

# 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 Institute welcomes methods and approaches from across the social sciences and encourages interdisciplinary dialogue. Because those inequalities inevitably cut across national boundaries, so 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 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

**In my introduction to last year's Annual Report, I listed some of the daunting challenges facing those who work for a better and more egalitarian world, ranging from rising authoritarianism to the long-term consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic. A year on, sadly, the situation is not much improved: democracy remains under threat – or absent entirely – in some of the world's largest countries; the climate crisis continues to threaten lives and livelihoods around the planet; and our estimates of the learning losses arising from school closures during the pandemic are ever more alarming. In the UK, inflation remains more stubborn than in any other advanced economy, and its effects continue to be most damaging to the least well-off.**

This year, I would like to highlight some of the progress we have been making within the International Inequalities Institute (III) at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), as we try to contribute in our own small way to the knowledge base needed to understand and combat inequalities. We are now a group of 23 in-house full-time or part-time researchers, whose primary LSE affiliation is with the Institute. Among our number, we have anthropologists, economists, historians, political scientists, and

sociologists, spanning the range from professors to research assistants. And that's before counting the group which is perhaps our strongest asset, the Faculty Associates whose primary LSE affiliation is with their teaching departments, but who are central to what we do: they run most of our research programmes, from the Global Economies of Care to the Public Economics of Inequality; they publish inequality-related work in the leading journals of their disciplines; they present at and attend our seminars and public

events; they engage with the graduate students in our doctoral seminar programme and the Masters in Inequality and Social Sciences, co-hosted by the Institute with the LSE Department of Sociology.

Alongside these groups, the Institute also boasts a wonderful set of professional services colleagues, whose support and ideas are essential for all that we do; a widely diverse range of visiting scholars. And, last but certainly not least, the remarkable Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity, both current and senior. These Fellows are thinkers, doers, and changemakers, selected annually from a large pool of applicants, who come to the Institute to find out whether LSE's research and knowledge base can help inform their real-life struggles for a more equal world. In the process, they frequently challenge and inspire the rest of us.

Together, the III community has worked on topics ranging from the relationship between differences in consumer preferences between rich and poor people and the way inflation should be measured, to the history of ayahs and amahs during the British colonial period. Our research programme on Cities, Jobs and Economic Change has investigated the relationship between the geographies of economic innovation and inequality in the UK and beyond. Their work contributes to a sharper, more fine-grained understanding of the importance of space for the design of equitable policies in this country. This work has had a direct impact on the thinking around 'levelling up' in both the current government and the Labour Party.

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Similarly, work from our Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice research programme is shedding new light on the racial wealth divide in the UK. Its output continues to shape a lot of the conversation, both in and beyond parliament, about the options for more equitable taxation of wealth, top incomes, and non-domiciled taxpayers. In the Global Inequalities Observatory, work continues to identify and measure the multiple dimensions of job quality, beyond simply wages and hours of work. The first working papers from the Latin American and Caribbean Inequality Review (LACIR) – now in its third year – have also started coming out, including work on wealth disparities and the colonial origins of inequality in the region.

We are also deeply cognisant that technical solutions, while important, are unlikely to go anywhere in the absence of political support and the requisite social transformation. Work from our Politics of Inequality research programme sheds light on a wide array of topics where the political and the social spheres help shape economic inequality – ranging from deepening digital inequalities in parts of the Middle East to post-conflict policies to integrate non-combatants in Colombia.

Beyond the research, the teaching, the mentoring of Fellows and graduate students, and the work with policymakers, the Institute also serves as a major convenor of debates and conversations on inequalities. Just a few examples of successful events organised or co-organised this year by our in-house researchers and faculty affiliates include a two-day workshop on inequality of opportunity and economic (im)mobility with 62 paper presentations at LSE; a conference



on inequality in Latin America in Cartagena, Colombia; the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) Public Economics Symposium on Wealth Inequality and Taxation; the 16th Winter School on Inequality and Social Welfare Theory in Alba di Canazei, Italy; the Beveridge 2.0 Labour Markets and Social Protection Symposium; and a workshop on the World Elite Databases.

The examples on this page offer but a glimpse into all that my III colleagues – both in-house and throughout the School – have accomplished during this last academic year. I find both the breadth and depth of their research very humbling, and the energy present in all the events and conversations quite inspiring. I invite you to learn much more about our work in the pages that follow.

# RESEARCH

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In keeping with our philosophy, our research is led by LSE academics and involves large research teams, based at the III as well as across the School and beyond.”

PROFESSOR FRANCISCO H. G. FERREIRA, III DIRECTOR

# CITIES, JOBS AND ECONOMIC CHANGE

Led by Professor Neil Lee



## INTRODUCTION

**The Cities, Jobs and Economic Change programme has focused on conducting innovative, impactful, and rigorous research and working with policymakers to ensure policy is informed by the best research.**

Core programme members have published over 30 publications during the last year, across a diverse set of topics. Research has considered topics including the impact of local 'green' developments on support for 'green' parties in Germany,<sup>1</sup> and what that means for the transition to net zero generally; the importance of understanding social mobility when analysing the rise of anti-system parties;<sup>2</sup> and a comprehensive critique of the UK's levelling-up agenda.<sup>3</sup> For instance, some of the notable works delve into the political preferences divide between urban and rural areas across countries at different levels of development.<sup>4</sup> We have published papers in journals across the social sciences, including

political science, economics and economic geography outlets. Additionally, as part of the Deaton Review, with the Institute for Fiscal Studies, programme members have delved into the critical relationship between education and inequality in the UK, providing feasible solutions for the long term.<sup>5</sup> Our research has been widely cited in the media and in policy documents, including in the *New York Times* and *The Guardian*. We were also cited in former prime minister Gordon Brown's review of the UK Constitution.<sup>6</sup>

The programme leads a major Open Research Area grant investigating long-run spatial inequality in the UK, as well as coordinating with other

research groups in France, the US, Germany and Canada, to compare trends in spatial inequality across all these countries. Their efforts have provided insights into the persistent disparities that exist across different regions, shedding light on the spatial aspects of inequality and offering insights into the determinants of spatial inequalities. The authors have presented their findings to the European Commission's Department for Regional and Urban Policy, the UK Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and at the Beveridge 2.0: Labour Markets and Social Protection Symposium at the LSE. We are also speaking at an Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) event in the European Week of Regions and Cities.

Our second focus has been impact. Following a series of seminars, which we had organised with policymakers and politicians, we successfully bid for LSE Knowledge Exchange Initiative Funding, which we have used to expand this project. We have worked with the European Commission and UK government to shape their agendas, helping shape the evolution of UK subnational economic development policy. Our work has also involved a series of briefing papers and workshops for senior politicians, helping them develop their policy work. For example, working with the University College London's (UCL) Policy Lab, we worked with Lisa Nandy, MP and

1 LSE III, 'Political implications of "green" infrastructure in one's "backyard": The Green Party's catch 22?'. Published on LSE.AC.UK.

2 LSE III/European Journal of Political Research, 'Intergenerational social mobility and the Brexit vote: how social origins and destinations divide Britain'. Published on ONLINELIBRARY.WILEY.COM.

3 Regional Studies, 'Level best? The levelling up agenda and UK regional inequality'. Published on TANDFONLINE.COM.

4 Urban Studies, 'Progressive cities: urban–rural polarisation of social values and economic development around the world'. Published on JOURNALS.SAGEPUB.COM.

5 The IFS Deaton Review, 'Relational inequality in a (deeply) educationally polarised society: feasible strategies in the longer term'. Published on IFS.ORG.UK.

6 The Labour Party, 'A New Britain: renewing our democracy and rebuilding our economy'. Published on LABOUR.ORG.UK.

> Shadow Minister for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and her team to hold two workshops focused on their approach to regional growth. This collaboration has helped ensure that policy development research is based on solid academic evidence.

In summary, the programme has produced significant academic outputs, worked with policymakers and politicians to shape public policy, and developed its networks to stimulate further research on inequalities and support younger researchers.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Linking LSE Research with Policy

**Funding acknowledgment: Knowledge Exchange Initiative grant.**



The aim of this project was to engage with policymakers and politicians to translate research from the III, LSE and wider academic community into serious and pragmatic policy options.

This project has had many significant outputs. Early on the team engaged with Rachel Reeves, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer. The team prepared a briefing note for her economic advisors on industrial policy, innovation, the UK steel industry, and what we can learn from Austria. Following the turbulent period in UK politics and economic policy in September and October 2022, the team realised there was a greater opportunity to influence the debate on economic development policy. This started with the production of a briefing note on investment zones (which was a core part of the former prime minister Liz Truss's agenda). We then worked this up into a public blog post which focused on providing evidence on what works, and how they should be reformed.<sup>7</sup> This led to significant interest from the Civil Service; in December 2022 we held a seminar with senior civil servants from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. Alongside this we are now organising several seminars to be hosted at the Department for Business and Trade which will bring key LSE academics together with senior civil

<sup>7</sup> LSE III, 'Investments Zones can drive innovation if we learn from past mistakes'. Published on LSE.AC.UK.

servants to discuss areas of policy development. We have also engaged with policymakers within the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, with a project member travelling to Manchester to meet about devolution policy in the UK.

The largest part of this project has consisted of working with Lisa Nandy, and her team to assist in the development of Labour's response to levelling up and devolution in the UK. The team now works very closely with one of Nandy's top special advisors, allowing us to tailor our work specifically to the questions Nandy and her team have. We have written 10 short, focused briefing notes on a range of topics, providing a quick turnaround, but also maintaining a rigorous evidence base. One of these briefing notes was focused on the importance of including places in any economic development strategies that the Labour Party develops. Nandy then used this briefing to ensure that Labour's first mission – for the UK to be the highest growth country in the G7 – included reference to the distribution of this growth between places and people.

Alongside these short briefings, we were asked to flesh out more detailed policy agendas for two areas of Nandy's remit: regional economic growth and devolution. We based these on LSE research, the wider academic and public policy research base, and discussions with over 30 experts. These papers were used to structure two workshops, collaborating with UCL's Policy Lab. These papers will be published in early September 2023.

Alongside the work with the Civil Service and Labour Party, the project also enabled one of the members to attend the Conservatives Northern Research Group conference in Doncaster. This brought together Conservative MPs from the north of England to focus on economic development policy. The team member joined three other LSE representatives to assist with the LSE stall and attend breakout sessions.

#### RESEARCH TEAM:

**Professor Neil Lee**, Cities, Jobs and Economic Change Programme Leader and Professor of Economic Geography, Department of Geography and Environment, LSE; **Max Herbertson**, Policy Officer and Research Assistant, LSE III.

## Linking National and Regional Inequalities

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Our study focuses on income inequality in towns and cities within countries and how this has changed over time in five high-income countries. It is becoming increasingly clear that national income inequalities are driven in part by income inequalities within countries, with a divide between the 'superstar' global cities and 'left behind' ex-industrial towns. To help governments find ways to spread prosperity more evenly across their towns, cities and regions, there is a need for internationally comparable evidence to show how different countries perform in terms of geographic inequalities.

Our project examines trends in geographic income inequality across five high-income countries since the 1970s – Canada, France, Germany, the UK and the US. We are developing a method for analysing geographic income inequality in a way that can be compared between countries, defining comparable geographic areas, having consistent measures of income and adjusting incomes for the varied local cost of living. Our second objective is to assess the importance of geographic inequalities in driving national income inequalities across our five study countries. Third, we will analyse the common trends and differences between and within countries, and investigate the causes of these trends. Our final objective is to use

this project as the foundation of a global database that provides information about inequalities between places. Our vision is that this will act as a point of information for researchers to study the causes of geographic income inequality, and for governments to understand how their country compares to others.

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# GLOBAL ECONOMIES OF CARE

Led by Professor Alpa Shah



## INTRODUCTION

In the last year, the Global Economies of Care research programme has focused on consolidating and finalising ongoing work on the theme and set the seeds for the theme to develop in new directions.

Global Economies of Care Programme Leader Alpa Shah launched the United Nations International Labour Organisation (UNILO) report on 'Structural Discrimination in the World of Work' co-authored with Igor Bosc, Neha Wadhawan and Jens Lerche in January 2023. This report draws extensively on the co-authored work with Jens Lerche on 'Migration and The Informal Economies of Care' developed throughout this programme and is one of the first reports to explicitly place structural discrimination based on caste, class and gender centrally in the UNILO.

Shah also completed the research for an IIL project on 'The Caretakers of Democracy: incarcerated in India'. In May 2023, a major monograph of this work was submitted to HarperCollins UK and India for publication in March 2024.<sup>8</sup>

As part of a wider effort to expand and work on a feminist and decolonised concept of planetary care, Shah began a decolonisation reading group with geographers Claire Mercer and Kasia Paprocki. She also wrote an essay on 'When Decolonisation is Hijacked' which was delivered as the annual

Strathern Lecture at the University of Cambridge. She participated in the 'Social Life of Climate Change' series and workshop organised by Paprocki, and organised an LSE public event with the historian Kris Manjapra which excavated maroon ecologies in the legacies of empire.

Shah gave three prestigious annual lectures on her research developed at the IIL, including (1) the Annual Ambedkar Lecture of the Egalitarian Society, December 2022 (2) the Annual Freedom Lecture at the Rojava University, March 2023 and (3) the Dame Marilyn Strathern Annual Lecture, Department of Anthropology at the University of Cambridge, May 2023.

As a programme, we also consolidated our relationship with the Wollstonecraft Society and the development of the Annual Mary Wollstonecraft Lecture by hosting the first in-person lecture (as the third annual lecture) delivered by Angela Saini on 'Patriarchy: where did it all begin?' to a near-full-house in the Sheikh Zayed Theatre. We hope that this annual lecture will carry on the legacy of this theme within the IIL beyond the end of the theme.

Shalini Grover and Thomas Chambers produced, from their British Academy-Leverhulme Small Research Grant, an IIL working paper on masculinities and paid domestic care labour in India.<sup>9</sup> Grover and Chambers also arranged two large international conferences from this grant, the main one being in Delhi (in collaboration with O.P. Jindal Global University) in which domestic workers were invited to speak about their challenges in labour markets.

In February 2023, Grover and Matt Reynolds (PhD Candidate Sociology) had the rare honour of hosting female union leaders from domestic workers' organisations who work for the Self-Employed Women's Association in India, Echoes of Humanity in Zimbabwe and the National Federation of Women Workers of the Dominican Republic. They shared their hard work, stories and challenges by engaging with the LSE IIL staff and the Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity.

Grover won an LSE Research Impact and Support Fund grant (£16,000) to work on the theme 'Forgotten Histories of Racialised Colonial Networks of Domestic Workers in South India'. This project will examine the histories of the disadvantaged colonial networks and trace their impact in contemporary domestic service and care economies in India, South Asia



and transnationally. Grover's main contribution to the Global Economies of Care programme will be her forthcoming monograph with Cambridge University Press. The monograph will offer new ways of studying global care chains and transnational and local inequalities. Crucial to III's international research agenda the monograph will foreground gendered and racialised inequalities (historical and contemporary) and will challenge current economic thinking around the devaluation of everyday social reproduction, a theme that the Global Economies of Care programme has consistently championed. One of the main strengths of the monograph is its focus on a subject which has not garnered scholarly attention: the relationship between working-class domestic service workers and mobile international elites, an exemplar of developing world emerging-market economies in global south locations. The monograph offers insights into the infrastructure – material and discursive – of recruiting and

controlling domestic service workers and caregivers across international homes and temporal spaces.

Grover organised an Ayah and Amah colloquium in which three historians presented highlights from their Australian Research Council Discovery Project, 'Ayahs and Amahs: transcolonial servants in Australia and Britain 1780-1945'. This event featured Professor Victoria Haskins from the University of Newcastle, Associate Professor Claire Lowrie from the University of Wollongong and Professor Swapna Banerjee from City University New York.

