Kenya, organised by the Atlantic Institute. The Africa Regional Initiative (ARI) recognises and celebrates the diversity of peoples across the continent and draws on

50 AFSEE, [Senior Fellowship](https://www.afsee.lse.ac.uk/senior-fellowship). Published on [AFSEE.ATLANTICFELLOWS.LSE.AC.UK](https://www.afsee.atlanticfellows.lse.ac.uk).

51 AFSEE, [AFSEE Senior Fellowship: What does lifelong fellowship mean?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) Published on [YOUTUBE.COM](https://www.youtube.com).

> their rich histories, Indigenous knowledge, and experiences to advance new solutions to address inequity while maintaining a global lens. The ARI supports Fellows based on the continent and leverages the Atlantic Fellows' proximity to catalyse collaboration and action and accelerate development. This dynamic and participatory convening included a range of panels and site visits focused on addressing inequalities. A key output of this convening was the development of a suggestion by AFSEE Senior Fellows called the 'Nairobi Commitment' suggesting ideas for further exploration over the next six months or so.

In July 2024, Fellows from the 2022-23 Cohort met in person at the Atlantic Institute's Senior Fellows convening in Oxford, UK. As always, this was a most welcome opportunity for AFSEE Fellows to reconnect within their cohort as well as to meet other Senior Fellows from the other seven Atlantic Fellows Programmes and to find out more information about the Atlantic Institute.

### STRENGTHENING KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE FOR AFSEE SENIOR FELLOWS

In April 2024, AFSEE launched the new knowledge exchange officer role, born out of a desire to develop this part of the Senior Fellowship experience, which involves amplifying and integrating knowledge exchange activities between the AFSEE Programme, AFSEE Fellows, the III and LSE

communities, and wider non-academic communities. At AFSEE, knowledge exchange is a dynamic and fluid process, which incorporates distinct forms of knowledge from multiple sources, especially those who are not always seen as bearers of knowledge. The role is focused on strategy and innovation, building on existing work undertaken by AFSEE.

One of the focuses of our knowledge exchange work has been finding ways to better integrate AFSEE within the III and LSE as a whole. For example, the AFSEE team has been encouraging and enabling AFSEE Fellows to speak and participate in more III and LSE events, including public lectures and academic conferences and workshops.

As part of our knowledge exchange activities, we also collaborated with AFSEE Senior Fellow Roos Saalbrink (2022-23 Cohort) to

showcase her research at LSE Festival 2024 'Displays of power' exhibition.<sup>52</sup> The display showcased visual and written artwork from the artbook *SEEN*, which Roos, as part of the AFSEE Fellowship, created with five feminist artists to record global herstories that challenge the current global social-economic system of oppression and exploitation of women.<sup>53</sup>

During LSE Festival week, AFSEE also organised an interactive workshop led by Roos at the Feminist Library in Peckham, London, exploring feminist critiques of women's invisibilised labour through conversation, visual art, poetry and reflective exercise. This marked the first of many community-rooted knowledge exchange events under the new knowledge exchange agenda.



AFSEE Fellow Roos Saalbrink's workshop at the Feminist Library in June 2024

52 LSE, 'Displays of power'. Published on LSE.AC.UK.

53 LSE Festival exhibition, *SEEN*. Published on LINKTR.EE.



# MY SENIOR FELLOWSHIP: CONTINUING QUEST FOR EQUITY AND JUSTICE

**“How can I leave this world a better, more equal place than how I found it? This question comes to my mind quite often, and despite how daunting it might seem, thanks to the AFSEE Fellowship and the values we cultivated throughout the active fellowship year and afterwards, it now feels wrong to not think about it and not act”, writes Anjali Sarker (2018-19 Cohort).**



It has been four years since I graduated from the AFSEE Programme and became a Senior Fellow. Our last fellowship meeting was quite an emotional experience; we didn't want the fellowship to end and wondered, what's next? However, that ending marked a new beginning – a much longer journey as a Senior Fellow. While the Senior Fellowship experience looks different for each individual, I wanted to share a few highlights from my own journey.

## BECOMING PART OF AN EVEN BIGGER, MORE GLOBAL FAMILY

One of the best parts of the active fellowship year was the strong sense of community among the AFSEE Fellows. We helped each other in many ways, both professionally and personally. When I became a Senior Fellow in 2019, I not only joined the AFSEE Senior Fellows community but also the broader Atlantic Fellows community, consisting of Fellows from all seven Atlantic Fellows Programmes.<sup>54</sup> When Fellows graduate from one of the programmes, they will get a chance to meet all the other Fellows graduating that year at a Fellows

convening hosted by the Atlantic Institute. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to wait until 2022 for our convening. As a result, our full integration into the global community of Atlantic Fellows was later than expected.

Nevertheless, when we finally met a few hundred Fellows from the other programmes, I truly felt the power of this community and realised how special it is to be a part of this global family. I had been looking forward to reconnecting with my cohort, but what I couldn't imagine was how wonderful it would feel to sit next to 'strangers' and immediately connect. After all, we are working to build a better world. Since then, I have been part of multiple cross-programme collaborative projects and have enjoyed connecting with Fellows from other programmes through the Atlantic Community Cafe. Even the various WhatsApp groups for Fellows, that I am part of, offer a continuous source of inspiration, hope and solidarity.



*AFSEE Senior Fellows at the Thailand Convening in July 2022*

<sup>54</sup> 'Atlantic Fellows', Published on ATLANTICFELLOWS.ORG.



*AFSEE Fellows Anjali Sarker and Jack Nissan at LSE in March 2022*

### **EMBRACING DIFFERENCES AND SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH A NEW LENS**

The AFSEE Fellowship welcomes changemakers from a wide range of backgrounds. We don't just look different and come from different countries – our beliefs and opinions vary greatly. During the short span of the programme, sometimes it was hard to make sense of things, especially those that did not conform to our understanding and lived experiences of inequalities. Still, the whole year was a practice in deep listening and trusting each other, which continued long after the programme. Rather than criticising and cancelling opinions that do not match mine, I learned to approach differences with curiosity and openness, even when it means sitting with discomfort.

Moreover, in the initial days of the fellowship, my instinct was to evaluate all the information through the lens of my area of interest and professional expertise – financial

inclusion. However, being exposed to a wide range of social, economic and political issues; listening to numerous stories of activism supporting causes that I didn't even know existed; and above all, just connecting with this exceptional group of Fellows has helped me to widen my horizon in a way that goes beyond professional interests and personal ambitions. Conversations with my peers opened my heart and made me feel for the people they work for, even if I have no connection to that community or the issue at hand.

Living in a world that is broken into too many parts comes with many dangers, one of which is closing our eyes to injustices that do not affect us and our own communities. However, being an Atlantic Fellow means I am always connected to the cause of equity, either directly or indirectly. It means that I look at the world through the lens of justice and feel the pain even if it isn't mine. The Senior Fellowship part of the experience means that the programme never ends for a Fellow;

the quest for justice and equity stays in our lives in different forms.

I would go as far as saying that this opportunity to carry the values of this fellowship beyond the active fellowship year truly shifts mindsets if we allow it to do so. For every aspiring changemaker who wants to build a more equal world and is ready to commit to this mission, this is a unique opportunity that should not be missed.

# RESEARCH AND PROJECTS

## Atlantic Equity Challenge (AEQ)

With the first round of projects wrapping up in 2023, AFSEE launched a call for the second round of the Atlantic Equity Challenge (AEQ) research grant in January 2024. In the second round, the AFSEE Programme again seeks to promote research collaborations between LSE academics and AFSEE Senior Fellows, as well as other partners where relevant, through projects that address fundamental questions related to socio-economic inequalities. AFSEE announced the four research projects that were awarded as part of AEQ 2024 in July 2024, with the projects commencing in Autumn 2024.

## The Academic-Practitioner Collaborations (AcPrac)



The Academic-Practitioner Collaborations (AcPrac) project was launched in December 2021. The project has two aims: 1) to develop a better understanding of academic-practitioner (AcPrac) collaborations and how these are shaped by knowledge inequalities and 2) to use this knowledge to help to inform the work of past, current and future cohorts of AFSEE Fellows on how to create and sustain research practice collaborations that can contribute to tackling inequalities through policy change and wider social transformation. The AcPrac project includes a sub-project led by Dr Aygen Kurt-Dickson on funding policy and funders in academic-practitioner collaborations.

AFSEE Senior Fellows were commissioned to write case studies to shed light on the diverse range of collaborative initiatives undertaken by academics and practitioners in tackling inequalities. Nine case studies have been published so far:

- 'Colonising the 'home' in British Malaya/Malaysia: lessons for academic-practitioner collaborations' (Christopher Choong Weng Wai, 2020-21 Cohort)
- 'The impact of the Mugabe education revolution on academic-practitioner collaborations in Zimbabwe' (Maureen Sigauke, 2018-19 Cohort)
- 'Navigating the challenges of business funding for research' (Fola Adeleke, 2017-18 Cohort)
- 'What lies beyond participatory methodology: reflections on power, resources and knowledge-making among practitioners, researchers and funders' (Masana Mulaudzi, 2017-18 Cohort)
- 'Repertoires of resistance: the sympoiesis between women, the community and critical research' (Anita Peña Saavedra, 2018-19 Cohort and Alondra Castillo Delgado, Universidad de Valparaíso)
- 'From fights for land to mutualistic collaborations between academia and social agents' (Hobeth Martínez Carillo, 2019-20 Cohort and Berta Camprubí, *La Directa*)
- 'Facilitating social movement learning on human rights: what role for participatory action research?' (Allison Corkery, 2018-19 Cohort)
- 'The art and practice of academic-practitioner collaboration: lessons from Bangladesh' (Anjali Sarker, 2018-19 Cohort)
- 'Academic-practitioner collaborations: reflections from the Northern Irish context' (Nicola Browne, 2018-19 Cohort)

### PROJECT TEAM:

**Professor Armine Ishkanian**, Executive Director, AFSEE; **Barbara van Paassen**, AFSEE Fellow; **Dr Tahnee Ooms**, Visiting Fellow, LSE III; **Dr Aygen Kurt-Dickson**, Policy Fellow, AFSEE; **Ishita Puri**, Research Assistant, AFSEE.