Grover and Laura Sochas organised the Global Economies of Care programme meetings from 1 January 2023 onwards. These meetings will continue well into the future. The programme's network comprises the III network members, PhD students, Visiting Fellows and selected faculty from across the LSE. The meetings provide a platform for members to share their work, projects, grant ideas and plans on care work.

Erica Lagalisse consolidated her work on the British Academy Leverhulme Small Research Grant and launched her 'Politics after the Pandemic' podcast at the Sociological Review.<sup>10</sup> With the Covid-19 pandemic trailing off into a state of continuous infection, the normalisation of profit over care, and a curtailing of rights to assembly, privacy and protest, social justice movements face a new series of challenges. In the podcast, Lagalisse thinks transnationally with social scientists and political activists about recent cultural shifts in their relation to Covid-19, capitalism and other structures of oppression, and how social movements, educators and researchers might respond.



8 Alpa Shah, 'The Incarcerations'. Published on HARPERRREACH.COM.

9 LSE III, 'Masculinities and paid domestic-care labour in India'. Published on LSE.AC.UK.

10 Sociological Review, 'Politics after the pandemic'. Published on THE SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## The Caretakers of Democracy: incarcerated in India



Alpa Shah completed the research for her III project on 'The Caretakers of Democracy: incarcerated in India'. This project, which Shah has been working on intensively for the last two and a half years, researched the lives of 16 intellectuals, lawyers, artists and human rights defenders who have been imprisoned in India since 2018 to show the ways in which they were caretakers of democracy in India, in the broadest sense of protecting and taking care of the social reproduction of India's most marginalised communities – its Adivas, Dalits and Muslim communities. It also investigated the fabricated case and the evidence that has been used to incarcerate them, to show the unravelling of democracy in the world's largest democracy. In May 2023, Shah submitted a major monograph entitled 'The Incarcerations: BK16 and the search for democracy in modern India' to HarperCollins UK and India for publication in March 2024.

### RESEARCHER:

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## Forgotten Histories of Racialised Colonial Networks of Domestic Workers in South India: impacts on contemporary labour markets

**Funding acknowledgment: LSE Research Impact and Support Fund grant (£16,000).**

Shalini Grover won a grant to work on 'Forgotten Histories of Racialised Colonial Networks of Domestic Workers in South India.' This project will examine the histories of the disadvantaged colonial networks and trace their impact in contemporary domestic service and care economies in India, South Asia and transnationally. The project combines social anthropology, empire history and law to examine the histories of the disadvantaged colonial networks at the cusp of India's independence (1947) and its aftermath. It aims to trace impacts such as postcolonial inequalities in contemporary domestic service and care economies. The project will re-construct the histories of the colonial networks that were caught in monumental political transitions when the empire fell and when British and Anglo-Indian employers migrated to post-Second World War Britain. The project's main ethnographic sites are Bangalore and the Kolar Gold Fields in South India, where Grover will conduct three months of historical-ethnographic, archival and legal research. Until now, no studies in India have analysed whether the underrepresented colonial racialised networks eventually diminished, survived, persisted, or re-adapted in a particular historical moment.

The research objectives of the forgotten histories project are:

- to deepen theoretical knowledge of the devastating impact of colonialism on domestic workers lives
- to also investigate whether the 'demise' of the colonial legacy opened new economic pathways, migration avenues, social mobility, and a diverse set of experiences for workers
- to expand the centrality of skill sets based on colonial domesticity across generations and labour markets (local and transnational) and to determine whether such skills remain gendered or have modified under neo-liberal influences



- to trace change and continuity for determining workers inequalities against the backdrop of the state, religious, educational, and missionary institutions.

The key outputs from this project will be a monograph for Cambridge University Press and a policy event to shape strategies and solutions from the perspective of domestic workers in the form of a lucid policy document.

#### RESEARCH TEAM:

**Dr Shalini Grover**, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, LSE III; **Dr Thomas Chambers**, Senior Lecturer, Oxford Brookes University.

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[This programme] unveils the hidden value of care right from within the household to across the global economy, from domestic and care labour to planetary care.”

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# OPPORTUNITY, MOBILITY, AND INTERGENERATIONAL TRANSMISSION OF INEQUALITY

Led by Dr Paolo Brunori and Professor Francisco Ferreira



## INTRODUCTION

**The Opportunity, Mobility and Intergenerational Transmission of Inequality programme explores how unequal opportunities in childhood lead to different outcomes in adulthood, perpetuating a cycle of inequality. Our primary research focus revolves on understanding and improving the measurement of inequality of opportunity and intergenerational transmission of inequalities. Methodological choices significantly influence the empirical findings, challenging the comparison of results across countries, time periods and datasets.**

Our research efforts have two main objectives. Firstly, we strive to develop methods to enhance the comparability of estimates across countries and over time. Secondly, we implement these methods, providing global evidence on the extent of equal opportunity and intergenerational mobility for the largest possible number of countries. Our research activity also aims to investigate the consequences of unequal opportunity and intergenerational persistence. We explore how exclusion from opportunity affects resource allocation, economic growth, health, crime and political conflict, seeking to understand the broader impacts of inequality of opportunity beyond just fairness.

During the 2022 to 2023 academic year, we organised two events to

facilitate knowledge exchange among scholars interested in studying inequality of opportunity and mobility.

In January 2023, we co-organised the 16th Winter School on Inequality and Social Welfare Theory in Alba di Canazei, Italy. The event was held in collaboration with the Department of Economics of the University of Verona, the University of Antwerp's Antwerp Interdisciplinary Platform for Research into Inequality (AIPRIL) Centre of Excellence, the Center for Environmental Economics (CEEM) research institute at the University of Montpellier, the French National Research Agency's (ANR) RediPref project, the Center for Economic Studies and ifo Institute (CESifo) at the University of Munich, the

Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER), and The Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ). The Winter School fostered knowledge exchange and collaboration among scholars working on issues related to inequality, poverty, fairness and intergenerational mobility. It provided a platform, especially for young researchers, to share their findings and discuss different approaches. The event also featured presentations by four III members, including an invited lecture by Professor Frank Cowell.

The research programme also organised a second event, the first Opportunity and Mobility Workshop, which took place in April on the LSE campus. The workshop featured topics related to inequality, intergenerational mobility, and opportunity. Researchers from numerous institutions presented their work in parallel sessions and a poster session that covered a variety of topics, including education and labour mobility, intergenerational mobility and inequality of opportunity. The workshop involved 62 participants. Due to the success of this first workshop, we have decided to organise a second in April 2024, that will take place in



Vienna, Austria. This will be co-organised with the Research Institute Economics of Inequality of the Vienna University of Economics and Business and the ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research in Mannheim, Germany.

In terms of research output, our primary focus has been on developing methods to produce comparable estimates of inequality of opportunity and social mobility. Our research activity on methods involved collaboration between III researchers and several visiting PhD students who worked with the research programme, including Annaelena Valentini from the University of Siena, Italy, Domenico Moramarco from Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, and Fabian Reutzel from the Paris School of Economics. Additionally, a postdoctoral visiting researcher Giovanna Scarchilli from the University of Trento, Italy, also contributed to this work.

We have also initiated the collection and preparation of data necessary to implement our inequality of opportunity estimations. The data collection and preparation process is being carried out in collaboration with



research teams worldwide. Notably, we have collaborated with the Inter-American Development Bank, the Institute for Fiscal Studies, and Yale University on the Latin America and Caribbean Inequality Review project. Within this project, a chapter on opportunity and intergenerational persistence of inequality was developed by Paolo Brunori, Francisco Ferreira, and Guido Neidhöfer.<sup>11</sup> The data preparation for African countries is being processed in collaboration with a research team at the University of Bari, led by Professor Vito

Peragine. The data from Mexico will stem from a collaboration with the Centro de Estudios Espinosa Yglesias. Additionally, we have recently initiated a collaboration with a team from the Asian Development Bank to implement data from surveys conducted in Asian countries.

Our goal is to launch the first version of a database that includes estimates of inequality of opportunity for selected countries by the end of 2023. This database will provide valuable insights into the extent of inequality of opportunity around the world.



We are focused on exploring how exclusion from opportunity affects resource allocation, economic growth, health, crime, and political conflict, and strive to understand the broader impacts of inequality of opportunity beyond just fairness.”

<sup>11</sup> United Nations University, 'Inequality of opportunity and intergenerational persistence in Latin America'. Published on WIDER.UNU.EDU.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## 16th Winter School on Inequality and Social Welfare Theory



*The III team at the 16th Winter School on Inequality and Social Welfare Theory in January 2023*

From 8-13 January 2023, we had the privilege of co-organising and actively participating in a significant international event for young scholars focused on the study of inequality and social justice. The event was held in Alba di Canazei, Italy, in collaboration with the Department of Economics of the University of Verona, the University of Antwerp's AIPRIL Centre of Excellence, the CEEM research group at the University of Montpellier, the ANR RediPref project, CESifo at the University of Munich, and the LISER and ECINEQ.

The main topics covered included (1) inequalities, deprivation, distributional changes and redistribution, (2) dynamics of inequalities and drivers of inequalities, (3) social norms, integration, politics and inequalities and (4) inequality and migration. Our team contributed to the conference with three presentations and an invited lecture delivered by Frank Cowell.

## First Opportunity and Mobility Workshop



*Attendees at the first Opportunity and Mobility Workshop in April 2023*

The research programme organised the first Opportunity and Mobility Workshop at LSE. The event was a success, with 62 participants covering a variety of theoretical and empirical approaches to the analysis of intergenerational mobility and inequality of opportunity. There were a range of panel discussions on topics such as regional studies, education and labour mobility, and intergenerational mobility. The event also featured a keynote presentation by Professor Stephen Machin, as well as a poster making session. For 2024 we plan a second edition in Vienna, co-organised with the Research Institute Economics of Inequality and ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research.

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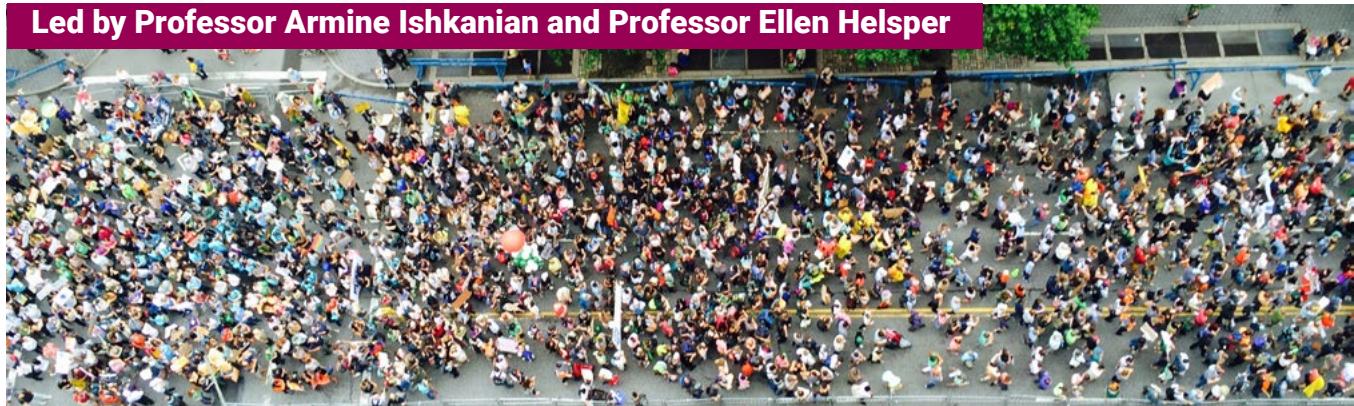
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# POLITICS OF INEQUALITY

Led by Professor Armine Ishkanian and Professor Ellen Helsper



## INTRODUCTION

The Politics of Inequality research programme takes an international, comparative, interdisciplinary and multi-method approach to exploring the practices of resistance, mobilisation and contestation, which constitute a politics of inequality from a bottom-up perspective. The research on this programme is also linked to and seeks to inform the work of the Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity (AFSEE) programme, which is based in the International Inequalities Institute (III). As the AFSEE programme is committed to building a community of people who are “committed to using collective leadership to work towards social and economic justice for all”, the research within this programme informs the teaching on AFSEE modules, AFSEE Fellows’ projects and MSc dissertations, and supports the Fellows’ research and participation. AFSEE Fellows are invited to be theme affiliates and to work with other members of the programme.

The programme focuses on three areas of work: 1) supporting and producing significant and robust research; 2) creating opportunities for those working on topics related to the study of the politics of inequality to meet, connect and exchange ideas; and 3) to support research collaborations and knowledge exchange with AFSEE Fellows and other non-academic stakeholders. The programme has had a productive year in 2022/2023 in progressing with these three areas of work.

There has been great progress on the programme’s main goals of producing high-quality research and supporting the development of a community and network of scholars. This year, in addition to the existing four strands of research (Inequalities in an Increasingly Digital World; Movements, Policy and the Politics of Inequality; Inequalities, Conflict and Peace; and Authoritarianism and Populism in the 21st Century), the programme added a new strand of research focusing on racial

inequality. Under this strand of research two new projects, led by Dr Maël Lavenaire, ‘Social Change and Racial Inequalities in the Post-Slavery Plantation Societies 19th – 21st century’<sup>12</sup> and Dr Sara Camacho Felix’s ‘Decolonising histories of internationalism within and beyond Europe: Inôcencio da Câmara Pires in Angolan, Brazilian, and Iberian leftist movements’,<sup>13</sup> examine the political, social, and economic issues which stem from historical processes of racialisation and seek to make visible the role of race and racialisation in the understanding contemporary socioeconomic inequalities. All five strands of research, with their constituent projects, have been active this year as evidenced by publications, presentations and public events.

Two projects hosted under this research programme were awarded Global Research Fund (GRF) grants. The Activism, Policy and Transformation (APT) project, led by Professor Armine Ishkanian was awarded a GRF grant to host a writing workshop for members of the APT project. The second GRF grant supported the hosting of the Digital Inclusion and Empowerment in India Symposium, organised by Professor

<sup>12</sup> LSE III, ‘Social change and racial inequalities in the post-slavery plantation societies 19th – 21st century’. Published on LSE.AC.UK.

<sup>13</sup> LSE III, ‘Decolonising histories of internationalism within and beyond Europe: Inôcencio da Câmara Pires in Angolan, Brazilian, and Iberian leftist movements’. Published on LSE.AC.UK.



Ellen Helsper. And Dr George Kunnath also received an LSE Knowledge Exchange and Impact Award of £50,000 for his project, Collaborative Engagement for Durable Peace in Colombia (2023–24).<sup>14</sup>

In our second area of work, which focuses on creating opportunities for those working on topics related to the Politics of Inequality research programme, we have hosted several events. Highlights include the two roundtables and one workshop hosted by the research programme in 2023. The first of the two roundtables on Inequality, Crisis and Resistance, focused on how inequalities and crises are inextricably linked to colonial, capitalist and class-based modes of extraction and exploitation and the myriad ways in which people resist them. The programme's second roundtable, on Art and Inequalities, was co-organised and hosted with the Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice research programme. The aim of the roundtable was to examine the potential of visual art's critical power to contest and reimagine the relationship of past/present/future in a world of intensifying economic and social inequality.

The research programme also hosted a closed workshop on anti-hate and the media. This was co-organised by Salman Usmani, AFSEE Fellow (Cohort 6), Politics of Inequality Research Fellow Dr Fabrício Mendes Fialho, and Professor Shakuntala Banaji, Department of Media and Communications.

Public events hosted by the theme include a panel on 'Democratic Backsliding, Resistance and Hope: the 2022 presidential election and prospects for democracy in Brazil', organised by Dr Fialho and also co-sponsored by LSE Latin America and Caribbean Centre. The research programme also organised a panel discussion at the June 2023 LSE Festival titled, 'Can People Change the World? Activists, Social Movements, and Utopian Futures', that featured presentations by Dr Faiza Shaheen, Visiting Professor in Practice, and Georgia Haddad Nicolau, AFSEE Senior Fellow (Cohort 4).

Core programme members have also taken part in LSE-wide knowledge exchange events. Dr George Kunnath and Dr Maël Lavenaire gave talks at the November 2022 LSE World Café and Dr Lavenaire also delivered a lecture on the LSE Thrive programme in February 2023.

The programme has made great strides on its three areas of work by supporting and producing innovative and rigorous research on the politics of inequality; providing opportunities for connecting and exchanging knowledge and supporting collaborations and engagement with both external academic and non-academic audiences.



<sup>14</sup> LSE, 'How do we achieve durable peace in situations of persisting conflicts? Lessons from the Colombian Peace Agreement of 2016'. Published on LSE.AC.UK.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Activism, Policy and Transformation Writing Retreat



*Participants at the Activism, Policy and Transformation Writing Retreat in April 2023*

A two-day writing retreat was organised by the Activism, Policy and Transformation research project, which is part of the III's Politics of Inequality research programme. Members, including Professor Armine Ishkanian and researchers from Chile, Armenia, South Africa and Lebanon, met face-to-face for the first time to map the outline of a co-authored article and agree on other research dissemination and publication activities in the near future.

This collaborative work was based on research conducted in 2022 by various members of the project. LSE Global Academic Engagement's global research fund and the support from the III and the Eden Centre's team were instrumental in facilitating this successful workshop.

## Inequality, Crisis and Resistance Roundtable



The first of the programme's two roundtables, on 'Inequality, Crisis and Resistance', focused on how inequalities and crises are inextricably linked to colonial, capitalist, and class-based modes of extraction and exploitation and the myriad ways in which people resist them. In addition, a session during this roundtable examined the methodological and epistemological challenges of researching the everyday reproduction and resistance of inequality and how effective they are in highlighting the voices of contestation and facilitating transformation. The event, which brought together LSE researchers and students from many LSE departments and centres, provided space for lively discussions around these topics and opportunities for people to connect. The day included presentations by Dr Luke Cooper, LSE IDEAS; Professor Jenny Pearce, Latin America and Caribbean Centre; Professor John Chalcraft, Department of Government; Dr Olivia Umurerwa Rutazibwa, Department of Sociology; Dr Seeta Peña Gangadharan, Department of Media and Communications; Dr George Kunzath, LSE III; Dr Flora Cornish, Department of Methodology; Dr Philippa Mullins and Liz Sayce, LSE III; Professor Sumi Madhok, Department of Gender Studies, and T.O. Molefe, AFSEE Fellow (Cohort 6).

## > Art and Inequalities Roundtable



*Participants at the Art and Inequalities Roundtable in June 2023*

The programme's second roundtable, on Art and Inequalities, was co-organised and hosted with the Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice research programme. The aim of the roundtable was to examine the potential of visual art's critical power to contest and reimagine the relation of past/present/future in a world of intensifying economic and social inequality. This event also brought together scholars, students, and practitioners from different disciplinary backgrounds and methodological approaches to examine the relationship between art and inequalities. The day included presentations from Dr Sarah Kerr, Nottingham; Dr Kristina Kolbe, Erasmus, Amsterdam; Dr Michael Vaughan, LSE; Kosisochukwu Nnebe, Visual Artist and Curator, and Jite Phido, AFSEE Senior Fellow (Cohort 5).

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This programme takes an international, comparative, interdisciplinary and multi-method approach to exploring the practices of resistance, mobilisation and contestation, which constitute a politics of inequality from a bottom-up perspective.”

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**Foluke Ojelabi**, Advocacy Officer, UNICEF.

**Anita Peña Saavedra**, Researcher and a Doctoral candidate.

**Jite Phido**, Senior Program Manager for Innovation, Results For Development.

**Barbara van Paassen**, Advocate and civil society and social justice professional.

# PUBLIC ECONOMICS OF INEQUALITY

Led by Professor Johannes Spinnewijn



## INTRODUCTION

**Researchers with the Public Economics of Inequality programme made significant progress during the 2022 to 2023 academic year. The programme's activities revolved around the measurement of inequality, understanding its underlying mechanisms, and improving policy design to address inequality effectively. The team members embarked on various projects and published extensively on topics such as capital taxation, wealth and property taxation, inheritance taxation, gender inequality, health inequalities, long-term unemployment, and the impact of innovation and inflation on inequality.**

The programme core members are Xavier Jaravel, Camille Landais, Kate Smith and Public Economics of Inequality programme leader Johannes Spinnewijn. The team welcomed Kate, who graduated from UCL in 2022 and has worked for many years at the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS). Diego Ferreras-Garrucho provided excellent assistance as the III research assistant. He worked on a wide range of topics, including retirement design, unemployment policy and health inequalities. He will start a PhD in Economics at the LSE in autumn 2023.

The members have been furthering their research agenda on inequality. Jaravel's work sheds light on the complex dynamics of inequality and its relationship with innovation and inflation in particular. He delved further into measuring inflation, studying the role of income-

dependent preferences for measuring welfare growth, but also analysing the consequences of trade wars on horizontal inequality, and exploring the role of social push in shaping innovation. Landais contributed valuable insights into the mechanisms underlying gender disparities, examining the impact of parental leave and childcare policies on reducing disparities, studying the persistence of 'child penalties' on women's labour market outcomes, and investigating wealth and property taxation in the US. Smith's research primarily centred around the taxation of owner-managed businesses and the distributional effects of price shocks on households. Her work explored how reforms in capital taxation could encourage investment while maintaining progressivity and investigated policy designs to effectively support households during energy price

rises. Spinnewijn's contributions focused on understanding the role of public policy in tackling adverse events like unemployment and bad health. Putting together rich administrative registers in both Sweden and the Netherlands, his research has analysed the predictability of long-term unemployment and its determinants, and the drivers of the health gap and how it arises over the life-cycle.

The programme organised monthly seminars inviting various speakers from both within and outside the LSE and III. The III seminars included 'Identifying Partisan Gerrymandering and its Consequences: evidence from the IRCA and the 1990 US redistricting cycle', which took place on 1 November 2022. This was led by Professor Noam Yuchtman, Professor of Managerial Economics and Strategy in the Department of Management, LSE; 'How Should Capital Gains be Taxed?', which took place on 29 November 2022. This was led by Dr Arun Advani, Visiting Senior Fellow at the III and Associate Professor in the University of Warwick, and Andy Summers, Associate Professor of Law, LSE Law School, LSE; 'Inequality of Opportunity and Intergenerational Persistence in Latin America' which took place on 28 February 2022 and was led by Francisco Ferreira, Amartya Sen Professor of Inequality Studies and



Director of the LSE III; 'Learning to see the World's Opportunities: the impact of imagery on entrepreneurial success' which took place on 28 March 2023. This was led by Professor of Economics, Nava Ashraf and Research Director of the LSE, Marshall Institute; and 'Adaptive Maximization of Social Welfare', which took place on 2 May 2023 and led by Maximilian Kasy, Professor of Economics at the University of Oxford.

The programme members also continued to organise the Public Economics seminar at the IFS, covering topics related to inequality and public policy with the list of speakers including Corina Mommaerts, Nicholas Bloom, Adriana Lleras-Muney, Jon Kolstad, Joana Naritomi and Peter Levell. We finally contributed to the Applications seminar at the Economics Department, which included Abi Adams, Manasi Deshpande, Simon Jäger and Seema Jayachandran among others.

The programme members also organised the Centre for Economic Policy Research's (CEPR) Public Economics Annual Symposium on Wealth Inequality and Taxation and contributed to the Beveridge 2.0: Labour Markets and Social Protection Symposium. These two events are highlighted in more detail on [page 27](#). The programme members also hosted the annual Morishima Lecture by Raj Chetty from Harvard University on 'Social Capital and Economic Mobility'. Raj is one of the leading scholars in economics and drew on his research to shed light on how we can give children from low-income families better chances of rising up out of poverty.

The team has also continued to live by its adage to turn research into policy. The team has been proud to see Landais take on the directorship of the Conseil d'Analyse Economique (Economic Analysis Council). Jaravel returned from his impactful year at the Inspectorate General of Finances under the

French Economy Ministry and was asked to preside the 'France Relance' Commission assessing the effectiveness of the stimulus plan and reporting to the French prime minister. Spinnewijn started as the new director of the CEPR Public Economics group. The programme members also said goodbye to Daniel Reck who joined the University of Maryland and we wish him all the best.

Overall, the research programme aimed to advance our understanding of inequality and its various dimensions. The contributions so far have deepened our knowledge of inequality and provided evidence-based recommendations to inform policy design and reform efforts.

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This programme focuses on new data opportunities and methodological advances to go beyond the measurement of income and wealth inequality and provide a more comprehensive account of the distribution of welfare.”

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Measuring Growth in Consumer Welfare with Income-Dependent Preferences: nonparametric methods and estimates for the US.



How should we measure changes in consumer welfare given observed data on prices and expenditures? This forthcoming paper, to be published in the Quarterly Journal of Economics, provides new measures of inflation when preferences vary with income, which is essential to correctly measure how inflation can affect inequality. Applying our approach to data from the US, we find that the magnitude of the correction can be large due to the combination of fast growth and lower inflation for income-elastic products. The correction reduces the annual growth rate from 1955 to 2019 by 18 basis points, which is larger than the well-known 'expenditure switching bias' over the same time horizon.

### RESEARCH TEAM:

**Dr Xavier Jaravel**, Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, LSE and **Dr Danial Lashkari**, Economist, Department of Economics, Harvard University.

## Retirement Consumption and Pension Design



Over the past two decades, many countries have reformed their public pension systems – pursuing desirable fiscal effects – often by introducing or strengthening incentives for later retirement. The welfare effects of such interventions are still poorly understood. Our recent research, to be published in the American Economic Review, proposes a framework to analyse the welfare effects of pension reforms that incentivise later retirement. Using Swedish administrative data we uncover significant redistributive costs of these types of pension reforms, especially when it comes to incentivising later retirement at very early and late retirement ages.

### RESEARCH TEAM:

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## CEPR Public Economics Symposium on Wealth Inequality and Taxation Symposium



The Symposium was co-organised and hosted by the theme members in collaboration with the IFS and the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Centre on Wealth Concentration, Inequality and the Economy, at UCL. The Symposium provided a forum for high-quality work in public economics, bringing together economists from across Europe and outside for a period of three days. The Symposium's theme was wealth inequality and taxation. Joel Slemrod gave the keynote lecture on '(How) Should We Tax the Rich More?' Speakers included Fatih Guvenen, Jonathan Kolstad, Magne Mogstad, Clara Martinez-Toledano, Florian Scheuer, Luigi Pistaferri, Ludwig Straub, Winnie van Dijk, Owen Zidar and Eric Zwick.

## Beveridge 2.0: Labour Markets and Social Protection Symposium

As part of LSE's Beveridge 2.0 initiative, the III co-convened a Symposium on Labour Markets and Social Protection together with the School of Public Policy. These events bring together scholars from across LSE to discuss key topics of public policy interest. The event explored policy responses and solutions to the combined effects of globalisation, deregulation and automation on labour markets and the social protection systems that are sustained by them.

The Symposium was developed and led by Kirsten Sehnbruch, III, and Andres Velasco, LSE School of Public Policy, with the aim of highlighting connections between employment and social policies from a global perspective. It featured contributions on the subjects of poor-quality employment, unemployment insurance, UK wage growth, social protection, legal considerations, precarious employment in Korea, net zero policies, regional inequalities and gender. The event was well attended and generated a lively discussion.

Spinnewijn contributed by reviewing recent findings regarding standard unemployment insurance drawing on comprehensive administrative data from Sweden, and drawing implications for the expansion of UI coverage to non-standard workers. This contribution is forthcoming as an article 'The Value and Limits of Unemployment Insurance', joint with Jonas Kolsrud, for the LSE Public Policy Review.

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**Dr Kate Smith**, Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, LSE.

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# WEALTH, ELITES AND TAX JUSTICE

Led by Professor Mike Savage



## INTRODUCTION

**The Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice research programme conducts innovative interdisciplinary research bridging the economic analysis of wealth with analysis of the social, cultural and political aspects of intensifying wealth inequalities. We aim to expose the seriousness of wealth divides not purely in economic terms, but also as underpinning and underscoring a wide array of social divisions. Our work demonstrates the systemic social challenges that wealth inequality presents. We draw together economists, anthropologists, media scholars, political scientists, sociologists, social policy researchers, historians and legal scholars.**

The programme's work includes prize-winning academic publications (including the award of the Siegfried Landshut Prize by the Hamburg Institute for Social Research for LSE Professor of Sociology Mike Savage's 2021 book, *The Return of Inequality*).<sup>15</sup> We are committed to analysing the challenge of wealth inequality on a global basis, and although some of our research centres on the UK, we also pursue ground-breaking studies of the comparative analysis of wealth inequality, such as research by III Assistant Professorial Research Fellow Nora Waitkus. We are also concerned with identifying strategies to challenge this, including innovative work in political communication by III Research Officer Michael

Vaughan. Here, we also partner with campaigning groups such as the Runnymede Trust. This comparative research is assisted by active collaboration with the Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity programme. In emphasising the fundamental ways in which wealth inequality affects societies, our interests are wide-ranging, but we focus our work through dedicated programmes of study in specific areas.

In the past year, our three key areas of study are:

### 1: TAXING THE SUPER-RICH

Arun Advani and Andy Summers have led a major programme of study, mostly underpinned by

original data analysis from the secure His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) data lab, to develop a more comprehensive understanding of top incomes and wealth. Supported by numerous grants including from the Nuffield Foundation, the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), and Founders for Good Ltd, this work has tracked the migration strategies of the super-rich and the use of tax 'quirks' such as the non-domicile clause, and calls for a need to give this area more attention. In contrast to conventional views that the super-rich will leave specific nations which adversely alter their tax regimes, they have been able to show that in the British case, the super-rich are relatively immobile. Working with David Burgherr, they have also provided the first-ever realistic estimate of the tax gain which the treasury would get from abolishing the non-domicile clause, amounting to £3.2 billion. This important work has contributed to the Deaton Review of Inequalities, been the focus of lively public events – including with politicians such as Shadow Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero Ed Miliband and Liam Byrne, Labour MP for Birmingham Hodge Hill – and has considerably expanded public discussion about tax justice in the UK.

<sup>15</sup> Harvard University Press, 'The return of inequality'. Published on HUP.HARVARD.EDU.



## 2: EXPOSING THE RACIAL WEALTH DIVIDE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE UK

Mike Savage's collaborations with South African and UK-based researchers exploring how the racial wealth divide is experienced and perceived across differing racialised communities have encouraged considerable debate and interest. A feature of this work is the use of peer-based community research methods, so that the voices of marginalised communities are heard, and in a way which helps to empower such groups to reflect on and mobilise on the research findings. Inspiring sessions were held in Cape Town in March 2023, as part of the Transforming Social Inequalities Through Inclusive Climate Action (TSITICA) conference, and at the Building Bridges Summit in London in July 2023, which was co-organised by the III and the Runnymede Trust. A major academic initiative is the

application of geometric data analysis methods, previously largely confined to the study of inequality in European nations, to South Africa, where they reveal stark features of racialised wealth divides.

## 3: WORLD ELITE DATABASE

The III is the UK base for a major international collaboration between mapping elites across numerous nations using common metrics. The World Elite Database (WED) takes its impetus from an impasse in the sociological study of elites. Over the past decade, there has been a major revival of elite studies in sociology to the extent that they have become one of the most dynamic and exciting areas of the discipline. This is linked to the increasingly widespread recognition of the 'return of inequality' in which elites are not some throwback which deserves only marginal interest but are returning to the

historical stage as major actors and forces for social and political change. Economists have underscored the significance of top income and wealth shares and political scientists increasingly address the effects of economic inequalities on political institutions and their decision-making processes. WED is breaking new ground by examining, comparatively, the social composition and formation of elites. There are now a dozen country teams trying to apply the same selection criteria, adopt similar methods of data collection and design common coding schemes. The III benefitted from Dr Paul Lagneau-Ymonet's role as Visiting Professor, who led the collaboration during the academic year 2022/23, including the hosting of the first in-person WED conference. We anticipate that initial findings will be released during 2023/24.