## Conflicted identities for social justice? Exploring female economic and political elites in Chile and the UK



Launched in 2022, this project funded through AFSEE's Network Innovation Fund aims to foster research and knowledge exchange collaboration between AFSEE and the Centre for the Study of Conflict and Social Cohesion. The project examines female elites as 'insiders and outsiders' in both the political and economic fields in order to explore the extent to which these might be inclined to social justice, redistribution and social cohesion, and also compare this data with what the dominant literature has assumed as common practices and preferences.

During this academic year, the project has refined its methodological approach, focusing on qualitative interviews over quantitative data. Initial interviews in Chile have been conducted, and further data collection in the UK is underway, with plans to produce a working paper in Autumn 2024.

### PROJECT TEAM:

**Dr Isabel Castillo**, Assistant Professor, Universidad de Chile; **Dr Katharina Hecht**, Visiting Fellow, LSE III; **Dr Rachel Theodore**, Assistant Professor, Mayor University in Chile; **Dr Chana Teeger**, Assistant Professor, LSE Department of Methodology; **Dr Catherine Reyes-Housholder**, Assistant Professor, Pontificia Universidad Católica in Chile; **Dr Elisabeth Schimpfössl**, Assistant Professor, Aston University; **Felipe Bustos**, Centre for the Study of Conflict and Social Cohesion; **Jennifer Willmott**, Research Officer, LSE; Matt Reynolds, Research Student, LSE Department of Sociology.

## Urban glory for the few: extreme urban inequality and its impacts on access to housing in Kinshasa (DRC)



Launched in 2024, this project funded through AFSEE's Network Innovation Fund aims to foster research and knowledge exchange collaboration between AFSEE and NYU's Center on International Cooperation. The project will deepen the understanding of how financialisation and state capture impact access to adequate housing across the income spectrum. Through an in-depth analysis of Kinshasa, the project will explore competing pressures, incentives, and trade-offs faced by policymakers and other relevant actors to provide housing in the context of extreme urban inequality, insecurity and climate breakdown.

As part of the project, a report titled 'Who will cities be for? Inequality, housing, and the future of African urbanization' was published in April 2024.<sup>55</sup> A roundtable event was also organised to present the work of AFSEE Fellows to the Pathfinders' network of partners working on housing and urban inequalities. The event convened experts in governance and housing, including representatives from civil society organisations, governments, academia and activism, to discuss critical issues in housing.

### PROJECT TEAM:

**Fernando Marani**, Pathfinders Program Director, Center on International Cooperation; **Raquel Jesse**, Program Officer, Center on International Cooperation; **Dr Roshni Menon**, Senior Program Officer, Center on International Cooperation; **Paula Sevilla Núñez**, Non-Resident Fellow, Center on International Cooperation.

55 Núñez, Paula Sevilla (2024) *Who will cities be for? Inequality, housing, and the future of African urbanization*. PATHFINDERS: for peaceful, just and inclusive societies.

# RESEARCH AND PROJECTS CONTINUED

## AFSEE Incubation Labs

The AFSEE Incubation Labs is a pilot initiative developed by the AFSEE Programme as part of its lifelong engagement strategy. Launched at the AFSEE Leadership Summit in January 2023, the AFSEE Incubation Labs are designed around a two-stage process to foster and support impactful and innovative cross-cohort collaborative projects initiated, led and implemented by AFSEE Senior Fellows.

As part of Stage 1, 13 incubation labs were established in February 2023. Out of the then 84 Senior Fellows, 41 participated in at least one of the 13 incubation labs, and 27 Fellows were involved in more than one. In this stage, the labs organised a series of idea-generating meetings, followed by hosting either a roundtable discussion or a virtual networking event, accessible to both public and internal audiences.

At the end of Stage 1, the incubation labs had the opportunity to apply to Stage 2 to receive up to £10,000 funding per lab by submitting an application that implemented their learnings so far – 37 Senior Fellows are involved in the nine incubation labs that proceeded to Stage 2. Between October 2023 and September 2024, the incubation labs will engage in various activities, including workshops, peer-to-peer learning sessions and book writing.

Incubation labs taking part in Stage 2 are:

### 1. DECOLONISING FUNDING AND PHILANTHROPY IN AFRICA FOR EQUITY AND INCLUSION

This incubation lab aims to lead and catalyse knowledge building and exchange among African practitioners and academics to articulate a vision and path for decolonising African development funding. The lab will produce a written compendium titled 'Decolonising African development funding: exploring perspectives, challenges and solutions,' and they will also host an open virtual convening to discuss the concepts.

#### PROJECT TEAM:

**Caroline Kioko** (2021-22 Cohort, Co-Lead), **Jite Phido** (2021-22 Cohort, Co-Lead), **Makmid Kamara** (2021-22 Cohort), **Irene Wakarindi** (2020-21 Cohort), and **Mohammed-Anwar Sadat Adam** (2020-21 Cohort)

### 2. E-PARTICIPATION LAB

This incubation lab seeks to establish collaboration across South Africa, Chile, Mexico and the UK, to advance citizen participation through technology. The lab will develop a conceptual framework of the broad concepts of e-participation, policy change, digital literacy and the use of technological alternatives to create and exchange data and consolidate this knowledge into a policy paper discussing a shared agenda on e-participation for advancing equality.

#### PROJECT TEAM:

**Gabriella Razzano** (2018-19 Cohort, Lead), **Jenny McEaney** (2021-22 Cohort), **Myriam Hernandez** (2021-22 Cohort), and **Maria Carrasco** (2020-21 Cohort).

### 3. GENDER EQUALITY THROUGH VIRTUAL REALITY

This incubation lab aims to establish a community of practice focused on the ethical use of virtual reality and explore its potential to promote gender-equitable behaviours among adolescent males. The lab conducted a workshop in Trinidad and Tobago, to help users recognise how behaviours they previously perceived as harmless or as part of masculinity may negatively impact their female peers and reinforce gender-inequitable forms of masculinity.

#### PROJECT TEAM:

**Kevin Liverpool** (2021-22 Cohort, Lead), **Jite Phido** (2021-22 Cohort), **Jack Nissan** (2017-18 Cohort), **Craig Dube** (2018-19 Cohort), and **Kruskaya Hidalgo Cordero** (2021-22 Cohort).

### 4. EXPLORING NEW TYPES OF EMERGING LEADERSHIP IN SOCIAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE MOVEMENTS

This incubation lab aims to create peer support and shared learning spaces for Atlantic Fellows and their networks in climate justice movements to provide a supportive and empowering space for leaders to come together, share experiences, collaborate and collectively address the challenges they face. The model aims to foster a sense of community, facilitate knowledge exchange and enhance leadership skills.

#### PROJECT TEAM:

**Lauren Burke** (2018-19 Cohort, Lead), **Sergio Chaparro Hernandez** (2021-22 Cohort), **Amanda Segnini** (2021-22 Cohort), **Maria Carrasco** (2020-21 Cohort), and **Madhuresh Kumar** (2021-22 Cohort).

## 5. COMMUNITY COLONIALISM NARRATIVES IN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND

This incubation lab aims to shift power and emphasis from polarising discourses around Irish, British and Scottish identities to more nuanced, participatory discussions that centre the diverse personal narratives and historical experiences of Irish and Scottish people bearing the brunt of inequality, injustice and lack of self-determination. The lab will be using oral history archiving to highlight the stories of Irish women immigrating to London during the 1950s to 1990s.

### PROJECT TEAM:

**Jenny McEaney** (2021-22 Cohort, Lead), **Michaela Rafferty** (2019-20 Cohort), **Nicola Browne** (2018-19 Cohort), and **Clare MacGillivray** (2021-22 Cohort).

## 6. (RE)BUILDING SOLIDARITY

This incubation lab aims to explore what solidarity looks like at this moment in time by having conversations about understandings and experiences with receiving and practising solidarity. To deepen the communal understanding, these conversations will be recorded as a podcast for both internal and external audiences, and the discussion will also be captured and synthesised into blogs or articles for broader dissemination.

### PROJECT TEAM:

**Barbara van Paassen** (2020-21 Cohort, Co-Lead), **Amanda Segnini** (2021-22 Cohort, Co-Lead), **Maureen Sigauke** (2018-19 Cohort), and **Ruby Hembrom** (2021-22 Cohort).

## 7. THE STATE (AND THE EFFECTS) OF RIGHTS IN FIGHTING INEQUALITIES

After successful peer-to-peer learning over community calls in Stage 1, this incubation lab decided to write an academic-practitioner book titled 'Reshaping rights in the age of inequality'. The book aims to offer diverse perspectives on how human rights can address global inequalities, incorporating voices from across the Atlantic Fellows Programmes to reshape the human rights discourse.

### PROJECT TEAM:

**Fola Adeleke** (2017-18 Cohort, Co-Lead), **Allison Corkery** (2018-19 Cohort, Co-Lead), **Imogen Richmond-Bishop** (2020-21 Cohort), **Danilo Ćurčić** (2020-21 Cohort), and **Sergio Chaparro Hernandez** (2021-22 Cohort).

## 8. RIGHT TO HOUSING AND INEQUALITIES

This incubation lab aims to dismantle myths about housing and demonstrate how housing movements create resistance and drive policy change across different contexts. The lab has organised policy advocacy workshops in Lisbon, Belgrade, and Berlin. The lab will also produce a policy report advocating for inclusive housing policies, supported by data from field research and community consultations.

### PROJECT TEAM:

**Kitti Baracsi** (2020-21 Cohort, Co-Lead), **Máximo Ernesto Jaramillo-Molina** (2020-21 Cohort, Co-Lead), **Danilo Ćurčić** (2020-21 Cohort), **Renata Ćuk** (2018-19 Cohort), and **Michaela Rafferty** (2019-20 Cohort).

## 9. CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOICES IN TACKLING INEQUALITIES

This incubation lab aims to deepen peer-to-peer learning, collaboration, networking and knowledge-sharing among its members who are working with children and young people in Kenya, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Portugal, Germany and the UK. The lab conducted shadowing visits to learn from each other, experience the different contextual aspects of each other's work, exchange ideas and build stronger collaborations.

### PROJECT TEAM:

**Louis Oyaro** (2017-18 Cohort, Lead), **Jack Nissan** (2017-18 Cohort), **Roseline Orwa** (2018-18 Cohort), **Mirilove Tay Acquah-Hagan** (2020-21 Cohort), and **Michaela Rafferty** (2019-20 Cohort).