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# HIGHLIGHTS

## Exposing the Racial Wealth Divide in South Africa

Funding acknowledgment: TSITICA grant.



This research focused on the structuring of wealth assets and privilege so that their intersection with racial divides are better understood. We used South African probate and administration records to study inequalities among wealth-holders with assets at death of more than 250,000 rands (£10,000).

Today roughly 14% of South Africans are reported to have left estates at death above this threshold, with sharp disparities by race, gender and region of residence. Preliminary results suggest that White South Africans are ten times more likely than Black South Africans to die with wealth above this threshold (60% versus 6%).

Professor Mike Savage worked with Professor Nicola Branson, Professor Murray Leibbrandt, Professor Vimal Ranchhod and Dr Emma Whitelaw from the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit at the University of Cape Town, and the Norwegian Professor Johannes Hjellbrekke to analyse South African 'social space'. This method has been widely used in Europe to assess the multidimensional structuring of advantage across economic, social and cultural dimensions but this is probably the first application for any African nation. The inductive approach of this method, in which the structuring of privilege does not depend on the imposition of a unilinear conceptual framing (such as an occupational class schema) makes it an ideal tool to investigate South African divides without imposing a eurocentric model.

Using representative data from the National Income Dynamics Study, this multiple correspondence analysis produces five distinctive clusters – two are associated with privileged positions. We distinguish an inheritor cluster, comprising 7% of respondents, who are disproportionately well educated, and also have well-educated mothers. They are disproportionately well-off in income terms (65% are in the top quintile of earners, compared to 27% of the sample), and have extensive assets, with 62% reporting above the median value of financial assets (compared to 36% of the sample). This inheritor cluster is massively disproportionately White, in gainful employment, young and living in urban areas. Yet, although this cluster is disproportionately White, because the White population of South Africa is small, at 8%, this still means that 75% of the respondents in this cluster are not White respondents, and thereby this inheritor cluster cannot simply be conflated with rich White South Africans.

We also detect another privileged upwardly mobile cluster of even more sociological interest. This is a large cluster comprising 24% of the total sample. It consists of highly educated respondents, who characteristically have mothers with only intermediate educational qualifications. In this respect, the cluster is associated with the dramatic rise of educational attainment in South African society overall. The respondents also have high volumes of economic capital with 55% being in the top income quintile (compared to 27% overall), and they have disproportionate amounts of financial assets (61% report above median financial assets) and their trust levels towards others are high.

It is telling that White respondents are disproportionately found in this upwardly mobile cluster (with 22% of the cluster being composed by them). It follows that White respondents have been disproportionately able to take advantage of prospects of upward mobility facilitated by educational expansion. It is remarkable to underscore that even in post-apartheid times, 91% of White South Africans are in either the inheritor or upwardly mobile clusters. It is also striking that Asian and Indian respondents are even more strongly overrepresented among the upwardly mobile.

Our structural analysis is complemented by a study of how South Africans understand wealth and the racial wealth divide, conducted by Phelisa Dlangamanga, Charles George and Michael Hamnca of the Movement for Change and Social Justice (MCSJ), Faeza Meyer from the African Water Commons Collective (AWCC), Roedolf

➤ Kay from the South African Older Persons' Forum, and Ivan Katsere, who has worked with groups of Black African migrants living in Cape Town and students at the University of Cape Town. This focus group study demonstrates strong perceptions of racialised divides, often associated with awareness of the history of imperial power, and intersectional accounts of gender, generation, class and legal citizenship. The study indicates South Africans' wide-ranging understandings of wealth inequalities as associated with land and house ownership and financial assets such as savings and pensions, but also with natural resources, and forms of wealth held in common. Study participants also articulate a multi-levelled set of wealth justice strategies across economic, educational, social and political fields. Members of this research group spoke movingly at the TSITICA conference in Cape Town in March. The researchers are undertaking further specific projects, exploring wealth understandings in more detail (MCSJ), people's explanatory pictures of racial wealth divides (AWCC), the economic determination of 'foreigner' and 'migrant' classifications, and Blackness in South Africa as living on the economic edge (Katsere).

Finally, in the context of the gravity of wealth divides in South Africa, we demonstrated that there is public interest in a wealth tax. Using a survey experiment of 2,000 respondents, we found that South Africans were largely supportive of arguments for a wealth tax if used to raise money for public services (44%). However a lower number (29%) supported it to reduce the gap between the rich and poor. This illustrates a further finding that individuals tend to see wealth inequality as less fair when it is presented in absolute rather than relative terms. This highlights the importance of using accessible and intuitive measures in political communication. The main reasons put forward against a wealth tax using meritocratic orientations were that this was unfair to the hard-working wealthy. There were also concerns about tax avoidance.

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## Tax and Migration of the Super-Rich

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When it comes to raising taxes, a common concern is that the wealthiest might just leave the country. This concern is reinforced by well-known examples of individuals making such threats publicly and, in some cases, carrying them out. But these anecdotal examples give no sense for how many people with high levels of wealth just quietly stay and pay the higher tax.

Using administrative data from HMRC, the UK's tax authority, we were able to cast a quantitative eye over how people actually respond to higher taxes and answer the questions: how many people do leave, what types of people are they, and what does this mean for tax reform?

A historical quirk of the UK tax system is that people living here full-time can be subject to different tax treatments, depending on the location of their domicile (permanent home). While most UK residents pay tax on their worldwide income, independently of the source, 'non-doms' – whose permanent home is outside the UK – are not taxed on income from wealth they hold abroad. As we showed in our previous work<sup>16</sup> in last year's annual report, these non-doms make up a large share of top earners.<sup>17</sup> They are also highly concentrated geographically, with one in eight adults in the constituencies in central London such as Westminster and Kensington, having made use of non-dom status at some point. This research was featured in the Mapping People and Change exhibition which was on display during this year's LSE Festival, with a map showing the location and nationality of non-doms within London.



In 2015, the former Chancellor George Osborne announced an "end to permanent non-dom status", and in 2017 the tax break was restricted, so that non-doms who had been in the UK for at least 15 years were no longer eligible – in the jargon they became 'deemed domiciled'. In the first of our new papers,<sup>18</sup> we could compare non-doms who had been here a bit longer than 15 years, to those who had not quite reached this threshold, to look for differences in migration behaviour.

The key findings were two-fold. First, that some people do leave, but not nearly as many as we might imagine. In the face of a very large tax increase, which reduced the amount of net income long-staying non-doms could keep by 18%, less than 5% of affected non-doms left. The main response to the reform was for those affected to give up claiming non-dom status and pay tax on the same basis as everyone else (Figure 1).

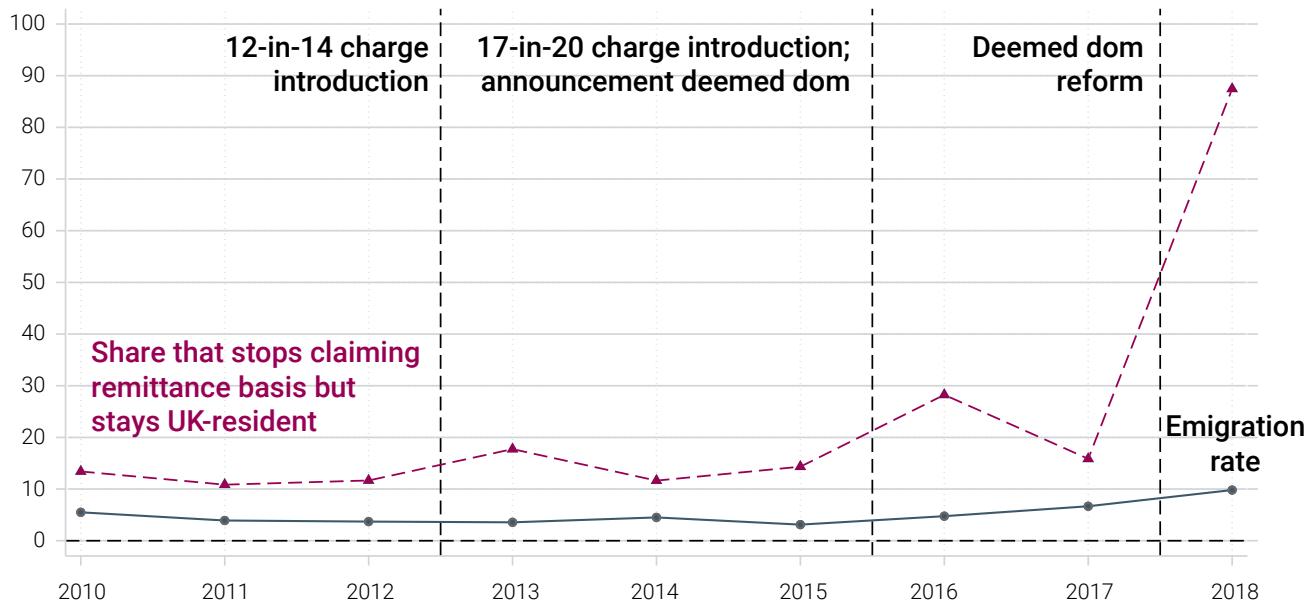
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Figure 1: Share leaving and staying in the UK (%)



Second, those who left were the ones who were paying the least tax already. This is important because one of the concerns about tax leading to migration is that we not only fail to get the new tax revenue, but lose all the tax that emigrants were previously paying. That worry is substantially muted when the tax previously being paid was relatively modest.

In a companion paper, we studied what this means for the reform of the non-dom tax break.<sup>19</sup> The first challenge was to calculate the amount of overseas income non-doms have: not only are they not taxed on this money, they also don't have to report it to HMRC, so there has never been an official number. Using a comparison of non-doms with wealthy doms who are otherwise similar in their demographics, incomes and housing choices, we estimated that non-doms have more than £10 billion in offshore income (including capital gains), and that they would pay £3.2 billion in tax if this were to be taxed in the same way as for other UK residents, even after accounting for migration.

This estimate has been widely quoted in the media and in Parliament. It has also made its way into official Labour Party policy, where the money raised through reforming non-dom status has been earmarked to spend on funding the NHS Workforce Plan. Overall, this work has highlighted how a focused study on a small but strategically very important grouping can raise issues of both academic and policy concern – and it is excellent to see how it has led to concrete policy proposals.

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# GLOBAL INEQUALITIES OBSERVATORY

Led by Professor Stephen Jenkins



## INTRODUCTION

During the last year, the various research projects hosted by The Global Inequalities Observatory (GIO) have made significant progress in advancing the Observatory's core goals. The GIO 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. It aims to have broad 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 has continued to complement – and collaborate with – the research programmes currently in operation at the III.

By engaging with some of the most critical issues facing the world, GIO projects have continued to expand our understanding of global inequality over the last year.

## INDIA OBSERVATORY

The India Observatory develops and enhances research related to India's economy, politics and society. Theme members work in collaboration with international partners for the generation and exchange of knowledge on India and its position in the world, especially with respect to emerging economies.

In the past year, the India Observatory's Ecosystems for Futuristic Entrepreneurship through Collaboration and Technology (EFFECT) project partnered with the UK High Commission in India to participate in the Global Fintech Fest in Mumbai. In addition, the Observatory's visiting scholars for 2022/23 have actively contributed to its research agenda of growth, development and inequality. Projects include the creation of a multidimensional model for assessing social security frameworks and examining the impact of rent-seeking activities on environmental governance in India.

## LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN INEQUALITY REVIEW

The Latin American and Caribbean Inequality Review (LACIR) explores why, despite major structural economic and social change, inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) persists at exceptionally high levels. Understanding the nature, causes and consequences of Latin America's stable high-inequality equilibrium provides a basis for action to make the region more equitable.

The LACIR project has engaged with academics and the public through a wide range of activities over the last year. In September, the first drafts of the Review's 28 chapters were presented and discussed during LACIR's Washington workshop. In November, a group of LACIR authors participated in the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association and Latin America Econometric Society (LACEA-LAMES) annual meeting in Lima, Peru. Most recently, LACIR authors convened in Cartagena, Colombia in March to discuss inequality in the LAC region. The project has also started to release the first chapters of the LACIR review as part of the III working paper series.



## MEASURING MULTIDIMENSIONAL EMPLOYMENT DEPRIVATIONS IN MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

Being employed does not guarantee a basic standard of living or well-being. It is important to measure not just the quantity but also the quality of employment. The objective of this project is to re-examine existing approaches to quality of employment and provide a coherent theoretical framework for it.

This project has put forward a methodology for measuring deprivations in the labour market or 'bad jobs' that is gaining traction and has now been used by the World Bank, which has applied it to 40 developing countries. During the last year, the project has worked with the United Nation's Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) to construct an indicator of multidimensional employment deprivations that brings together all comparable data on employment conditions in the region. It has also expanded this research methodology to other regions of the world, including Tunisia, Jordan and Egypt.

## SOUTHMOD – SIMULATING TAX AND BENEFIT POLICIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Research under the SOUTHMOD project aims to promote the use of microsimulation models to analyse the impact of different tax-benefit policy reforms on household incomes and government revenues in the Global South. The project represents a major international collaboration between LSE, the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), the Southern African Social Policy Research Insights (SASPRI), and researchers from the low- and middle-income countries (LMIC) for which the models have been built.

The IIL became a partner of the SOUTHMOD project in 2022. Since joining the project, Dr Xavier Jara has coordinated 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, together with all other SOUTHMOD models. The IIL will play a key role in organising regular training for local researchers and policymakers in Latin America to expand the network of microsimulation users and foster interaction between academics and government institutions in the region.

## 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 second year, it has done significant work to consolidate its status. In February 2023, the Office organised the Inaugural Comparative Economic Inequality Conference at LSE. The event attracted around 70 participants from Europe and the US, who presented ongoing research using the LIS and the Luxembourg Wealth Study Database (LWS) datasets, alongside other relevant data sources. Looking ahead, the team have put forward several proposals. These include expanding the availability of secure office space, establishing a UK Satellite Office Fellowship programme, and the organisation of a recurring biannual conference.

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# PROJECTS

## India Observatory

The past two decades have seen rapid changes in global economic, environmental and social development, with the post-pandemic world being marked by crises in the form of violent conflict, inflation and climate shocks. This has only renewed the world's focus on inequality, technological change and the transformation of global production processes and the nature of work. The India Observatory/South Asia Growth and Inequality Programme reflects on the opportunities and challenges to date and toward enabling the achievement of the global UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The programme examines questions of growth, inequality, demography, inclusion and sustainability as relevant to South Asia and the world. Home to nearly a quarter of the world's population, the Indian subcontinent presents a rich and vital base for research and evidence-based policymaking, with lessons for global applications. The research programme examines these questions through the themes of sustainability, technological innovation and disruption, fiscal policy, human capital and skills, and urbanisation.

The India Observatory hosts the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and Indian Council of Social Science Research-supported project EFFECT. This project looks at the 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 fintech. This past year, the project team partnered with the UK High Commission in India to participate in the Global Fintech Fest in Mumbai, 2022. Through ongoing surveys of entrepreneurs in India and the UK, the project is building a database of in-depth information about ecosystems that support fintech start-ups in the two countries. The team in India and the UK also organised online and in-person workshops to present research findings and have discussions with stakeholders.

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 subcontinent. It supports their growth and development through active mentoring and exposure



to the rich LSE research environment. 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 2022/23 have actively contributed to our research agenda of growth, development and inequality. This includes a project – 'Multidimensional Model for Social Security Framework Assessment: conceptualisation, construction and comparison' aimed at creating an index to evaluate and compare aspects of social protection including income security, health security, education security, and focused on the impact of rent-seeking activities on the quality of environmental governance in India.

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## The Latin American and Caribbean Inequality Review



The Latin American and Caribbean Inequality Review (LACIR) is a project hosted at the III and sponsored by the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), and Yale University. LACIR is dedicated to understanding why high levels of inequality remain in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and exploring strategies to address this persistent issue.

During the past year, the LACIR project continued to engage with scholars and the public through a series of noteworthy activities. In September, the LACIR authors presented and discussed the first drafts of the Review's 28 chapters during LACIR's Washington workshop. This event fostered substantial learning and valuable feedback for the authors. Alongside this event, Professor Francisco Ferreira participated in IADB's public talk about the role of human capital investments to combat inequality of opportunity. Other members of the LACIR project, including Associate Professor of Political Science at Yale University Ana De La O Torres, the IFS's Senior Research Economist Antonella Bancalari and Research Affiliate at the Centre for Economic Policy Research Felipe Valencia, participated in IADB's public panel where they discussed their work

on various topics related to inequality, including the alleviation of poverty, provision of public goods and adoption of technologies.

In November, a group of LACIR authors participated in the joint LACEA-LAMES annual meeting in Lima, Peru. Key topics included attitudes towards redistribution, inequality of opportunities, and firm size distribution in Latin America. This session involved the participation of Cowles Professor of Economics at Yale University Orazio Attanasio, Lead Economist at the IADB Matias Busso, Professor and Dean of Economics at Universidad de Los Andes in Colombia, Marcela Eslava, and Ferreira.

In March 2023, the LACIR authors convened in Cartagena, Colombia, for a conference that highlighted a keynote presentation by Imran Rasul from University College London and 11 panels focusing on various sub-themes, including outlining inequality trends in the LAC region, the drivers of inequality in its multiple dimensions, and the different roles played by the governments to mitigate the persistent and exceptionally high levels of inequality in the region. Each panel featured external panellists providing comments relevant to the Review chapters and engaged in extensive discussions about key findings and future policy suggestions with authors and the audience.

It is also worth noting that the first chapter of the LACIR review has been published as an IDB working paper, marking a significant milestone for the project. In June 2023 it was published in the III's working paper series under a special LACIR segment. The upcoming summer will witness the release of additional chapters, providing further insight into the ongoing efforts to understand and address the complexities of inequality in the LAC region.

For the latest project updates, please visit our website at <https://lacir.lse.ac.uk>, which is available in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

# PROJECTS CONTINUED



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LACIR authors convening for a conference in Cartagena, Colombia in March 2023

## Measuring Multidimensional Employment Deprivations in Middle Income Countries

**Funding:** British Academy Global Professorship and LSE's Middle East Centre's Programme on Academic Collaboration with Arab Universities.

During the last year, the fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic continues to highlight problems in our labour markets. The pandemic brought a drop in participation rates worldwide, leading to acute labour shortages in some sectors and highlighting that population ageing is affecting our labour markets significantly. In the UK, Brexit has exacerbated these trends.

Labour shortages have aggravated the employment conditions of workers globally, in a context where they are also struggling with a cost-of-living crisis and high inflation. As a result, many countries are experiencing increased industrial action. In the UK, strikes organised by workers in the transport and public sectors (health care and education) are demanding increased wages and better working conditions. The improvement of workloads, casual contracts, job security and pensions have figured high on the list of demands that unions are making. In addition, the combination of poor pay and working conditions is leading to an exodus of qualified workers – from sectors that are already desperately understaffed.

The division between workers with 'good' jobs and those with 'bad' jobs has become another dividing line that contributes to social polarisation and inequality. It has highlighted the importance of job quality, defined as a combination of wages and other working conditions. Until now, policymakers have paid lip service to the idea that job quality is important. Now, the issue has gained traction and requires public action – the research undertaken by this project could not be more topical.

Since 2019, this project has highlighted the extent to which low pay and other unacceptable working conditions compound each other to affect the well-being of individuals, often to the point of despair, which leads to adverse mental and physical health problems. Poor-quality employment generates significant costs in the context of the welfare state and negatively affects productivity and investment in human capital.



However, defining and measuring which jobs can be classed as generating deprivations in the labour market is still a question of debate. This project has put forward a methodology for measuring deprivations in the labour market or 'bad jobs' that is gaining traction. It has been used by the World Bank in 40 developing countries.<sup>20</sup>

Our publications have shown how this methodology can be applied in different contexts. Using the example of Chile, we undertook a study of regional inequalities that illustrated the importance of labour market regulation implemented at central government level to drive a process of regional convergence in the improvement of employment deprivation levels. In the context of migrants, we have shown that different groups experience levels of employment deprivation relative to the local population. We have shown that workers become 'stuck' in poor quality jobs over time, often rotating between inactivity, unemployment and a bad job, without finding a way out of this vicious circle. This situation disproportionately affects female workers. This work was presented to the Chilean minister of labour and a group of local experts in April 2023.

<sup>20</sup> Shoghik Hovhannisanian, Veronica Montalva-Talledo, Tyler Remick, Carlos Rodriguez-Castelan and Kersten Stamm, ['Job quality of wage employment across developing countries'](#). Published on IZA.ORG.

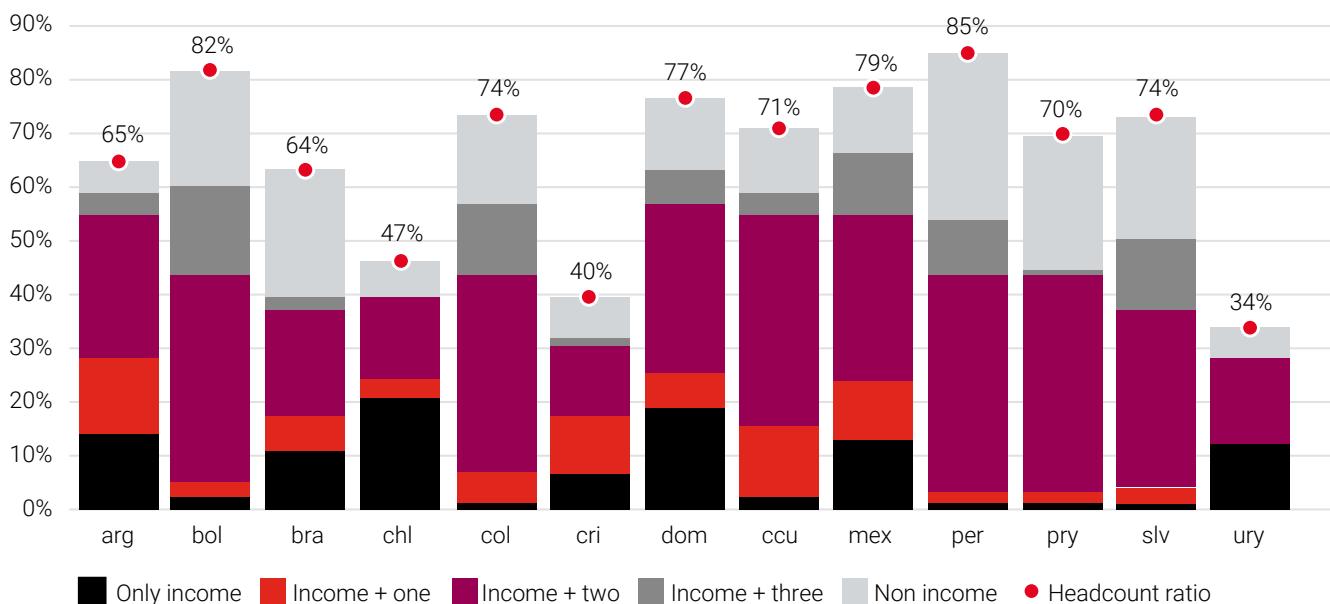
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In the Latin American context, we worked with ECLAC to construct an indicator of multidimensional employment deprivations that brings together all comparable data on employment conditions in the region (earnings, occupational status, social security contributions and hours worked). Figure 1 shows how many workers are deprived in the labour market in each country following the methodology put forward.<sup>21</sup> Results from this study clearly show that the vast majority of workers in Latin America are deprived in income and at least one other variable. Only a small proportion of workers are deprived only in terms of their earnings (black part of the bars in Figure 1). And a significant proportion of workers are deprived in the non-income characteristics of their jobs (light grey part of the bars). This is an important conclusion that policymakers should take into account: the multidimensionality of deprivation in the labour market means that it is not enough to focus only on low-income workers. Policymakers must take into account that poor working conditions, job insecurity and long hours often compound each other.



Professor Kirsten Sehnbruch presenting to the Chilean Minister of Labour and a group of local experts in April 2023

Figure 1: The Multidimensionality of Deprivation.

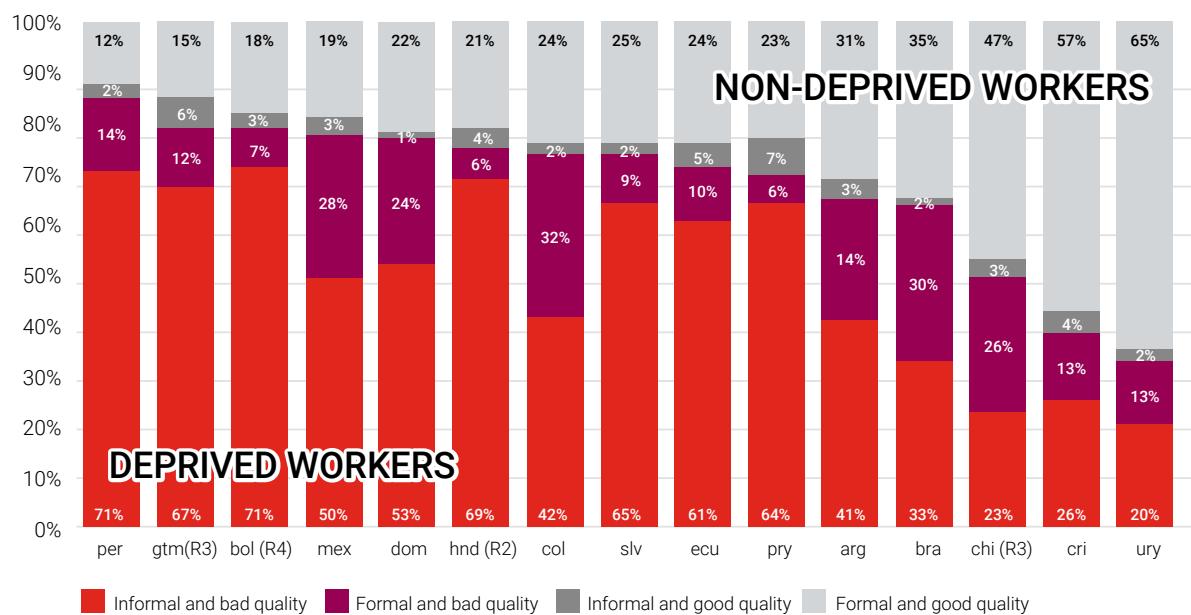


<sup>21</sup> LSE III, 'The quality of employment (QoE) in nine Latin American countries: a multidimensional perspective' Published on LSE.AC.UK.

We cannot look at labour markets in developing countries according to the traditional definitions of formal versus informal jobs. Figure 2 shows that a significant proportion of workers in the formal sector are also deprived. In some of the more developed countries of the LA region, where

the majority of jobs are formal (such as Colombia, Argentina, Brazil and Chile), a significant proportion of these jobs are poor quality. In our forthcoming paper with ECLAC, we will explore the implications of this research for policymakers in the region and other countries.

Figure 2: Informal Sector versus Multidimensional Deprivation.



Source: Authors' own calculations with the BADHOG database (Economic Commission for Latin America). Calculations are based on the most recent available year of data.

We have now also expanded this research methodology to other regions of the world. The conclusions about multidimensional deprivation levels in the formal sector and the importance of regulation in determining these results are replicated in a recent study we have done on Tunisia, Jordan and Egypt. Equally, data from the UAE's labour market presents striking results on the issue of poor-quality employment, which particularly affects migrant workers employed in often appalling conditions. Here, we have worked with the American University in Cairo and the University of Sharjah as well as LSE's Middle East Centre and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Egypt desk to engage with stakeholders in the Middle East and North Africa region.

Meanwhile, data from the UK and Europe also shows that poor employment conditions and low income compound each other. Here we have more comprehensive data, including their levels of task

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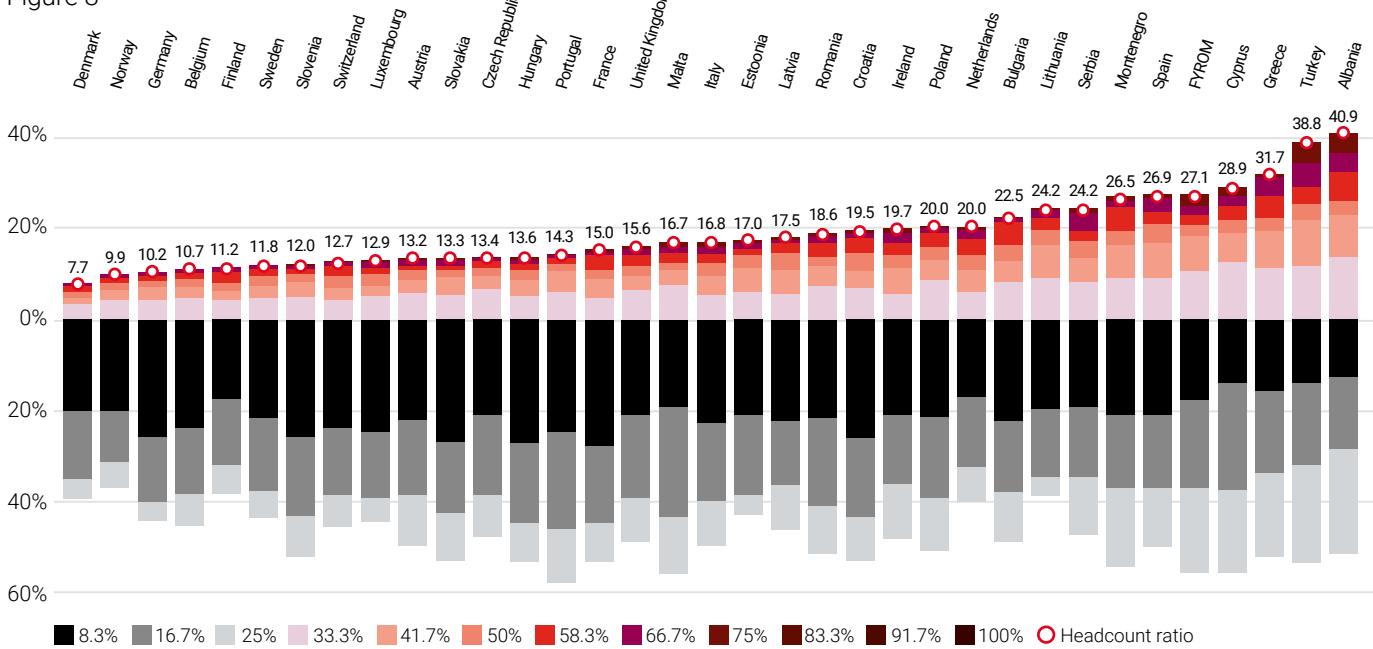


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autonomy, the extent to which they work in unpleasant conditions, whether they are exposed to mental or physical health risks, or the extent to which they have control over their working time. Unfortunately, the data landscape in advanced economies is still underdeveloped. Although we have comprehensive surveys of working conditions, these are undertaken infrequently and are limited in terms of sample sizes. Initial results show one deprivation rarely comes alone. The shadings in the red

bars of Figure 3 indicate that low income (light red portion of the bar) is generally not the most important contributing factor to deprivation. Low-income workers often also suffer from job insecurity and other poor working conditions. These results highlight that the complaints from the many workers on strike across Europe and the UK are indeed justified. Better pay is not their only demand. Long hours, job insecurity and the high intensity of working conditions deserves equal attention.