# PARTNERS

## OUR NODE PARTNERS



### Center on International Cooperation, New York University

The Center on International Cooperation (CIC) is a non-profit research centre housed at New York University (NYU). Its mission is to strengthen cooperative approaches among national governments, international organisations, and the wider policy community to advance peace, justice and inclusion. As part of the partnership, AFSEE Senior Fellows will have the opportunity to contribute to CIC's inequality solutions portal and participate in visiting fellowships at NYU. CIC and AFSEE are also working together on a research project 'Urban glory for the few: extreme urban inequality and its impacts on access to housing in Kinshasa (DRC)'.<sup>56</sup>



### Centre for the Study of Conflict and Social Cohesion, Chile

The Centre for the Study of Conflict and Social Cohesion (COES) is our programme's primary and longest-standing research and outreach partner in Latin America. It undertakes collaborative research on issues related to social conflict and cohesion in Chile through a multidisciplinary team drawn from the social sciences and humanities. Launched in 2022, COES and AFSEE are currently working together on a research project 'Conflicted identities for social justice? Exploring female economic and political elites in Chile and the UK'.

<sup>56</sup> AFSEE and LSE, *Urban glory for the few: extreme urban inequality and its impacts on access to housing in Kinshasa (DRC)*. Published on AFSEE. ATLANTICFELLOWS.LSE.AC.U

# HIGHLIGHTS

## AFSEE Partners with New York University's Center on International Cooperation



AFSEE Fellow Nicola Browne (second from left) with the CIC team during her Visiting Fellowship in July 2024

Partnering with organisations across the world is an important avenue for growing the AFSEE Community, providing diverse skills development opportunities for AFSEE Fellows, increasing the impact of the AFSEE Programme and AFSEE Fellows' work and through that advancing its overall mission to advance social and economic equity through collaboration and innovation.

In October 2023, AFSEE launched its most recent partnership with the Center on International Cooperation (CIC) based at the New York University (NYU).<sup>57</sup> CIC is a nonprofit research centre for applied policy that links politics, security, justice, development and humanitarian issues. AFSEE established the partnership with CIC due to its leading reputation, the applied policy expertise of its staff, and its ability to work with governments across the globe advocating for equality across a breadth of issues, from housing to peacebuilding and violence, echoing the same ethos of AFSEE, and its community.

As part of the new partnership, AFSEE Senior Fellows will have the opportunity to take part in Visiting Fellowships, which will allow them and CIC researchers to collaborate on an inequalities-related research project during a four-week stay at NYU. AFSEE-CIC Visiting Fellows benefit from the expertise within the CIC and wider NYU community, have opportunities to join events and meet with agencies local to CIC, as well as gain access to the wider NYU infrastructure including access to NYU's archives and libraries, while focusing their time on a project of importance to their work on reducing social and economic inequalities.

In July 2024, AFSEE Fellow Nicola Browne (2018-19 Cohort) became the first AFSEE-CIC Visiting Fellow. She collaborated with CIC's Inequality and Exclusion team on a project 'A shared struggle? Building solidarity narratives to address inequalities in post-conflict Northern Ireland', which explored the interrelationship of decisive narratives and their role in perpetuating inequalities. AFSEE Fellow Carlos Brown Solà (2022-23 Cohort) will take up the second AFSEE-CIC Visiting Fellowship in October 2024 with his project 'Make them pay: a roadmap to taxing the rich in Mexico'.

Another aspect of the partnership between AFSEE and CIC is establishing a new collaborative research project 'Urban glory for the few: extreme urban inequality and its impact on access to housing in Kinshasa (DRC)'. AFSEE Senior Fellows working on social housing were invited to speak at the roundtable 'Who will our cities be for? Governance and inclusive housing policies' organised by CIC in May 2024.

AFSEE has also committed to supporting the Inequality Solutions portal launched by CIC's Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies programme in July 2023.<sup>58 59</sup> The portal is an online repository showcasing innovative policies from around the world aimed at tackling inequality and exclusion. Drawing from the vast expertise and experience of the AFSEE Community, the portal includes contributions from AFSEE Fellows, who are working to address inequality through policy and action.

57 Center on International Cooperation and New York University, [Center on International Cooperation](#). Published on CIC.NYU.EDU.

58 [Inequality Solutions portal](#), Published on SDG16.PLUS.

59 CIC and NYU, [Pathfinders for Peace, Just and Inclusive Societies at NYU CIC](#). Published on CIC.NYU.EDU.

# EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

## PUBLIC LECTURES

### The psychosis of whiteness

Co-hosted with LSE III.

Wednesday 25 October 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Professor Kehinde Andrews, Professor of Black Studies, Birmingham City University.

**Discussant:** Dr Sara Camacho-Felix, Assistant Professor (Education), AFSEE.

**Chair:** Dr Maël Lavenaire, Research Fellow in Racial Inequality, AFSEE/LSE III.

### Not until then: a lecture by Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados

Co-hosted with LSE III and Oxfam GB.

Wednesday 6 December 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speakers:** Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados and Esther Phillips, Poet Laureate of Barbados.

**Moderator:** Dr Dhananjayan Sriskandarajah, Chief Executive, Oxfam GB.

**Chair:** Professor Eric Neumayer, Pro-Director (PVC) Planning and Resources, LSE.

### Solidarity economics: why mutuality and movements matter

Co-hosted with LSE III.

Tuesday 23 January 2024. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Professor Manuel Pastor, Professor of Sociology, University of Southern California

**Discussant:** T.O. Molefe, AFSEE Fellow.

**Chair:** Professor Armine Ishkanian, Executive Director, AFSEE.

### Inequalities in South Asian Advicescapes

Co-hosted with LSE South Asia Centre

Wednesday 13 March 2024. Online public event.

**Speakers:** Professor David Lewis, Professor of Anthropology and Development, LSE; Anjali Sarker, AFSEE Fellow; Dr Rebecca Bowers, Visiting Fellow, Department of Anthropology, LSE; Dr Luke Heslop, Lecturer in Anthropology and Global Challenges, Brunel University; Tasmiah Rahman, Associate Director, BRAC; Anushka Wijesinha, Co-Founder and Director, Centre for a Smart Future.

**Chairs:** Professor Alnoor Bhimani, Director of LSE South Asia Centre; Professor Deborah James, Professor, Department of Anthropology, LSE.



Professor Manuel Pastor, T.O. Molefe, and Professor Armine Ishkanian





*Dr Maël Lavenaire*

## The search for democracy in the world's largest democracy

Co-hosted with LSE III, LSE Human Rights and LSE Department of Anthropology.

Tuesday 26 March 2024. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Professor Alpa Shah, Department of Anthropology, LSE.

**Discussants:** Professor Christophe Jaffrelot, Professor Avantha Chair, King's India Institute; Professor Tarun Khaitan, Professor (Chair of Public Law), LSE Law School; Priyanka Kotamraju, AFSEE Fellow.

**Chair:** Professor Deborah James, Professor, Department of Anthropology, LSE.

## End of peacekeeping

Co-hosted with LSE Department of Gender Studies.

Wednesday 1 May 2024. In-person public event.

**Speaker:** Professor Marsha Henry, Mitchell Institute, Queen's University, Belfast and Visiting Professor, Department of Gender Studies, LSE.

**Discussants:** Professor Clare Hemmings, Professor of Feminist Theory, Department of Gender Studies, LSE; Professor Armine Ishkanian, Executive Director of AFSEE; Dr Denisa Kostovicova, Associate Professor of Global Politics and Director of LSEE – Research on South East Europe, European Institute at LSE.

**Chair:** Professor Sumi Madhok, Head, Department of Gender Studies, LSE

## Navigating the digital world in a time of misinformation

Co-hosted with LSE Faith Centre and Facing History.

Tuesday 21 May 2024. In-person public event.

**Speakers:** Professor Armine Ishkanian, Executive Director, AFSEE; Jenny McEneaney, AFSEE Fellow; Zahed Amanullah, Resident Senior Fellow, Networks and Outreach, Institute for Strategic Dialogue; Aneira Roose-McClew, Senior Curriculum Developer, Facing History & Ourselves.

**Chair:** Professor James Walters, LSE Faith Centre and Professor in Practice Department of International Relations.

## Climate equality: a planet for the 99%

Co-hosted with LSE III, Oxfam International and the Stockholm Environment Institute.

Tuesday 4 June 2024. Online public event.

**Speakers:** Dr Fadhel Kaboub, Associate Professor of Economics, Denison University; Dr Sivan Kartha, Equitable Transitions Program Director, Stockholm Environment Institute US; Madhumitha Ardhanari, AFSEE Fellow.

**Chair:** Nafkote Dabi, Climate Change Policy Lead, Oxfam International.

## LSE Festival: power, politics, and belonging: the lasting impacts of colonialism

Saturday 15 June 2024. Online and in-person public event.

**Speakers:** Dr Maël Lavenaire, Research Fellow in Racial Inequality, AFSEE/LSE III; Professor Neil Cummins, LSE Department of Economic History; Leah Eryenyu, AFSEE Fellow.

**Chair:** Dr Fabrício Mendes Fialho, Research Fellow, AFSEE/LSE III.



## SPONSORED EVENTS

### LSE Africa Summit 2024

Gathering renowned scholars, leading politicians, changemakers, activists and forward-thinking entrepreneurs, the LSE Africa Summit is an annual student-led conference that showcases Africa's expertise and global contribution, promoting debate around the continent's contemporary challenges and opportunities. The LSE Africa Summit 2024 was themed 'African minds transforming futures: building resilient education systems,' and it sought to unravel the intricate web of challenges and opportunities that define the educational landscape on the continent. The 2024 Summit featured AFSEE Fellows Caroline Kioko (2021-22 Cohort), Stephanie Akinwoya (2022-23 Cohort) and Najma Mohamed (2023-24 Cohort).

### Kurdish Studies Conference

The second Kurdish Studies Conference was organised by the LSE Middle East Centre and the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Sheffield in April 2024. The interdisciplinary event, hosted at the University of Sheffield, built on the inaugural conference at LSE in 2023, and sought to promote, share and celebrate recent research across the field of Kurdish studies and encourage connections between scholars, students, professionals and members of the public.

### Symposium on Financial Systems of Secrecy


The symposium organised by LSE III and Open Ownership brought together academics and practitioners working on a cross-section of issues that relate to systems of financial secrecy to share recent and ongoing research and discuss relevant policy developments. The programme included speakers from across multiple disciplines and sectors with the aim of identifying and strengthening linkages between different approaches to research and practice on financial secrecy. The symposium featured AFSEE Fellows Louise Russell-Prywata (2017-18 Cohort) and Tyehimba Salandy (2020-21 Cohort)

## DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

### Digital Communications as of July 2024

 **289,806** WEBSITE VIEWS

The most popular pages this academic year have been the homepage (27% of all views), the apply page (14% of all views), and the Fellows' landing page (9% of all views). Google Analytics (GA) switched from Universal Analytics to GA4 at the beginning of 2024, updating not only what but how it measures website analytics, which means that we are unable to make comparisons between the website figures from this year (GA4) and last year (Universal Analytics).

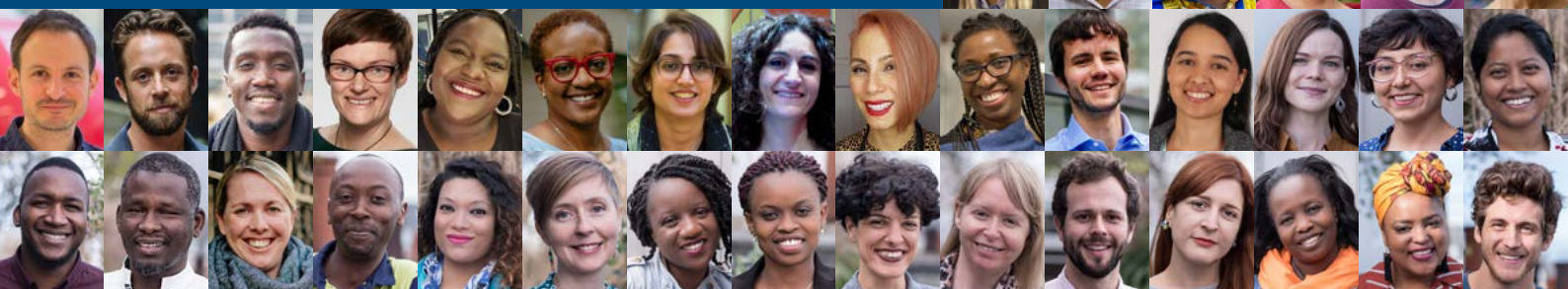
 **6,065** NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

AFSEE sends out regular newsletters to its prospective applicants' mailing list, providing further information about the AFSEE Programme and its application process. A further 2,269 people have signed up to the mailing list this academic year, which means that the overall subscriber amount has increased by 79% in a year. The list currently has an average open rate of 59.6% and a 9.1% click rate (compared to the industry average of 37% and 5.5% respectively).

 **11,526** SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

AFSEE continues to build its reputation and increase its reach across a range of social media platforms including Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram. AFSEE's LinkedIn channel has seen the most growth, with followers increasing by 52% in the last year (from 2,859 to 4,334). This also means that LinkedIn has now taken over Facebook (3,401 followers) as AFSEE's biggest social media platform.

# OUR FELLOWS



## 2017/18

**Appu Suresh** (India)  
Founder and CEO, Pixstory

**Fola Adeleke** (Nigeria/  
Canada)  
Executive Director, Global  
Center on AI Governance

**Fredrick Ouko Alucheli**  
(Kenya)  
Co-Chief Executive and  
Transformation Officer, ADD  
International

**Hillary Vipond** (Canada/UK)  
PhD Candidate, LSE  
Department of Economic  
History

**Jack Nissan** (UK)  
Founder, Tinderbox Collective

**Jane Sloane** (Australia/USA)  
Senior Director on Women's  
Empowerment and Gender  
Equality, The Asia Foundation

**Joey Hasson** (Zimbabwe/UK)  
Senior Programme Officer for  
Human Rights, Sigrid Rausing  
Trust

**Johnny Miller** (USA/South  
Africa)  
Photographer and Founder,  
Unequal Scenes

**Louis Oyaro** (Uganda/  
Germany)  
Human Rights Consultant

**Louise Russell-Prywata** (UK)  
Deputy Executive Director,  
Open Ownership

**Masana Mulaudzi** (South  
Africa)  
Senior Campaigns Manager,  
Wikimedia Foundation

**Melanie Brown** (USA)  
Deputy Director of Global  
Policy and Advocacy, Bill &  
Melinda Gates Foundation

**Priyanka Kotamraju** (India/  
UK)  
PhD Candidate in Sociology,  
University of Cambridge

**Rania Tarazi** (Jordan)  
Gender and Development  
Professional

**Rose Longhurst** (UK/  
Germany)  
Head of Democratic  
Renewal Team, Open Society  
Foundations

**Saida Ali** (Kenya)  
Global Program Manager,  
Hivos Foundation

**Sebastian Bock** (Germany)  
Director for Germany,  
Transport and Environment

**Tracy Jooste** (South Africa)  
Associate Director of the  
Governance Action Hub,  
Results for Development

## 2018/19

**Allison Corkery** (Australia/  
South Africa)  
Director, Law Programme,  
Women in Informal Employment:  
Globalizing and Organizing

**Anita Peña Saavedra** (Chile)  
Head of International Affairs  
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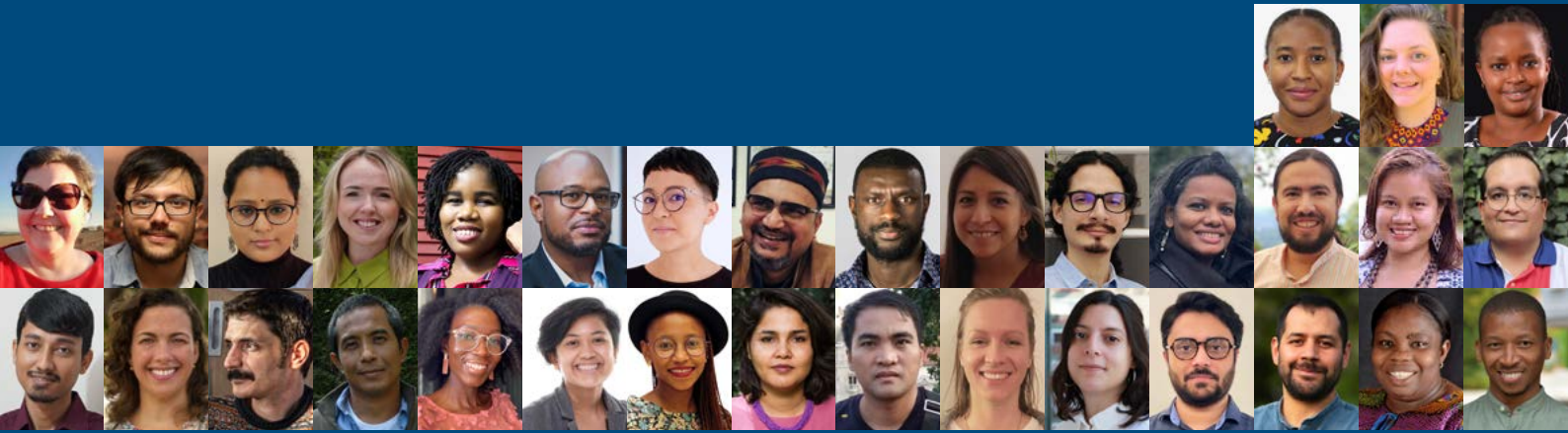
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The AFSEE Governing Board provides operational and programmatic oversight and ensures fidelity to the programme's mission, vision, and principles. Its role is to nurture and support our programme's growth and development and to serve as a champion for the programme, both internally and externally.



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# DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

The Leverhulme Trust awarded the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) 15 doctoral scholarships between 2015 and 2017 worth £1 million. This is for students to undertake interdisciplinary research on the challenge of escalating inequalities. LSE has continued the programme by providing a total of 15 matching 'analysing and challenging inequalities' studentships from 2018 until 2023 to doctoral candidates working on inequalities. While based in different LSE departments, the students are associated with the LSE International Inequalities Institute (III) through the doctoral programme, an interdisciplinary series of taught seminars and discussions led by Professor Francisco Ferreira, Dr Xavier Jara and Dr Michael Vaughan open to doctoral students from across LSE departments, who are also researching aspects of inequalities.

The programme aims to increase students' understanding of the mechanisms that link the economic dimensions of inequality with social, cultural and political dimensions at the global level. The 2023/24 doctoral programme included lectures by Professor Francisco Ferreira, Professor Sam Friedman and Dr Mukulika Banerjee on their perspectives on different methodological approaches to the study of inequality. In the latter part of the autumn term and during winter term, 12 student presentations were organised as part of the doctoral seminar, with presenters from the departments of economics, economic geography, social policy, economic history, psychological and behavioural science and international development, as well as from visiting PhD students.



## ANALYSING AND CHALLENGING INEQUALITIES AWARDS 2023/24 DOCTORAL SCHOLARS

**Andrés Irrarrázaval** is a PhD student in the Economic History

Department and is part of the 'Analysing and Challenging Inequalities' doctoral programme of the III. His main research interests are development economics, political economy, and income distribution (including redistribution), focusing on its institutional and historical determinants. He has been trained as an economist at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Chile and at LSE, where he obtained a master's in economic history. Andrés

is also a patrocinated researcher by the Centre for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies, a research collaborator in the Economics Faculty of the University of Chile and a research fellow at the Chilean Economic History Association.<sup>60,61</sup> Previously, he was a full-time researcher and lecturer of macroeconomics and economic history in the Economics Department of the University of Chile. Before this, he worked in policy design, advice and implementation in the Structural Policy Advice Unit at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Economics

Department in Paris. His PhD project comprises three key areas: (1) a study of the impact of colonisation on development; (2) a study of the economic effects of constitutions, studying how various political systems affect development; (3) a study of the epistemology of development economics.