Figure 3



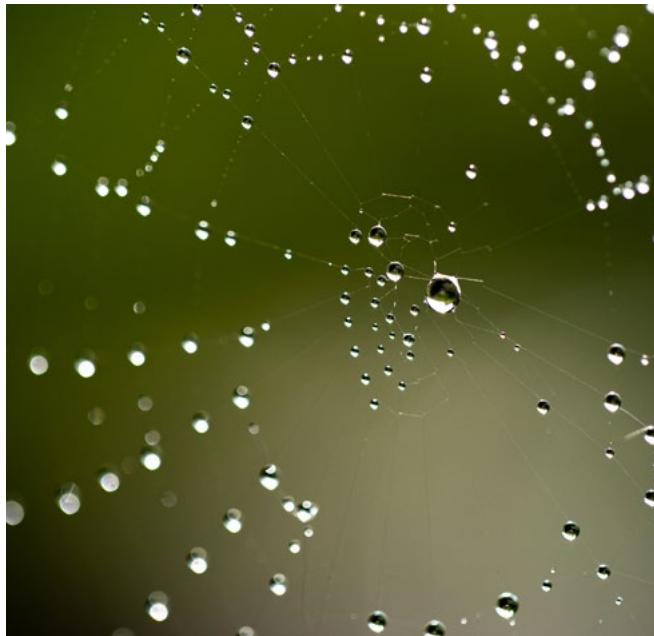
In a context where both workforce ageing and technological change will generate significant frictions in labour markets, policymakers will have to focus on how to improve working conditions overall. This is a prerequisite for sustaining our welfare states, building social protection systems (in developing countries), retaining our existing workforce, encouraging new

workers to participate in the labour market and for generating necessary future investment in human capital and productivity. Nobody invests in employees with casual contracts. Workers on low salaries and with insecure jobs are barely surviving – they cannot think about up-skilling or retraining without significant support from public policymakers.

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## SOUTHMOD – Simulating Tax and Benefit Policies for Development



The SOUTHMOD project was launched in 2016 by the UNU-WIDER to develop and encourage the use of tax-benefit microsimulation models for selected developing countries. The SOUTHMOD project is part of UNU-WIDER's research and capacity development programme on domestic revenue mobilisation, funded by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation. The project hosts models for seven African countries (Ethiopia, Ghana, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia), four Latin American countries (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru) and one country in Southeast Asia (Vietnam).

The III joined the SOUTHMOD project in 2022. Dr Xavier Jara leads this project and 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, together with all other SOUTHMOD models.

The tax-benefit microsimulation 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.

Access and use of tax-benefit microsimulation models remains limited in LMICs, despite the need to assess the effect of taxes and benefits in view of increasing fiscal capacity to build up more sustainable social protection systems. To tackle this challenge, 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 LMICs to encourage the use of microsimulation models for academic research and policy analysis. The III will play a key role in organising regular training for local researchers and policymakers in Latin America to expand the network of microsimulation users and to foster interaction between academics and government institutions in the region.

SOUTHMOD represents a major international collaboration between LSE, UNU-WIDER, the SASPRI, and researchers living in LMICs from institutions such as Universidad Externado de Colombia and Universidad del Pacífico in Peru.

### RESEARCH TEAM:

**Dr H. Xavier Jara**, Research Officer, LSE III.

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# PROJECTS CONTINUED

## UK Luxembourg Income Study Satellite Office

The UK LIS Satellite Office, based at the III, was launched in December 2021. The office is the first European satellite office for the LIS database and was established to broaden the possibilities of interdisciplinary research on economic inequality at the III and beyond. The LIS provides an infrastructure with datasets from geographically and economically diverse countries. The datasets contain various information on household income, assets, and wealth levels as well as a range of information on socioeconomic background, demography and so on. The possibility of analysis with LIS and the LWS database has been shown in various high-impact journal articles from various researchers at the III, LSE, LIS and around the globe. The newly founded satellite office at the III will enable researchers to access LIS and LWS data directly through our secure rooms. The office aims to promote the use of the LIS databases in the UK and elsewhere and serve as the point of liaison between LIS and the community of LIS data users in the UK.

The first year of its existence, the UK LIS Satellite Office was a success. The office was introduced in many seminars around the LSE and access to the secure premises was granted to an increasing number of scholars.

In February 2023, we held the inaugural Comparative Economic Inequality Conference at the LSE,<sup>22</sup> with roughly 70 participants from across Europe and the US, presenting their ongoing work with LIS and LWS, as well as other datasets. Our keynote speaker was the Bank of



Participants at the inaugural Comparative Economic Inequality Conference in February 2023



Italy's Deputy Director General for Economics, Statistics and Research Andrea Brandolini. Over the course of two days participants from economics, sociology, social policy, and political science showcased research on unequal income, and wealth distribution, methods and measurement of inequality, education and social mobility, regional and ethnic inequalities, and various other topics. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and calls for making the conference a permanent event have been made by stakeholders.

For next year, the current UK Satellite team have a number of proposals (Nora Waitkus and Xavier Jara together with Teresa Munzi from LIS). These include a) increasing secure office space availability, b) launching a UK Satellite Office Fellowship programme and c) having a discussion with stakeholders on holding a biannual conference on economic inequality between Luxembourg and the LSE.

The efforts to institutionalise the Office were further enhanced with the election of the LIS UK Satellite Office Coordinator Dr Nora Waitkus into the advisory board of the LIS as the representative of the UK Satellite Office in May 2023.

### RESEARCH TEAM:

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

<sup>22</sup> LSE III, ['Comparative economic inequality conference 2023'](#). Published on EVENTBRITE.CO.UK.

# Atlantic Fellows

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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INTRODUCTION

## Professor Armine Ishkanian

In 2022, we marked the fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity (AFSEE) programme at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Over the course of the academic year, we have spent time reflecting on the road traversed as well as the path ahead. From our rigorous curriculum to our robust governance structures and innovative lifelong offerings, AFSEE is now a well-established programme at the LSE International Inequalities Institute (III). As we further move to consolidate and build on our achievements which aim to create fairer, healthier, and more inclusive societies, as a programme we remain committed to always being reflexive and open to learning and adapting. Here is a summary of key events and highlights for the 2022/23 academic year.



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## OUR GOVERNANCE

In September 2022, Dr Claire Gordon took over from Professor Mike Savage as chair of the AFSEE governing board, and three new members joined the board: Professor Naila Kabeer, Professor Susana Mourato and Dr Phuong Nhan Le. In January 2023, the board met for the first time in person and as this meeting was scheduled a day in advance of the AFSEE Leadership Summit, several board members also participated in that gathering.

In June 2023, we bid farewell to the AFSEE Senior Fellow representative, Saida Ali (Cohort 1) and welcomed Mohammed-Anwar Sadat Adam (Cohort 4) to the board. In addition to the governing board, AFSEE's work is also supported by the members of 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. We would like to thank the outgoing members of the 2022/23 AFSEE Programme Committee for their hard work and service: Crystal Dicks (Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity in South Africa, TEKANO), Dr Paul Segal (King's College London), and Senior Fellows Chris Choong Weng Wai (Cohort 4), Georgia Haddad Nicolau (Cohort 4), Renata Cuk (Cohort 2), and Sebastian Bock (Cohort 1).



## OUR PROGRAMME

AFSEE's curriculum is comprised of four distinct modules that flow, build and inform each other as well as a learning arc that provides a cohesive and integrated learning journey. Through these modules, Fellows are introduced to the latest research and thinking on global inequalities and responses to them that advance systemic change. The sixth cohort of AFSEE Fellows, who started their fellowship experience in September 2022 were the first since the pandemic began in 2020 to meet in person from the start of their fellowship. However, drawing some lessons from the pandemic and in a bid to limit our carbon footprint, AFSEE decided in 2021 that going forward, we would continue to host one of the four modules online.

To support learning and connections between current and Senior Fellows, we host Senior Fellow roundtables in each of the four modules. This year, we were happy to welcome the following Senior Fellows back to AFSEE: Louise Russell-Prywata (Cohort 1); James Muraguri, Anjali Sarker and Maureen Sigauke (Cohort 2); Viviana Osorio Perez, Imogen Richmond-Bishop, Oabona Sepora, and Irene Wakarindi (Cohort 4); and Sergio Chaparro Hernandez, Kruskaya Hidalgo Cordero, Ishrat Jahan and Jenny McEneaney (Cohort 5). In Module 1, we were also very pleased to host a lecture on feminist economics by AFSEE Senior Fellow Masana Mulaudzi (Cohort 1) and during Module 4, we held a session on narratives and social change led by two Senior Fellows, Durkhanai Ayubi (Atlantic Fellows for Social Equity) and Dana Walrath (Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health) from our sister Atlantic Fellows programmes.

In May 2023 AFSEE's application to accredit the non-residential stream was approved by the LSE's Executive MSc committee. The accreditation will



Cohort 6 Fellows at Module 3 in April 2023

take effect in academic year 2024/25 and it will grant Fellows in the non-residential stream a Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Economic Equity (PG Cert SEE) with the value of two transferrable units. This postgraduate certificate will offer non-residential fellows' recognition for the level of work and learning they are doing on the programme. I thank Dr Sara Camacho Felix and Liza Ryan for their hard work on the accreditation process and also congratulate Sara on being awarded the LSE Student Union Teaching Award for Social Justice.

Recruitment for our seventh cohort began in October 2022 and was completed in March 2023. During the recruitment and outreach process, we worked with AFSEE Senior Fellow Ambassadors, who reached out to their regional networks and took part in informational webinars to support our outreach. The AFSEE Ambassadors in 2022/23 were:

- Africa: Fredrick Ouko Alucheli (Cohort 1) and Maureen Sigauke (Cohort 2)
- Asia (including the Pacific region): Ishrat Jahan (Cohort 5)

- Caribbean: Kevin Liverpool (Cohort 5)
- Latin America: Máximo Jaramillo-Molina (Cohort 4) and Mauro Fernández (Cohort 4)
- Middle East/North Africa: Georgia Haddad Nicolau (Cohort 4).

I would like to thank all of the AFSEE Ambassadors for their great efforts which contributed to the record number of applications AFSEE received – 656 in total.

We will continue with the AFSEE Ambassadors programme and have now recruited a new group of ambassadors to support us with outreach for our eighth cohort.





## A LIFELONG FELLOWSHIP

Learning at AFSEE does not end when the active fellowship year ends. As our Senior Fellow community grows year-on-year, we are investing more resources in this area of work, including hiring new members of staff. Anastasia Nazaryan, Project Support Officer, and Grace Farrell-Twiney, Partnerships Manager, will work together with Asmaa Akhtar, Programme Manager for Global Engagement and Impact, to support the development and implementation of lifelong offerings to Senior Fellows.

From 13 to 15 January 2023, AFSEE hosted a three-day gathering of AFSEE Senior Fellows. The Leadership Summit was the first time that the entire community of AFSEE Senior Fellows had gathered in person since the fellowship launched in 2017. Alongside the Fellows, AFSEE staff and members of the AFSEE governing board also attended. The three days consisted of informative and interactive sessions, including Fellow-led fireside chats and skills-sharing sessions. In our commitment to accessibility and to building a caring community, AFSEE provided a creche for accompanying children. Based on the feedback, the summit was well-received and appreciated by the Fellows. A video of the summit highlights is available (see footnote for hyperlink).<sup>23</sup>

The Incubation Labs, which were launched at the Leadership Summit, are an AFSEE pilot initiative that are intended to:

1. Encourage cross-cohort connections between Senior Fellows around shared areas of interest and work to nurture a stronger AFSEE community.
2. Foster and support impactful and innovative cross-cohort collaborative projects that are designed, led and implemented by AFSEE Senior Fellows.



AFSEE Senior Fellows and members of the AFSEE governing board at the Leadership Summit in January 2023

The AFSEE programme hopes that by supporting cross-cohort connections and collaborations via the Incubation Lab initiative, Senior Fellows will have greater opportunities to practise collective leadership, develop cross-cohort networks and further their thinking and expertise through peer-to-peer learning and exchanges.

## LOOKING AHEAD

We live in a world of great adversity and trying circumstances, 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.

<sup>23</sup> Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity, ['Highlights: AFSEE leadership summit 2023'](#). Published on YOUTUBE.COM.

# WHO WE ARE

**The AFSEE programme, based at the LSE, 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' own 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 2017, over a period of 20 years, the AFSEE programme will support more than 400 Fellows from both the Global South and Global North. Their active fellowship year centres on four key learning modules, designed to support their growth and development as leaders of social change. Residential Fellows

undertake an MSc in Inequalities and Social Science at LSE and participate in AFSEE modules, while non-residential Fellows remain in their home and professional environments, and travel to attend the modules while carrying out project work. Fellows are supported throughout the year by mentors and by the programme team.

AFSEE is one of seven Atlantic Fellows programmes, which together create a global community to advance fairer, healthier, and more inclusive societies. After finishing their active fellowship year, all 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 of Fellows. Based in Oxford at Rhodes Trust, the Atlantic Institute amplifies the impact of the Atlantic Fellows network and helps promote 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*

# 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 research that is meaningful 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 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).

## REFLECTIVE SPACES TO UNIFY THEORY AND PRACTICE

This year, the AFSEE programme focused on creating spaces for reflective practice within the in-person modules. As bell hooks writes, "when we create a world where there is union between theory and practice we can freely engage with ideas." It is in trying to create this union that the AFSEE focus on reflective spaces fits. With that in mind, the AFSEE programme added three new reflective spaces – one in each in-person module.

The reflective sessions allow Fellows to 1) digest all the new learning and knowledge they have encountered, and 2) use a different form of knowledge creation – in this case art – to express their learning in a way that centres their embodied experiences and their professional practices. By reflecting through drawing, Fellows begin to see themselves in the story of inequalities and the ways of challenging them. It means that the research is not separate from their own experiences, but rather, the academic research speaks to, with, and against the self. Fellows also walk around, look at each other's drawings and take inspiration from others' reflective works. They share their thinking behind each other's pieces, allowing new collective stories of challenging inequalities to emerge.

In the first module, the reflective session focused on each Fellow imagining what their learning journeys might look like during the

active fellowship year. It brought together expectations, anxieties, and hopes to see how the Fellowship for the cohort might look like. In the third module, the reflective activity focused on Fellows drawing themselves, as they see themselves, and linking it to their thoughts on different sessions. This allowed Fellows to ensure that they could see themselves throughout the modules' content while also validating their different internal monologues. In the final module, Fellows drew their collective learning journeys on a single 10-metre-long paper. Central to this challenge was a need to demonstrate different experiences while sharing a common path.

The feedback on these sessions was very positive, and we will continue this practice with future cohorts.

## MODULE FOUR: MIGRATION, DISPLACEMENT AND INEQUALITIES

The thematic module for this academic year focused on 'Migration, Displacement, and Inequalities'. With the heightening climate disaster, continual wars, and the rise of xenophobic border regimes, those that face migration and displacement (and the inequalities associated with them) are only set to increase. Even within the AFSEE programme, issues around delayed visas, the 'hostile environment' policy of the UK Home Office, and the constant need for 'right to work' checks caused issues bringing both Fellows and guest speakers into the programme.

Invited speakers for this module included: Professor Susanne Wessendorf, who provided a global view of transnational migration and related issues of inequalities, including racism; Professor Hyun Bang Shin, who spoke on inequalities around



displacement and urbanisation; Dr Romola Sanyal, who spoke on the agency those that are displaced exercise and how they contribute to the politics of the cities they move to; and Atlantic Fellows Dr Dana Walrath and Durkanai Ayubi who led a session on counter-narratives and remembering displacement.

### MULTIPLE WAYS OF KNOWING

Key to the AFSEE programme is embedding the many ways of knowing that move beyond traditional social science disciplinary boundaries. Two programme events highlighted this focus.