60 Andrés Irrarrázaval: Centre for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies. Published on COES.CL.

61 Andrés Irrarrázaval: El Departamento de Economía de la Universidad de Chile. Published on ECON.UCHILE.CL.

## CONTINUED ANALYSING AND CHALLENGING INEQUALITIES AWARDS 2023/24 DOCTORAL SCHOLARS



**Sabrina Paiwand** is an MPhil/PhD candidate in psychological and behavioural science supervised by Dr

Jennifer Sheehy-Skeffington and Dr Frédéric Basso. Her research focuses on how political imagination and consciousness can be fostered to improve political participation. Specifically, she investigates political imagination in the context of contemporary social discourses of depoliticisation, de-democratisation and enhanced individualism in the UK and Chile. Sabrina holds an MSc in social and cultural psychology from the LSE and a BSc in psychology from the University of Freiburg in Germany. Before joining the PhD programme, Sabrina worked as a social worker in the German asylum system, an evaluation manager at a UK funder and a data consultant in London. Currently, Sabrina advises evaluation teams on racially equitable research approaches.



**Davi Moura** is a PhD student in the Department of Economics at the LSE. His research interests lie in public and

labour economics, particularly focusing on how public policies and public employment influence the labour market, with an emphasis on underrepresented minorities. Additionally, he investigates how changes in taxation policies can enhance tax collection. Currently, he is engaged in projects exploring property taxation in rural areas, namely, the impact of decentralisation on tax revenue, and the effects of property tax changes on employment choices for small entrepreneurs.

Davi holds a BA in economics from the University of Brasília and an MA in economics from Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro. His master's thesis examined the impact of an apprenticeship programme in Brazil

on the formal labour market participation of women and people of colour. He has also contributed to a World Bank report on gender and property ownership and mentors young Black economists aspiring to enter academia.



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# MSc IN INEQUALITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

We are delighted to co-host with LSE Department of Sociology what we believe is the world's first interdisciplinary master's course examining issues of inequality. We admitted our first cohort in 2015 and our ninth cohort in September 2023 including the residential Fellows of the Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity programme (AFSEE).



## MSC AIMS

The MSc offers a comprehensive and wide-ranging programme that draws on expertise and state-of-the-art teaching from leading academics in the departments of Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Government, Law, Social Policy, Media and Communications and Gender. The programme:

- introduces students to a range of interdisciplinary approaches to the social scientific analysis of inequalities
- develops theoretical awareness of different conceptions of the meaning of inequality and its various dimensions
- introduces students to the political economy of inequality and the role of political institutions in combating inequality

- introduces students to different methods for the measurement of inequality, both quantitative and qualitative
- makes students familiar with debates on the causes and consequences of increasing global inequality
- allows students to place issues of inequality in a fully international context
- gives students the skills and awareness to go on to conduct research in the area of inequalities

More information about the programme and how to apply is on the III website at [lse.ac.uk/international-inequalities/teaching](https://lse.ac.uk/international-inequalities/teaching).

## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS



### Michael C. George

Michael is a Senior Advisor to the Deputy Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, which administers the tax code in the US. Prior to this, he was a Senior Advisor for Policy for current Vice President Kamala Harris, where his portfolio focused on economic, tax, budget and labour policy. Before his time at the White House, he was a Program Officer at the Gates Foundation, where he led a US\$30-million portfolio to support low-wage workers focused on improving the delivery of benefits like the Earned Income Tax Credit. Michael studied Government and Economics at Harvard University and received master's degrees from LSE and University of Oxford as a Marshall Scholar.



### Carlota Ramos

Carlota Ramos is currently an advisor on justice and inequalities in the campaign of Mexico's leftist candidate for the presidency. She's partaking in an ambitious overhaul of Mexico's justice system through comprehensive reforms. This groundbreaking initiative is anchored in core principles: multi-agency coordination, zero tolerance for corruption, gender equality and unwavering commitment to inclusion and equality. In addition, she is undertaking a specialisation in governance and public innovation offered by the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, which will further equip her with the knowledge and skills needed to drive positive change in Mexico's governance and address deep-rooted social inequalities.



# COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS

EVENT STEWARD

# COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

## BLOG



30,256 VIEWS



17,898 USERS



729 AVERAGE VIEWS PER ARTICLE

In February 2024, the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) International Inequalities Institute (III) launched its own blog, LSE Inequalities, with the newly appointed Dan Nixon as the Managing Editor. The LSE Inequalities blog offers expert views and analysis on the inequalities afflicting the world today – from the social and economic through to the political and cultural dimensions of inequality. Expert analysis comes from a diverse range of authors, including researchers, policymakers and practitioners.

Since its launch, the blog has established a strong readership with over 30,000 views from over 18,000 users, averaging 729 views per article. The blog has covered a range of topics and themes so far. Some of these are highlighted, from pieces on income and wealth through to the gendered and racial dimensions of inequalities. The blog has also fed into political events, for instance a special series on the UK election.

The blog has also made an impact beyond LSE, with stories being picked up by journalists and others in the inequalities space, some examples include:

- A piece by Visiting Fellow Yonatan Berman and colleagues on the impact of austerity in the UK on life expectancy was covered by a range of media outlets, including *The Standard*, *The Guardian*, *The Washington Post* and *Aftenposten* in Norway.<sup>62, 63, 64, 65</sup>

- III Research Officer, Pedro Salas-Rojo, wrote a piece on the rise of the ‘tenant generation’ in Spain. The story was featured in a range of media outlets in Spain, including *El Periódico de España* and *El Confidencial*, and mentioned in two blogs from the top economics blog in Spain, *Nada es Gratis*.<sup>66, 67, 68, 69</sup>
- A number of our pieces have been featured in prominent newsletters. For example, Nick Couldry and Ulises Mejias’s post on “data colonialism” was selected as the ‘Essay of the Week’ by *The Syllabus* while the *inequality.org* blog has featured Ingrid Robeyns’ piece on the case for capping personal growth, and two pieces authored by Professor Mike Savage, the first about why wealth inequality matters and the second a comment piece on the deselection of Faiza Shaheen as a Labour candidate in the UK general election.

## HIGHLIGHTS



### The price of free speech: the racist criminalisation of UK drill is a human rights catastrophe<sup>70</sup>

Drill music is one of the world’s most popular genres, with Black British aesthetics and language taking centre-stage. But it’s also the epicentre of a new form of institutional racism, writes **Adèle Oliver**, with musicians’ artistic expression used in court rooms as evidence of ‘bad character’. It calls on us to ask: are human rights really universal? Or are they reserved for those deemed ‘human’ enough?



### How much inequality is inherited?<sup>71</sup>

We know that socio-economic advantage can be transmitted across generations, sometimes for long periods, writes **Francisco Ferreira**. But how much of the inequality that we observe today is inherited? And what does this mean for ‘social mobility’ in the context of our current economic system?

62 Standard, ‘Austerity wiped nearly 6 months off average life expectancy, claims new study’. Published on STANDARD.CO.UK.

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65 Aftenposten, ‘The British have had enough. Here are five reasons that explain why’. Published on AFTENPOSTEN.NO.

66 El Periódico de España, ‘The other side of the generation gap: the millennials who inherit will be much richer than the rest’. Published on EPE.ES.

67 El Confidencial, ‘There are too many people in Spain waiting for their parents to die’. Published on ELCONFIDENCIAL.COM.

68 Nada es Gratis, ‘Housing and property in Spain (Part 1): Housing tenure\*’. Published on NADAESGRATIS.ES.

69 Nada es Gratis, ‘Housing and property in Spain: Bad policies and some proposals\*’. Published on NADAESGRATIS.ES.

70 LSE Inequalities, ‘The price of free speech: the racist criminalisation of UK drill is a human rights catastrophe’. BLOGS.LSE.AC.UK.

71 LSE Inequalities, ‘How much inequality is inherited?’. BLOGS.LSE.AC.UK.



## HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED



### Limitarianism: the case for capping personal wealth <sup>72</sup>

Wealth inequality is a huge problem in society, yet we rarely pause to ask: how much inequality can be justified?

Reflecting on this question, **Ingrid**

**Robeyns** calls for placing limits on how much personal wealth any one individual can have. Offering four arguments for this approach – ‘limitarianism’ – she then explores what the political and ethical implications of such a move would be.



### What the AI revolution means for jobs, productivity and global prosperity <sup>73</sup>

What will artificial intelligence (AI) bring for the economy: vast job displacement or staggering productivity gains? To

understand the issue, **Carlo Pizzinelli** and **Marina Tavares** argue, we have to take account of the social, ethical and physical contexts within which human labour will be affected. This means looking not only at levels of AI exposure but also, crucially, at measures of AI complementarity.



### How women win the (Latin American) presidency <sup>74</sup>

The presidency stands out as the office that is most difficult for women to obtain. To better understand how women win the presidency, **Catherine Reyes-Housholder**

looks at the crucial step of how women secure nominations by major political parties, taking as a case study the upcoming elections in Mexico.



### Why wealth inequality matters – and what to do about it! <sup>75</sup>

Despite seismic gaps between rich and poor, policy proposals to redress the balance have so far cut little ice in the UK.

More political leverage could be gained,

**Mike Savage** argues, by drawing attention to the colossal scale of wealth inequality and the grievous injustices that result from it.

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE UK GENERAL ELECTION



### A class apart: Prime Ministers' origins profoundly impact their political worldviews

The background of our Prime Ministers (PM) hugely influences the judgements they make. Yet our leaders are drawn from

an astonishingly narrow slice of society: every PM who attended an English university since WW2 went to Oxford, for instance. Why should we care about the persistence of social elites at the top of British politics, asks **Lee Elliot Major**? And to what extent – if any – do Rishi Sunak and Keir Starmer change things?



### The cost of austerity: how UK public spending cuts led to 190,000 excess deaths <sup>76</sup>

The austerity measures introduced by the UK government in 2010 had severe consequences for the British population.

**Yonatan Berman** and **Tora Hovland** find that these spending cuts cost the average person nearly half a year in life expectancy between 2010 and 2019. Regional disparities in life expectancy across the UK also widened. Overall, austerity measures resulted in about 190,000 excess deaths, or a 3% increase in mortality rates, from 2010 to 2019, including many “deaths of despair”.



### Shifting the tax debates: why UK leaders should support a global minimum tax on billionaires <sup>77</sup>

The ongoing debate on tax ahead of the UK general election fails to address the “elephant in the room”, writes **Fernanda**

**Balata**. A global minimum tax on the wealth of the world’s roughly 3,000 billionaires – as proposed by the Brazilian presidency of the G20 this year – could raise close to £200 billion in revenues to help address the climate and cost-of-living crises.