On 18 October 2022, Professor Hazel Carby, Centennial Professor at the IIL, presented a thought-provoking intervention on what it means to do archival research and the violence of the sanitised accounting records that she used to document her own family's bondage into slavery in the Caribbean. This opened the space for discussions on doing and writing research differently – that is tied to the personal and that does not attempt to hide this violence.

On 19 April 2023, multidisciplinary artist and critical educator, Poetcurious hosted for the third time an event called TongueLash. Poets and musicians Simeon Hammond Dallas, Sam Berkson, and Zena Edwards performed pieces inspired by the work of the AFSEE Fellows. After each performance, Poetcurious facilitated discussions around how the art inspired the Fellows and drew attention to new ways of understanding the work they do. Finally, Poetcurious led Fellows through some creative writing time, and Fellows performed their own poetry, further inspiring artistic and creative ways of challenging inequalities.



*Simeon Hammond Dallas performing at the TongueLash event in April 2023*

### INEQUALITIES GLOSSARY

In January 2023, AFSEE launched its Inequalities Glossary. This project, led by Dr Sara Camacho Felix and co-produced with Research Assistants Noémie Bourguignon and Sira Thiam, aims to demystify disciplinary terms that are used to conceptualise different forms of inequalities. It defines terms from anthropology, economics, political science and sociology in plain English and offers links to further resources. By creating the glossary, which is freely available on the AFSEE website<sup>24</sup>, practitioners and academics can look up and learn about concepts from other fields. The glossary makes these ideas accessible to those that aren't academics or from specific disciplines.

Currently, there are 30 entries listed in the glossary. However, the glossary is meant to be a 'living' document. We invite AFSEE Fellows, members of the IIL community, and others to suggest additional entries to create a more comprehensive understanding of the different measures, concepts and theories around social and economic inequalities, and ways to challenge them.

<sup>24</sup> AFSEE, ['Inequalities glossary'](#), Published on AFSEE.ATLANTICFELLOWS.LSE.AC.UK.

# 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. One of our strategic objectives is to create lifelong engagement opportunities and offerings to amplify the impact of the fellowship over time, so allowing Fellows to continue to shape, grow, and scale up their social change work.

This year, AFSEE provided Senior Fellows with access to continued learning and personal and professional development. In October 2022, the AFSEE programme team worked with Frameworks UK to host a webinar for AFSEE Senior Fellows titled 'An Introduction to Framing Narratives'. After the webinar, Senior Fellows also had the opportunity to have a 1:1 appointment with Frameworks UK to discuss narrative change in their individual context.

Through the LSE-run Professional Development Fund, AFSEE

Participation Fund, and AFSEE Connectivity Fund, AFSEE also continues to support Senior Fellows who want to enhance their skills, access continuous learning, and build their networks. These programme-level opportunities for lifelong community engagement are deliberately designed to complement the Atlantic Institute's offering to all Atlantic Senior Fellows.

## AFSEE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT AND INCUBATION LABS

The key highlight of this academic year was the AFSEE Leadership Summit, which took place in January 2023. This was an inaugural in-person gathering for the AFSEE community drawn from AFSEE Senior Fellows, the AFSEE programme team, and members of the AFSEE governing board. Approximately 100 people were in attendance for the three-day event. The Summit was co-created with AFSEE Fellows, and the content focused on community building and knowledge sharing. The Leadership

Summit was opened by Armine Ishkhanian, AFSEE Executive Director, and also featured words of welcome from Baroness Minouche Shafik, LSE Director, as well as Chris Oechsli, the President and CEO of Atlantic Philanthropies.

Highlights of the Summit included a plenary discussion of successes and failures in social and economic equities, featuring three AFSEE governing board members, Professor Naila Kabeer, Nicolette Naylor, and Dr Maria-Luisa Mendez in discussion with AFSEE Senior Fellows Kripa Basnyat (Cohort 2), Caroline Kioko (Cohort 5), and Máximo Jaramillo-Molina (Cohort 4). The Summit programme also included AFSEE fireside chats, parallel discussions led by AFSEE Senior Fellows for their peers on topics such as 'What is the world we want to see'; 'How can we talk to people across political and ideological divides'; and the 'Impact of the rise of right-wing authoritarian politics'. AFSEE Senior Fellows also led a series of peer-to-peer skills-sharing sessions which focused on narratives, voice, and participation as well as self-care and managing social change without burning out.

The Leadership Summit also saw the launch of the AFSEE Incubation Labs, a pilot initiative encompassing two stages, designed to foster collaborative projects among and across AFSEE Senior Fellows. Thirteen Incubation Labs were set up in the first stage, in which 41 Senior Fellows from across all five cohorts were involved, and with over 27 Senior Fellows participating in more than one Incubation Lab. Since January, the AFSEE programme team has hosted two online conversations directly related to the Incubation Labs. In March, Dr Aygen Kurt-Dickson, Policy Fellow, LSE III chaired a webinar for AFSEE Senior



Group photo of AFSEE Senior Fellows at the Leadership Summit in January 2023



Fellows exploring how to build successful international collaborations, and in early July, Dr George Kunnath, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, LSE III, chaired a webinar reflecting on Stage 1 of the Incubation Labs as well as encouraging thinking forward to Stage 2 and its two pathways of either developing a network or developing a funding proposal for an external philanthropic organisation.

#### STRENGTHENING TIES WITH LSE AND ATLANTIC FELLOWS COMMUNITIES

The AFSEE programme collaborated with AFSEE Senior Fellow Kitti Baracsi (Cohort 4) to showcase her research at the LSE Festival 2023 that took place from 12-17 June 2023. During the Festival week, Kitti's work on children's views on urban transformation was displayed at LSE as part of the Mapping People and Change exhibition. As part of the collaboration, Kitti also led a half-day Urban Transformation workshop for a group of year 7 students from a North London school. The aim of the workshop was to get the students to think about urban transformation; who can use the space and how; what kind of difficulties they see; and what would they change.

In July 2023, the fifth cohort of AFSEE Senior Fellows met in person at the Atlantic Institute's Senior Fellows convening in Oxford, UK. 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 and its thematic convenings.



Students presenting their work at the Urban Transformation – workshop in June 2023



The AFSEE programme is a lifelong fellowship, which means that being an AFSEE Fellow does not end when the active fellowship year ends.”

# IMPACT AND REACH

## DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS



387,934

WEBSITE  
VIEWS

AFSEE concluded a major website redevelopment project with the launch of the new AFSEE website in March 2023. The new website has a refreshed look and feel, a more user-friendly navigation, and brand-new features that highlight the AFSEE community. During the 2022/23 academic year, AFSEE website had 387,934 views, which shows an 11% increase in visits compared to last year.



3,396

NEWSLETTER  
SUBSCRIBERS

AFSEE sends out regular newsletters to its prospective applicants' mailing list, providing further information about the AFSEE programme and application process for the fellowship. AFSEE has seen an additional 802 subscribers to its mailing list, which means that the overall subscriber amount has increased by 31% in a year. The list currently has an average open rate of 53.6% and a 10.3% click rate (compared to the industry average of 23% and 2.9% respectively).



8,150

SOCIAL MEDIA  
FOLLOWERS

AFSEE continues to build its reputation and increase its reach across a range of social media platforms including X, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram. AFSEE's X channel, which was reactivated at the beginning of 2022, has seen the most growth, with followers increasing by 88% in the last year (from 660 to 1,242). Facebook continues to be AFSEE's biggest social-media platform with 3,246 followers, closely followed by LinkedIn with 2,859 followers.

## IMPACT AND REACH

In the past year, AFSEE Fellows' work has been featured in a number of blogs, news outlets, podcasts and events across the globe. They have spoken at seven AFSEE events, published 10 blog posts on the AFSEE blog and been featured in publications such as *Bloomberg UK*, *Animal Politico*, *Washington Post*, *The Star Kenya*, *Premium Times*, and *The Independent*.

In partnership with the LSE Philanthropy and Global Engagement team, AFSEE Fellows have also been spotlighted in three LSE Shaping the World campaign features entitled: "How can we align our work with purpose to shape a sustainable world?"<sup>25</sup>, "How can we build inclusive and transformative movements for social change?"<sup>26</sup> and "In conversation with Atlantic Fellows and LGBTQ+ advocates Joan Jones and Oabona Sepora."<sup>27</sup>



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PODCAST EPISODES  
FELLOWS PRODUCED/  
FEATURED IN



25

EVENTS WHERE  
FELLOWS PRESENTED  
OR GAVE A TALK



62

BLOGS, REPORTS,  
AND ARTICLES  
FELLOWS WROTE

25 LSE, 'How can we align our work with purpose to shape a sustainable world?', Published on SHAPINGTHEWORLD.LSE.AC.UK.

26 LSE, 'How can we build inclusive and transformative movements for social change?', Published on SHAPINGTHEWORLD.LSE.AC.UK.

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## AWARDS/Achievements:



**Jane Sloane** (Cohort 1) was awarded the University of Sydney's 2022 Alumni Award for Service to Humanity for her decades of work in advancing women's and girls' rights globally.



**Makmid Kamara** (Cohort 5) was selected for the Obama Foundation's 2023 Africa Leaders programme.



**Ishrat Jahan** (Cohort 5) was awarded as an Achiever in the field of Policy and Society by the National Indian Students and Alumni Union in collaboration with the British Council, the UK Department of International Trade, Chevening and others.



**Christopher Choong Weng Wai** (Cohort 4) won the BISA Colonial, Postcolonial and Decolonial Working Group's Early-Career Researcher Paper Prize with his paper 'Racial/Gender Capitalism in Malaysia: contested scripts, muted repertoires.'



**Fola Adeleke** (Cohort 1) was appointed to the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission.

## AFSEE FELLOWS:



**100**  
FELLOWS



**43**  
COUNTRIES



**6**  
COHORTS

## APPLICATIONS:



**443**  
APPLICATIONS

**2021/22**  
RECRUITMENT



**656**  
APPLICATIONS

**2022/23**  
RECRUITMENT



**APPLICATIONS  
RECEIVED FROM  
104 COUNTRIES.**



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

# EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

## PUBLIC LECTURES

### **Democratic Backsliding, Resistance and Hope: the 2022 presidential election and prospects for democracy in Brazil**

Co-hosted with the LSE Latin America and Caribbean Centre.

Wednesday 28 September 2022. Online public event.

**Speakers:** Professor Rosana Pinheiro-Machado, Professor, School of Geography, University College Dublin; Dr Fred Batista, Associate Professor, University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Amanda Segnini, AFSEE Senior Fellow.

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

The presidential election in Brazil was the most decisive vote-casting in the country since re-democratisation in 1985. Drawing together a panel of experts the event created a dialogue on the challenges faced by one of the world's largest democracies.

### **Landscapes of Environmental Racism**

Thursday 20 October 2022. Online and in-person public event

**Speaker:** Professor Hazel V Carby, Centennial Professor, LSE III.

**Discussant:** Ruby Hembrom, AFSEE Senior Fellow.

**Chair:** Dr Imaobong Umoren, Associate Professor, Department of International History, LSE.

In this event, Hazel Carby and Ruby Hembrom discussed and showcased the work of indigenous artists who are responding to environmental and ecological crises and degradation.

### **AFSEE Keynote Lecture – Doughnut Economics: a new economic vision for cities**

Thursday 10 November 2022. Online public event.

**Speaker:** Kate Raworth, Co-founder of the Doughnut Economics Action Lab.

**Discussant:** Maria Carrasco, AFSEE Senior Fellow.

**Chair:** Professor Armine Ishkanian, Executive Director of the AFSEE Programme, Politics of Inequality Programme Co-Leader, LSE III, and Professor in the Department of Social Policy, LSE.

In the AFSEE Keynote Lecture, Economist Kate Raworth and AFSEE Fellow Maria Carrasco discussed how we can create equal and just cities without overburdening the environment.



Ruby Hembrom speaking at LSE in October 2022



Dr Faiza Shaheen speaking at LSE in June 2023

## Can People Change the World? Activists, Social Movements, and Utopian Futures

Part of LSE Festival: People and Change

Saturday 17 June 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speakers:** Dr Faiza Shaheen, Visiting Professor in Practice, LSE III; Georgia Haddad Nicolau, AFSEE Senior Fellow.

**Chair:** Professor Armine Ishkanian, Executive Director of the AFSEE Programme, Politics of Inequality Programme Co-Leader, LSE III, and Professor in the Department of Social Policy, LSE.

Looking beyond just forms of resistance, the speakers discussed the role of activists and social movements in today's world and examined their agency in imagining utopian futures and creating change.

## SPONSORED EVENTS

### LSE Africa Summit 2023

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. Gathering renowned scholars, leading politicians, changemakers, activists and forward-thinking entrepreneurs, the Summit provides a unique platform for sharing ideas and nurturing relationships, translating thought into meaningful action. The 2023 Summit featured AFSEE Fellows **Naledi Maite** (Cohort 6) and **Jite Phido** (Cohort 5).

### Kurdish Studies Conference

The LSE Middle East Centre held its inaugural Kurdish Studies Conference in April 2023 to mark the fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Centre. The conference covered social sciences disciplinary approaches to any aspect of Kurdish studies and sought to promote, share and celebrate recent research across this growing field and encourage connections between scholars, students, professionals and members of the public.

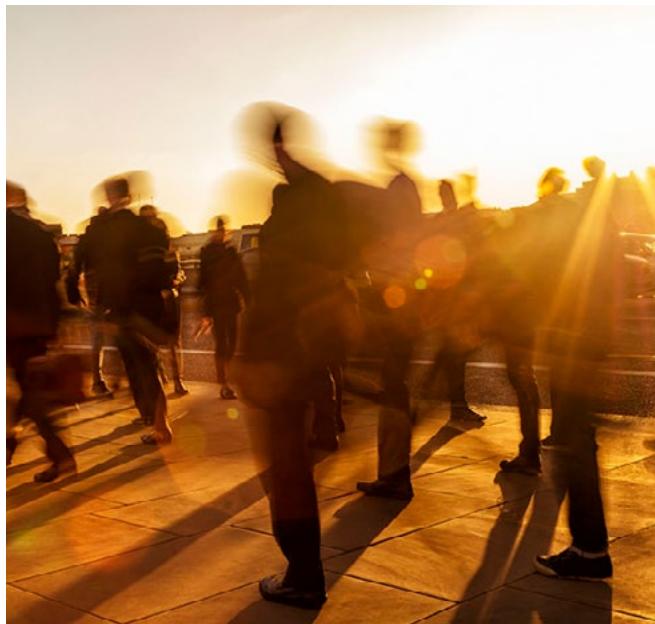
### Building Bridges: connecting stories and championing racial justice

The Building Bridges conference, organised by LSE III and the Runnymede Trust, was designed to bring together people working toward racial justice, to share their work and consider ways to support each other in championing racial justice. It particularly focused on three issues: wealth inequality and the racialised impact of the cost-of-living crisis; hostile environment and migrants' rights; and policing and criminal justice.



# RESEARCH AND PROJECTS

## Covid-19 Rapid Response Fund



The COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund was launched in May 2020 to fund research with the potential to respond quickly to the global impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and its connections to global inequalities. It funded four projects:

1. Rapid Responses for South African Labour Law in the Post-Corona Labour Market
2. Women's Solidarity Networks Take on Covid-19: the Case of Valparaíso, Chile
3. Designing a Net Wealth Tax: 'Thinking big' on Tax Policy after Coronavirus
4. Emergent Agency in a Time of Covid-19.

To mark the conclusion of the projects, short films highlighting the learnings and impact of the projects were produced and shared in 2023.<sup>28</sup>

## The Academic-Practitioner Collaborations



The Academic-Practitioner Collaborations (AcPrac) project was launched in December 2021. The project has two aims: 1) to develop a better understanding of AcPrac collaborations and how these are shaped by knowledge inequalities and 2) to use this knowledge 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.