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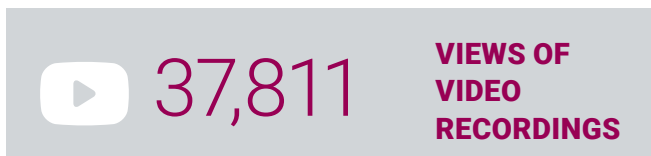
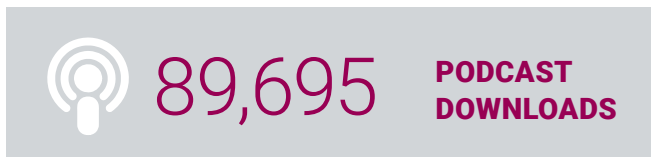
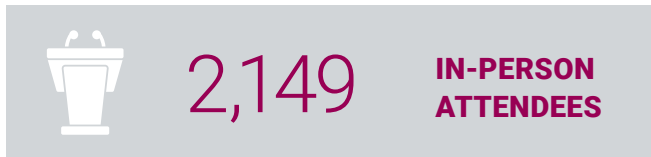
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## > PUBLIC EVENTS

The III hosted a rich schedule of 19 public events this year, with 2,149 in-person and 4,935 online attendees. British Sign Language interpreters and captioning are included to ensure greater accessibility for our audience. Our public events are recorded and shared with those unable to attend. This year saw a total of 89,695 podcast downloads and 37,811 views on video recordings.



## SEMINARS

The III hosts the multidisciplinary Inequalities Seminar Series that is open to the public. This year, we hosted 23 seminars in the hybrid Inequalities Seminar Series attracting 535 in-person and 382 online attendees over the year. This year's series hosted speakers from a range of disciplines, including economics, sociology, political science, international development, anthropology and social policy.

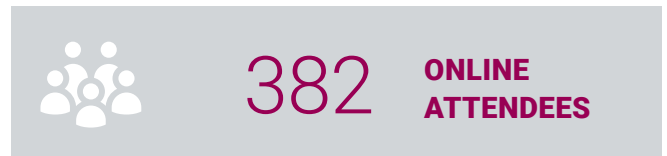
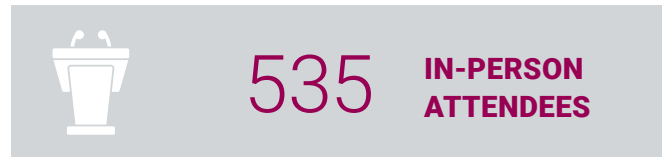


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### Non-dom regime to be phased out

In 2022, members from the Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice research programme, Dr Andy Summers, David Burgherr and Dr Arun Advani, found that non-dom residents in the UK receive at least £10 billion in offshore income and capital gains each year, which they are not required to report to His Majesty's Revenue and Customs or pay tax on in the UK. They found that taxing this income would raise more than £3.2 billion in additional tax revenue each year and also remove the current disincentive to invest in the UK. The findings were covered extensively in the press when they were published.

In the budget announcement in March 2024, former Chancellor Jeremy Hunt announced that the non-dom tax regime will be phased out. III research on non-doms was discussed in Parliament in the lead-up to the announcement and covered extensively by a number of media outlets, including the *BBC*, *Bloomberg*, *The Telegraph*, *The Independent*, *Financial Times* and *The New Statesman*.<sup>78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83</sup>

To read more about the III's research on non-doms and its impact on policy, see pages 2, 6, and 33 to 40.

78 *BBC*, 'What does non-dom mean and how are the rules changing?'. Published on [BBC.CO.UK](https://www.bbc.com).

79 *Bloomberg*, 'End of UK's non-dom tax break unsettles wealthiest residents'. Published on [BLOOMBERG.COM](https://www.bloomberg.com)

80 *The Telegraph*, 'Non-dom tax status: what it means and how the rules are changing'. Published on [TELEGRAPH.CO.UK](https://www.telegraph.co.uk).

81 *The Independent*, 'What is non-dom tax status and how do Labour want to change it?'. Published on [INDEPENDENT.CO.UK](https://www.independent.co.uk).

82 *Financial Times*, 'Modernising the non-dom rules is disruptive but overdue'. Published on [FT.COM](https://www.ft.com).

83 *New Statesman*, 'The abolition of non-dom status is murkier than it looks'. Published on [NEWSTATESMAN.COM](https://www.newstatesman.com).

84 *Il Sole 24 Ore*, 'Income inequalities in Italy, 40% are "inherited". Academic suggestions at the G7'. Published on [ILSOLE24ORE.COM](https://www.ilssole24ore.com).



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### Launch of Global Estimates of Opportunity and Mobility database

In 2024, researchers and collaborators from the Opportunity, Mobility and the Intergenerational Transmission of Inequality research programme launched the Global Estimates of Opportunity and Mobility or 'GEOM' database. The database provides comparable estimates of inequality of opportunity between different countries, by measuring the amount of income a person earns based on circumstances they cannot control, such as gender, ethnicity, place of birth or socio-economic background (inequality resulting from these circumstances is referred to as 'inherited'). So far, GEOM contains estimates for 72 countries, accounting for 67% of the world's population.

Using the database, researchers found that 30% of the UK's income inequality is inherited whereas in the US the figure is 40%. Even in the countries with the most equality of opportunity (such as Korea, Australia or Denmark), around a quarter of observed income inequality is inherited.

The launch of the database was covered by *Il Sole 24 Ore* in Italy.<sup>84</sup> To read more about GEOM, pages 4, and 11 to 13.



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### Britain's super rich unlikely to move to 'boring' and 'culturally barren' tax havens

In January 2024, members of the Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice research programme – Professor Sam Friedman, Victoria Gronwald, Dr Andy Summers and Dr Emma Taylor –



found that the vast majority of Britain’s ‘super rich’ would not leave the UK to avoid paying taxes.

The research showed that, partly due to the stigma involved, and partly since tax havens are ‘boring’, none of the 35 interviewees were considering leaving the UK for tax purposes, thereby undermining the prevailing narrative that, by raising taxes, Britain would be driving out its wealthiest citizens. Despite concerns over rising taxes, the cultural infrastructure, private healthcare, private schools and strong social ties were key reasons for staying, especially among London-based participants.

The findings were reported by several media outlets, including *The Business Times*, *The Guardian*, *Bloomberg*.<sup>85, 86, 87</sup>



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### Over two-thirds of properties held by overseas shell companies remain anonymous

III Faculty Associate Dr Andy Summers, Visiting Senior Fellows Dr Arun Advani and Dr Anna Powell-Smith and Research Assistant César Poux published a report in September 2023 which found that over 70% of properties held via overseas shell companies (109,000 out of 152,000) do not publish information about who really owns them, despite the government commitments to crack down on anonymous ownership of UK property. The gaps in the Register of Overseas Entities (ROE), which was created in the wake of the invasion of Ukraine, are largely down to a design flaw, the researchers found. This has meant that for 35% of properties owned via overseas shell companies, even law enforcement agencies do not know the true identities of the beneficial owners; in 10% of cases, the company is missing from the ROE altogether, and in a further 25%, essential information has not been reported.

The report ‘Catch me if you can: gaps in the Register of Overseas Entities’, which was published on the eve of Parliament returning to debate the Economic Crime Bill, was noted in several media outlets including the *Times* and *The Guardian*.<sup>93, 94</sup>

- 88 The Guardian, ‘[Notting Hill residents’ capital gains exceed people of ‘three cities combined’](#)’. Published on THEGUARDIAN.COM.
- 89 The Guardian, ‘[The Tory press can publish all the tax avoidance guides they like – the rich won’t flee a Labour government](#)’. Published on THEGUARDIAN.COM.
- 90 The Telegraph, ‘[The London postcode where capital gains were higher than three cities combined](#)’. Published on TELEGRAPH.CO.UK
- 91 Financial Times, ‘[Capital gains tax paid by small share of UK population, research shows](#)’, Published on FT.COM.
- 92 Daily Mail, ‘[Revealed: the London postcode which pays more in capital gains tax than Manchester, Newcastle and Liverpool COMBINED](#)’. Published on DAILYMAIL.CO.UK.
- 93 The Times, ‘[Most offshore owners remain a mystery](#)’. Published on THETIMES.COM.
- 94 The Guardian, ‘[Owners of 100,000 properties held by foreign shell companies unknown despite new UK laws](#)’. Published on THEGUARDIAN.COM.

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### More capital gains are received in one neighbourhood in Kensington than in Liverpool, Manchester and Newcastle combined

Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice research programme members, Dr Andy Summers, Andrew Lonsdale and Dr Arun Advani published research that found that more capital gains are received in one neighbourhood in Kensington than in Liverpool, Manchester and Newcastle combined. Total capital gains have almost tripled over the last decade, to £65 billion by 2019/20. Despite this, most people never receive any capital gains, with less than 3% of adults paying capital gains tax over a ten-year period. In any given year just 0.5% of adults receive any gains, less than the number of additional rate (“45p”) income tax payers.

This III research was featured extensively in the media, *The Guardian*, *The Guardian’s Polly Toynbee*, *The Telegraph*, *Financial Times* and *Daily Mail*.<sup>88, 89, 90, 91, 92</sup>

- 85 The Business Times, ‘[Tax raid on UK’s richest unlikely to trigger exodus: LSE survey](#)’. Published on BUSINESSTIMES.COM.SG.
- 86 The Guardian, ‘[UK super-rich would be ‘bored to death’ in tax havens – survey](#)’. Published on THEGUARDIAN.COM.
- 87 Bloomberg UK, ‘[Tax squeeze on UK’s top 1% unlikely to trigger exodus, LSE finds](#)’, Published on BLOOMBERG.COM.



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Our social media platforms remain an important channel to update our audiences on ILL activities. We continue to steadily grow our audiences across our channels, including Facebook with 5,064 followers, LinkedIn with 4,869 followers and X with 29,293 followers.



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FACEBOOK  
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## WEBSITE

The ILL website is a key platform for communicating our projects, research and teaching offerings. This year we saw 103,201 page views on the website, with the most popular pages being the homepage, Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity landing page and our staff listing.



103,201

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VIEWS

## WORKING PAPERS

The ILL working paper series provides researchers and affiliates with a platform to publish their new work. This year, the series published 42 papers with 11,434 total downloads.



### Most downloaded papers

**The impact of austerity on mortality and life expectancy**

Yonatan Berman and Tora Hovland

1,926

**Tax flight? Britain's wealthiest and their attachment to place**

Sam Friedman, Victoria Gronwald, Andy Summers and Emma Taylor

836

**Is there a 'new consensus' on inequality?**

Francisco Ferreira

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## NEWSLETTER

The ILL sends out a fortnightly newsletter to update our audiences on where we are mentioned in the media, new projects and staff, publications and more. Our newsletter continues to be popular with over 2,500 subscribers and a 32.09% open rate (compared to the industry average of 23%).



2,500

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# PUBLIC EVENTS

## Climate equality: a planet for the 99%

Hosted by the III, Oxfam, Stockholm Environment Institute and AFSEE.

Tuesday 4 June 2024. Online event.

**Speakers:** Dr Fadhel Kaboub, Associate Professor of Economics, Denison University; Dr Sivan Kartha, Equitable Transitions Program Director, SEI US; Madhumitha Ardhanari, AFSEE Fellow.

Moderator: Nafkote Dabi, Climate Change Policy Lead, Oxfam International.

## Visions of inequality: from the French Revolution to the end of the Cold War

Thursday 30 May 2024. In-person and online event.

**Speaker:** Professor Branko Milanovic, Research Professor, the Graduate Center at City University of New York (CUNY), Senior Scholar at the Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality at CUNY, and Visiting Professor, LSE III.

**Chair:** Professor Facundo Alvaredo, Co-Director of the World Inequality Database and the World Inequality Lab.

## The sixth suspect: Stephen Lawrence, investigative journalism and racial inequality

Thursday 16 May 2024. In-person and online event.

**Speakers:** Daniel De Simone, Correspondent, BBC News; Dr Clive Nwonka, Associate Professor in Film, Culture and Society, University College London Institute for Advanced Studies and Visiting Senior Fellow, LSE III; Ann-Marie Cousins, Lead Member for Community Safety and Enforcement, the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

**Chair:** Professor Shakuntala Banaji, Professor of Media, Culture and Social Change, LSE.



Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados

## Data grab: the new colonialism of big tech and how to fight back

Hosted by the Department of Media and Communications and III.

Tuesday 14 May 2024. In-person and online event.

**Speakers:** Professor Nick Couldry, Professor of Media Communications and Social Theory, LSE; Professor Ulises Mejias, Professor of Communication Studies, Oswego, State University of New York.

**Chair:** Professor Myria Georgiou, Professor of Media and Communications, Department of Media and Communications, LSE.

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## Human rights: the case for the defence

Hosted by the III, LSE Human Rights and the Wollstonecraft Society.

Tuesday 7 May 2024. In-person and online event.

**Speakers:** Baroness Shami Chakrabarti, Human Rights Lawyer and Legislator in the House of Lords; **Professor Conor Gearty**, Professor of Human Rights Law, LSE; **Bee Rowlett**, Writer and Programmer of Events, British Library.

**Chair:** Professor Alpa Shah, Professor of Anthropology, LSE.

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## The search for democracy in the world's largest democracy

Hosted by the III, LSE Human Rights, Department of Anthropology and AFSEE.

Tuesday 26 March 2024. In-person and online event.

**Speakers:** Professor Alpa Shah, Professor of Anthropology, LSE; **Professor Christophe Jaffrelot**, Avantha Chair and Professor of Indian Politics and Sociology, King's India Institute; **Professor Tarun Khaitan**, Professor (Chair) in Public Law, LSE; **Priyanka Kotamraju**, AFSEE Fellow.

**Chair:** Professor Deborah James, Professor, Department of Anthropology, LSE.



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Professor Branko Milanovic signing copies of his book 'Visions of Inequality'

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## The trading game

Thursday 21 March 2024. In-person and online event.

**Speakers:** Gary Stevenson, Economist and Author; Rebecca Gowland, Executive Director, Patriotic Millionaires International.

**Chair:** Professor Mike Savage, Martin White Professor of Sociology, LSE and Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice Research Programme Leader, LSE III.

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## How can we tackle inequalities through British public policy?

Tuesday 5 March 2024. In-person event.

**Speakers:** Professor Neil Lee, Professor of Economic Geography, LSE; **Professor Mike Savage**, Martin White Professor of Sociology, LSE and Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice Research Programme Leader, LSE III; **Dr Tania Burchardt**, Associate Professor, Department of Social Policy, LSE.

**Chair:** Professor Stephen Jenkins, Professor of Economic and Social Policy, LSE.

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## The inequality of wealth: why it matters and how to fix it

Wednesday 28 February 2024. In-person and online event.

**Speakers:** Liam Byrne, Labour MP for Birmingham Hodge Hill; **Professor Mike Savage**, Martin White Professor of Sociology, LSE and Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice Research Programme Leader, LSE III; **Katie Schmuecker**, Principal Policy Adviser, The Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

**Chair:** Professor Kirsten Sehnbruch, British Academy Global Professor and Distinguished Policy Fellow, LSE III.







Professor Vanessa Rubio Marquez, Professor Kirsten Sehnbruch and Sir Stephen Timms

## The seaside: England's love affair

Wednesday 7 February 2024. In-person and online event.

**Speaker:** Madeleine Bunting, Writer and Visiting Professor in Practice, LSE III; **Professor Sheela Agarwal**, Associate Head of School of Research and Innovation, Plymouth Business School and Co-Director, Centre for Coastal Communities; **Lord Steve Bassam**, British Labour and Co-operative politician and member of the House of Lords.

**Chair:** Professor Mike Savage, Martin White Professor of Sociology, LSE and Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice Research Programme Leader, LSE III.

## Not until then: a lecture by Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados

Hosted by the III, Oxfam GB and AFSEE.

Wednesday 6 December. In-person and online event.

**Speakers:** Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados; Esther Phillips, Founder and Director of Writers Ink Inc and Bim Literary Festival and Book Fair.

**Moderator:** Dr Dhananjayan Sriskandarajah, Chief Executive, Oxfam GB.

**Chair:** Professor Eric Neumayer, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Planning and Resources), LSE.

## Why the racial wealth divide matters

Wednesday 22 November. In-person and online event.

**Speakers:** Dr Shabna Begum, Chief Executive Officer, The Runnymede Trust; Dr Eleni Karagiannaki, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion, LSE and Faculty Associate, LSE III; Professor Vimal Ranchhod, Professor, School of Economics and Deputy Director, Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town; Faeza Meyer, Founding Member, African Water Commons Collective.

**Chair:** Professor Mike Savage, Martin White Professor of Sociology, LSE and Wealth Elites and Tax Justice Research Programme Leader, LSE III.

## Good jobs, bad jobs in the UK labour market

Thursday 9 November. In-person and online event.

**Speakers:** Professor Kirsten Sehnbruch, British Academy Global Professor and Distinguished Policy Fellow, III; Sir Stephen Timms, MP, Member of Parliament for East Ham and Faith Envoy, Labour Party; Professor James Foster, Oliver T. Carr Professor of International Affairs and Professor of Economics, George Washington University.

**Chair:** Professor Vanessa Rubio-Márquez, Associate Dean for Extended Education and Professor in Practice, School of Public Policy, LSE.

## The psychosis of whiteness

Hosted by the III and AFSEE.

Wednesday 25 October. In-person and online event.

**Speakers:** Professor Kehinde Andrews, Professor of Black Studies, Birmingham City University; Dr Sara Camacho Felix, Assistant Professor (Education) and Programme Lead, AFSEE.

**Chair:** Dr Maël Lavenaire, Research Fellow in Racial Inequality, AFSEE/LSE III.

## The golden passport: global mobility for millionaires

Hosted by the Department of Sociology and III.

Tuesday 24 October 2023. In-person and online public event.

**Speakers:** Dr Kristin Surak, Associate Professor of Political Sociology, LSE; Thomas Anthony, Chief Executive Officer of the Grenada Citizenship by Investment Unit; Oliver Bullough, Author; Professor Jason Sharman, Sir Patrick Sheehy Professor of International Relations, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge.

**Chair:** Professor Mike Savage, Martin White Professor of Sociology, LSE and Wealth Elites and Tax Justice Research Programme Leader, LSE III.



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Esther Phillips

## The life and thought of Dr B R Ambedkar in London

Hosted by LSE Library, the III and the Department of Anthropology.

Wednesday 11 October. In-person and online event.

**Speakers:** Santosh Dass MBE, Chair of the Anti Caste Discrimination Alliance and President of the Federation of Ambedkarite and Buddhist Organisations UK; Sue Donnelly, former Head of Archives and Special Collections, LSE; Professor William Gould, Professor of Indian History, University of Leeds; Professor Christophe Jaffrelot, Avantha Chair and Professor of Indian Politics and Sociology, King's India Institute, King's College London.

**Chair:** Tarun Khaitan, Professor of Public Law, LSE Law School.

## Counting the divide: how the World Bank and the UN should strengthen the way they measure inequality

Tuesday 3 October 2023. Online event.

**Speakers:** Professor Francisco H G Ferreira, Amartya Sen Professor of Inequality Studies and Director, LSE III; Professor Jayati Ghosh, Professor of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Dr José Gabriel Palma, Emeritus Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge and Professor of Economics, Faculty of Administration and Economics, University of Santiago, Chile.

**Chair:** Dr Faiza Shaheen, Visiting Professor in Practice, LSE III.



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Professor Eric Neumayer

# LSE FESTIVAL EVENTS

## Power, politics and belonging: the lasting impacts of colonialism

Saturday 15 June 2024. In-person and online event.

**Speakers:** Professor Neil Cummins, Professor of Economic History, LSE; Leah Eryenyu, AFSEE Fellow; Dr Maël Lavenaire, Research Fellow in Racial Inequality, AFSEE/LSE III.

**Chair:** Dr Fabricio Mendes Fialho, Research Fellow, AFSEE/LSE III.

## Defending democracy: building solidarity with persecuted writers, journalists and artists

Saturday 15 June 2024. In-person and online event.

**Speakers:** Ross Holder, Head of the Asia/Pacific Region at PEN International; Professor Alpa Shah, Professor of Anthropology at LSE; Salman Usmani, AFSEE Fellow.

**Chair:** Dr Ayca Çubukçu, Associate Professor in Human Rights and Co-Director of LSE Human Rights at LSE, Department of Sociology, LSE.



Gary Stevenson

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Liam Byrne MP

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# INEQUALITIES SEMINAR SERIES

## **The Gini and the tonic: understanding the dynamics of inequality measurement**

Tuesday 21 May 2024. In-person and online public event.

**Speaker:** Professor Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, Professor of Development Economics and the Deputy Director of the Centre for Globalisation Research, Queen Mary University of London and Visiting Professor, LSE III.

## **Welfare regime hybridisation and social inequalities**

Tuesday 14 May 2024. In-person and online public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Zahid Mumtaz, LSE Fellow, LSE Department of Social Policy.

## **Plus ça change? Continuity and change in social attitudes and worldviews in 21st century Brazil**

Tuesday 7 May 2024. In-person and online public event.

**Speakers:** Dr Fabrício Mendes Fialho, Research Fellow, AFSEE/LSE III; Alberto C. Almeida, Director, Brasiliis Institute.

## **The crypto-utopian occult revival and anti-fascism**

Tuesday 26 March 2024. In-person and online public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Erica Lagalisse, Visiting Fellow, LSE III.

## **Behavioural responses to wealth taxation: evidence from a Norwegian reform**

Tuesday 19 March 2024. In-person and online public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Roberto Iacono, Associate Professor in Economics and Social Policy at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology.

## **Inequality of opportunity and investment choices**

Tuesday 12 March 2024. In-person and online public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Michelle Brock, Associate Director, Senior Research Economist, Office of the Chief Economist at European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

## **Unequal estate division for wealth perpetuation: portfolios, primogeniture and patrilineality**

Tuesday 5 March 2024. In-person and online public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Nhat An Trinh, Research Officer, Institute for New Economic Thinking and Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford.

## **More unequal or not as rich? Dilemmas over distributional national accounts for Latin America**

Tuesday 27 February 2024. In-person and online public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Marc Morgan, Research and Teaching Fellow, University of Geneva.

## **Then and now: how neighbourhood deprivation in youth influences attitudes towards inequality**

Tuesday 13 February 2024. In-person and online public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Franco Bonomi Bezzo, Post-Doctoral Researcher, La Statale, University of Milan.



## Cultural capital and access to opportunity in India

Tuesday 6 February 2024. In-person and online public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Sam Asher, Associate Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Imperial College Business School.

## How do inheritances shape wealth inequality? Evidence from India

Tuesday 30 January 2024. In-person and online public event.

**Speakers:** Dr Kalaiyarasan Arumugam, Assistant Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai; Dr Vikash Vaibhav, Assistant Professor, Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities.

## Inequality measurement for bounded variables

Tuesday 23 January 2024. In-person and online public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Suman Seth, Leeds University Business School.

## Do low-quality jobs pay more? Poor-quality employment in Europe

Tuesday 16 January 2024. In-person and online public event.

**Speakers:** Dr Mauricio Apablaza, Visiting Fellow, LSE III; Dr Gaston Yalonetzky, Visiting Fellow, LSE III.

## How women win the Latin American presidency

Tuesday 5 December. In-person and online public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Catherine Reyes-Housholder, Assistant Professor, Instituto de Ciencia Política, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

## Reconciling equality of opportunity and aversion to income inequality

Tuesday 28 November. In-person and online public event.

**Speaker:** Professor Vito Peragine, Professor of Economics, University of Bari.

## Sketching the world elite database

Tuesday 21 November. In-person and online public event.

**Speakers:** Dr Paul Lagneau-Ymonet, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Université Paris Dauphine-PSL; Dr Christoph Houman Ellersgaard, Associate Professor, Copenhagen Business School.

## Can economics help us to understand and address inequalities?

Tuesday 14 November. In-person and online public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Carolina Alves, Associate Professor in Economics, University College London Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose.

## The role of admission criteria in reducing gender imbalances in higher education

Tuesday 7 November. In-person and online public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Valentina Contreras, Research Officer, LSE III.

## Do changes in communication systems matter to the politics of inequality?

Tuesday 24 October. In-person and online public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Michael Vaughan, Research Officer, LSE III.



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## A far-right frontrunner in the 2023 Argentina's general election: Who are Javier Milei's supporters?

Tuesday 17 October. In-person and online public event.

Speaker: Valeria Ana Brusco, Adjunct Professor, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina.

## The evolution of the income floor in Great Britain, 1991-2021: a comparison of cross-sectional and longitudinal estimates

Tuesday 10 October. In-person and online public event.

Speaker: Dr Xavier Jara, Research Officer, LSE III.

## The century of the citizen?

Tuesday 3 October. In-person and online public event.

Speaker: Dr Dhananjayan Sriskandarajah, Chief Executive of Oxfam GB and Visiting Senior Fellow, LSE III.

## Understanding vulnerabilities of countries for enabling resilient, inclusive and sustainable development

Tuesday 26 September. In-person and online public event.

Speaker: Dr Ruth Kattumuri, Founder and Co-Chair of the India Observatory.



# GRANTS, WORKING PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS



# GRANTS

The International Inequalities Institute has successfully applied for a range of grants from external and internal funding to support projects across a range of topics and disciplines with total new funding of over £876,000 awarded for projects starting in 2023/24. Previously awarded grants contributed funding of £372,000 towards the III's activities during 2023/24.

Vaughan, Michael (Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice); **Communicating anti-elitism toward wealth elites in an era of rising inequality**; Leverhulme Trust; Early Career Fellowship; October 2023 to September 2026.

Summers, Andy and Advani, Arun (Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice); **Broad shoulders: raising taxes at the top**; Nuffield Foundation; Research and Innovation Grants; September 2023 to June 2026.

Summers, Andy and Advani, Arun (Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice); **Reforming capital gains tax: detailed modelling and tax simulator**; Nuffield Foundation; General Election Research Fund; September 2023 to December 2024.

Ferreira, Francisco and Salas Rojo, Pedro (Opportunity, Mobility and the Intergenerational Transmission of Inequality); **Opportunity and Mobility Lab**; VelezReyes+ Foundation; Philanthropic Donation.

Kerr, Sarah and Savage, Mike (Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice); **Understanding of the effects of visual and textual frames in creating public salience for wealth inequality**; Joseph Rowntree Foundation; September 2023 to December 2023.

Fialho, Fabricio (Politics of Inequality); **A digital patient feedback platform in Tanzania: evaluating the pathways to impact**; LSE Marshall Institute; 100x Impact Accelerator; January 2024 to March 2025.

Kunnath, George (Politics of Inequality); **Collaborative engagement for durable peace in Colombia**; LSE; International Science Partnership Fund; January 2024 to March 2024.

Jara-Tamayo, Xavier; **Implementing interventions to reduce health inequalities and mitigate the impact of the global economic downturn in Latin America (led by UFBA, Brazil)**; Medical Research Council; Applied Global Health Research Board Outline Round 3 (one of a consortium); March 2024 to February 2026.

Savage, Mike (Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice); **Structural inequalities in SA and Ghana (with University of Cape Town)**; LSE; International Science Partnership Fund; July 2024 – March 2025.



# WORKING PAPERS

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Joel Suss, Tom Kemeny and Dylan Connor

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### **Multidimensional tool for assessment of social protection framework - a life cycle approach: conceptualisation, construction and comparison**

Ashish Dongare

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Hai-Anh H. Dang, Minh Cong Nguyen and Trong-Anh Trinh

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Margarita Gáfaró, Ana María Ibáñez, Daniel Sánchez Ordóñez and María Camila Ortiz

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### **Assessing the effectiveness of social protection measures in mitigating COVID-19-related income shocks in the European Union**

Katrin Gasior, Xavier Jara and Mattia Makovec

## WORKING PAPER 107

### **Inherited inequality: a general framework and an application to South Africa**

Paolo Brunori, Francisco Ferreira and Pedro Salas-Rojo

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### **Family change in Latin America: schooling and labor market implications for children and women**

Albert Esteve, Andrés Castro and Federica Becca

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### **Inequality of opportunity and intergenerational persistence in Latin America**

Paolo Brunori, Francisco Ferreira and Guido Neidhöfer

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### **Labor market turnover and inequality in Latin America**

Naercio Menezes-Filho and Renata Narita

## WORKING PAPER 111

### **Seventy-five years of measuring income inequality in Latin America**

Facundo Alvaredo, François Bourguignon, Francisco Ferreira and Nora Lustig

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### **Health inequalities in Latin American and the Caribbean: child, adolescent, reproductive, metabolic syndrome and mental health**

Antonella Bancalari, Samuel Berlinski, Giancarlo Buitrago, María Fernanda García, Dolores de la Mata and Marcos Vera-Hernandez



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### **Racial and ethnic inequality in Latin America**

Edward E. Telles, Stanley R. Bailey, Shahin Davoudpour and Nicholas C. Freeman

## WORKING PAPER 114

### **The political economy of redistribution and (in) efficiency in Latin America and the Caribbean**

Matías Guizzo Altube, Carlos Scartascini and Mariano Tommasi

## WORKING PAPER 115

### **Fiscal policy, income redistribution and poverty reduction in Latin America**

Nora Lustig, Valentina Martínez Pabon and Carola Pessino

## WORKING PAPER 116

### **Cash transfers, poverty and inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean**

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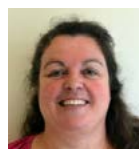
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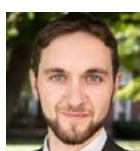
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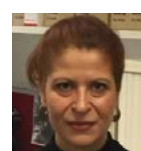
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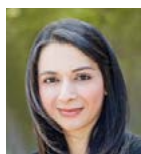
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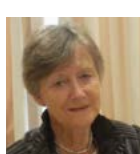
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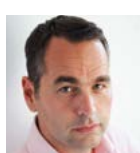
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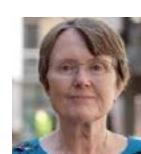
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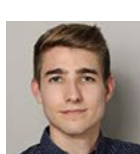
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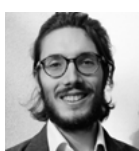
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