As part of the project, a short guide<sup>29</sup> was written by AFSEE Senior Fellow Barbara van Paassen (Cohort 4) and III Visiting Fellow Dr Tahnee Ooms and translated into French, Spanish and Portuguese. AFSEE Senior Fellows were also commissioned to write 14 case studies and reflection pieces, which will be published in the next academic year. These contributions shed light on the diverse range of collaborative initiatives undertaken by academics and practitioners in tackling inequalities.

<sup>28</sup> YouTube @afseeLSE, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6C\\_P5vB5YQ&list=PL-IBzBiYOkgvhJzhcKN2STJH0hIDgiYw0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6C_P5vB5YQ&list=PL-IBzBiYOkgvhJzhcKN2STJH0hIDgiYw0), Published on YOUTUBE.COM.

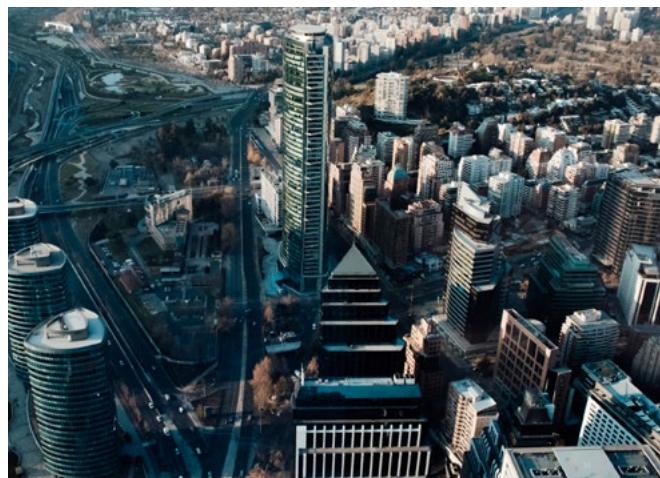
<sup>29</sup> Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity, 'Academic practitioner collaborations to address inequalities'. Published on AFSEE.LSE.AC.UK.

A sub-project led by Dr Aygen Kurt-Dickson with assistance from Ishita Puri on funding policy and funders in AcPracs was also launched at the beginning of 2023. The project will contribute to a better understanding of the perspectives of institutional funding bodies that drive AcPracs in inequalities and social change and will potentially help us identify strategic connections with selected funders for the whole of AFSEE community.

#### PROJECT TEAM:

**Professor Armine Ishkanian**, Executive Director of the AFSEE Programme, LSE III, Professor in the Department of Social Policy; **Barbara van Paassen**, AFSEE Senior Fellow; Dr Tahnee Ooms, Visiting Fellow, LSE III; **Dr Branwen Spector**, Lecturer in Social Anthropology, University College London; **Dr Aygen Kurt-Dickson**, Policy Fellow (Funding and KE Strategy), LSE III; and **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 will examine female elites as 'insiders and outsiders' in both the political and economic fields 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.

#### PROJECT TEAM:

**Dr Isabel Castillo**, Assistant Professor, Universidad de Chile; **Dr Katharina Hecht**, Visiting Fellow, LSE III; **Dr Catherine Reyes-Housholder**, Assistant Professor, Pontificia Universidad Católica in Chile; **Dr Chana Teeger**, Assistant Professor, Department of Methodology, LSE; **Dr Rachel Theodore**, Assistant Professor, Mayor University in Chile; **Dr Elisabeth Schimpfössl**, Visiting Senior Fellow, LSE III and Senior Lecturer in Sociology, Aston University.



# RESEARCH AND PROJECTS CON'D

## Atlantic Equity Challenge

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.

### Demanding a Just Recovery from Below: the role of grassroots accountability activism in safeguarding labour migrants' rights in the pandemic era



This project seeks to examine the opportunities and limitations for grassroots accountability activism to assert the potential for a just recovery for labour migrants in post-Covid-19 Nepal. Initial findings from the project have been disseminated in various academic forums such as at the Development Studies Association conference and the UK Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction conference. Data analysis is currently underway, and the findings will be disseminated through various academic and non-academic outlets.

#### RESEARCH TEAM:

**Dr Flora Cornish**, Associate Professor in Research Methodology, Department of Methodology, LSE; **Dr Nimesh Dhungana**, Visiting Fellow, LSE III and Lecturer in Disasters and Global Health, University of Manchester; **Kripa Basnyat**, AFSEE Senior Fellow; **Narayan Adhikari**, Director and Co-founder Accountability Lab Nepal.

### Ethnographic Solutions to Inequalities in South Asian Advicescapes



Using an ethnographic approach this project aims to understand changing access and provision of entrepreneurship advice for those setting up or running small businesses in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Following fieldwork in both countries and ongoing work with our partners BRAC and the Centre for a Smart Future, work has now shifted to the production of workshop-based toolkits, with a successful workshop with advice providers and users held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in June 2023 and one in Dhaka, Bangladesh, in August 2023. Toolkit materials, including practitioner-derived lessons and good practice advice guidelines, are now being produced for the project website and adapted for in-country use.<sup>30</sup>

#### RESEARCH TEAM:

**Professor David Lewis**, Professor of Anthropology and Development, Department of International Development, LSE; **Dr Rebecca Bowers**, LSE Fellow, Department of Anthropology; **Dr Luke Heslop**, Visiting Fellow, Department of Anthropology, LSE and Lecturer in Anthropology and Global Changes, Brunel University London; **Dr Sohini Kar**, Associate Professor, LSE Department of International Development; **Anjali Sarker**, AFSEE Senior Fellow.

30 Atlantic Equity Challenge, 'Ethnographic solutions to inequalities in South Asian advice ecosystems'. Published on AEQ-ADVICE.COM.

## Peace and Gender (In)equality: lessons from the Colombian Peace Agreement of 2016



Collaborating with the Observatory for Women's Equality at the Higher Education Institution of Cali, Colombia, this project examines the implementation of the gender commitments of the Peace Agreement of 2016 from the perspectives of female ex-combatants of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, Indigenous and Afro-Colombian women, and LGBTQ+ community. The initial findings have been shared at various research forums including the LSE Research Showcase,<sup>31</sup> LSE LIFE – World Café, and the XIII Congress of the Latin American Research Council for Peace in Chile. The project findings will be presented in two conferences at ICESI University and LSE in August 2023, and a documentary, policy brief and several publications are forthcoming.

### RESEARCH TEAM:

**Dr George Kunnath**, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, LSE III; **Hobeth Martinez Carrillo**, AFSEE Senior Fellow; **Dr Dilia Consuelo Fuertes Chaparro**, Agency for Reincorporation and Normalization, Colombia; **Alejandra Erazo Gómez**, Territorial Management Office of the Truth Commission, Colombia; **Dr Erika Márquez-Montaño**, Assistant Professor, ICESI University, Cali.

## Social Media and the Crisis of Urban Inequality: transnational analysis of humanitarian responses across the Middle East, South Asia and Africa



Collaborating with Oxfam-Uganda, Action Aid-India and Triangle-Lebanon, this project investigates how social media is used to navigate the terrain between humanitarianism and inequality in the Global South and how it plays a key role in alleviating and exacerbating inequalities. The project has produced multiple blog posts highlighting findings from each team, and more blog posts and publications are forthcoming.

### RESEARCH TEAM:

**Dr Romola Sanyal**, Associate Professor of Urban Geography, Department of Geography and Environment, LSE; **Ida Lien**, Partner and Head of Analysis, Urban-A; **Synne Bergby**, General Manager, Urban-A; **Joseph Mary Kasumba**, Oxfam; **Winnie Munduru**, Oxfam; **Anders Ese**, Urban Research and Analysis Specialist, Urban-A; **Mahima Basnet**, Intern, Urban-A; **Sami Halabi**, Director of Policy, Triangle; **Nizar Ghanem**, Director of Research, Triangle; **Shaya Laughlin**, Senior Research Analyst, Triangle; **Koustav Majumdar**, Research Lead, Action Aid; **Malini Nambiar**, Senior Manager, Partnerships, Action Aid; **Prem Ranjan**, Programme Manager, Action Aid; **Saurabh Kumar**, Programme Manager, Action Aid; **Divya Kumari**, Research Assistant, Action Aid.

<sup>31</sup> LSE, 'Peace and gender inequality: lessons from the Colombian Peace Agreement | LSE Research Showcase 2022'. Published on YOUTUBE.COM.

# PARTNERS

## OUR NODE PARTNERS



### Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance, University of Cape Town

The mission of the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance, based at the University of Cape Town, is to promote and inspire strategic public leadership in Africa. The Mandela School is a key partner of the AFSEE programme, assisting with the outreach and recruitment of Fellows and hosting key events.



### 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 titled, 'Conflicted Identities for Social Justice? Exploring Female Economic and Political Elites in Chile and the UK'.<sup>32</sup>



### openDemocracy

OpenDemocracy is an independent international media platform producing high-quality journalism which challenges power, inspires change, and builds leadership among groups underrepresented in the media. As a content partner for AFSEE, openDemocracy publishes and promotes pieces produced by our Fellows. This academic year, it has published the following pieces:

- Why we need feminist leadership for climate justice (Barbara van Paassen, Cohort 4)<sup>33</sup>
- Fighting for their rights: Brazil at a crossroads (Johnny Miller, Cohort 1)<sup>34</sup>
- How Brazil's mothers helped Lula win the election (Georgia Haddad Nicolau, Cohort 4)<sup>35</sup>
- Elected politicians have failed in Peru – here's what must come next (Rafael Barrio de Mendoza Zevallos, Cohort 5)<sup>36</sup>

32 Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity, 'Conflicted identities for social justice exploring female economic and political elites in Chile and the UK'. Published on AFSEE.LSE.AC.UK.

33 Open Democracy, 'Why we need feminist leadership for climate justice'. Published on OPENDEMOCRACY.NET.

34 Open Democracy, 'Fighting for their rights: Brazil at a crossroads'. Published on OPENDEMOCRACY.NET.

35 Open Democracy, 'How Brazil's mothers helped Lula win the election'. Published on OPENDEMOCRACY.NET.

36 Open Democracy, 'Elected politicians have failed in Peru – here's what must come next'. Published on OPENDEMOCRACY.NET.

# OUR FELLOWS



## 2017/18

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

**Fola Adeleke** (South Africa/Canada)  
Data Privacy Lawyer

**Frederick 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/US)  
Senior Director on Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality, The Asia Foundation

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

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

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

**Louise Russell-Prywata** (UK)  
Director of Policy and Advocacy, Open Ownership

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

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

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

**Rania Tarazi** (Jordan)  
Gender Team Lead, United Nations Development Programme

**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 (T and E)

**Tracy Jooste** (South Africa)  
Head of Special Programmes, International Budget Partnership South Africa

## 2018/19

**Allison Corkery** (Australia/South Africa)  
Director of Strategy and Learning, Center for Economic and Social Rights

**Anita Peña Saavedra** (Chile)  
Head of International Affairs at the Ministry of Women and Gender Equality, Government of Chile

**Anjali Sarker** (Bangladesh/UK)  
Programme Director, The Oxford Character Project

**Craig Tinashe Dube** (Zimbabwe/Netherlands)  
Training Coordinator, No Means No Worldwide

**Elimane Haby Kane** (Senegal)  
Founder and Chairman, LEGS-Africa

**Gabriella Razzano** (South Africa)  
Executive Director, OpenUp

**James Muraguri** (Kenya)  
Founder and CEO, Institute of Public Finance Kenya

**Kripa Basnyat** (Nepal)  
National Project Coordinator, International Labour Organisation

**Lauren Burke** (US)  
Organizing Institute Assistant Director, AFL-CIO

**Maureen Sigauke** (Zimbabwe)  
Community Organiser and Activist

**Milanoi Koiyiet** (Kenya)  
Co-founder, Center for Women's Rights Advocacy

**Milena Abrahamyan** (Armenia)  
Feminist Justice and Peace Activist

**Nicola Browne** (UK/Northern Ireland)  
Founder, Act Now

**Pedro Telles** (Brazil)  
Co-founder and Director, Quid

**Renata Ćuk** (Croatia/UK)  
Independent Consultant and Philanthropy Advisor

**Roseline Orwa** (Kenya)  
Founder and CEO, Rona Foundation

**Tanya Charles** (Zimbabwe/UK)  
Program and Impact Lead on Fellow Engagement, Atlantic Institute

**Taylor Downs** (US/UK)  
Founder and CEO, OpenFn



## OUR FELLOWS CON'D



## 2019/20

**Alon-Lee Green** (Israel)  
National Co-Director, Standing Together

**Amanda Young** (Australia)  
Executive Director, Pollination

**Asha Kowtal** (India)  
Feminist Organiser and Activist

**Crystal Simeoni** (Kenya)  
Director, NAWI: Afrifem  
Macroeconomics Collective

**Della Duncan** (US)  
Renegade Economist

**Esther Mwema** (Zambia)  
Artist and Digital Inequalities Expert

**Foluke Adetola Ojelabi**  
(Nigeria/US)  
Advocacy Officer, UNICEF

**Hobeth Martínez Carrillo**  
(Colombia/UK)  
PhD Candidate, LSE  
Department of Sociology

**Joan Jones** (US)  
Executive Director, Service Employees International Union – Washington State Council

**Leanne Sajor** (Philippines/US)  
Labour Rights and Gender Justice Advocate

**Liz Nelson** (UK)  
Director of Tax Justice and Human Rights, Tax Justice Network

**Madhumitha Ardhanari**  
(Singapore)  
Principal Sustainability Strategist, Forum for the Future

**Michaela Rafferty** (Ireland)  
Youth Engagement and Campaigns Organiser, Just for Kids Law

**Sophea Chrek** (Cambodia)  
Coordinator, Social Action for Community and Development

## 2020/21

**Andrea Encalada García**  
(Chile)  
Regional Development Undersecretary's Advisor, Government of Chile

**Barbara van Paassen**  
(Netherlands)  
Feminist Economics and Climate Justice Advocate

**Christopher Choong Weng Wai** (Malaysia/UK)  
PhD Candidate, University of Warwick

**Claire Godfrey** (UK)  
Public Policy Specialist and Campaign Strategist

**Danilo Ćurčić** (Serbia)  
Programme coordinator, A 11 – Initiative for Economic and Social Rights

**Georgia Haddad Nicolau**  
(Brazil)  
Co-founder and Director, Instituto Procomum

**Imogen Richmond-Bishop**  
(UK)  
Advisor on ESCR and Tech, Amnesty International

**Irene Wakarindi** (Kenya/UK)  
Program Officer on Resettlement and Integration, International Organization for Migration

**Kitti Baracsi** (Hungary/Portugal)  
Critical Educator and Curator of Community and Cultural Initiatives

**Maria Carrasco** (Chile)  
Co-founder and Executive Director, Entramada

**Máximo Ernesto Jaramillo-Molina** (Mexico)  
Co-founder, Institute of Studies on Inequality

**Mauro Fernández** (Argentina)  
Founder and President, Sociedad y Naturaleza

**Mirilove Tay Acquah-Hagan**  
(Ghana)  
Women and Youth Prosperity Advocate

**Mohammed-Anwar Sadat Adam** (Ghana)  
Programmes and Policy Influencing Lead, Oxfam in Ghana

**Oabona Sepora** (Botswana)  
Lecturer in Public Health, Institute of Development Management

**Tyehimba Salandy** (Trinidad and Tobago)  
Sociologist, University of the West Indies

**Viviana Osorio Perez**  
(Colombia)  
Economic and Social Rights Consultant





## 2021/22

**Aisha Abdulaziz** (Kenya/UK)  
Energy Access Specialist

**Amanda Segnini** (Brazil)  
Climate Justice Activist and  
Campaigner

**Caroline Kioko** (Kenya)  
Gender Equity and Social  
Inclusion Manager, Porticus  
Global

**Clare MacGillivray**  
(Scotland)  
Director, Making Rights Real

**Daniel Salazar Murillo**  
(Costa Rica/UK)  
Data Insight Analyst, Atlantic  
Institute

**Ishrat Jahan** (India)  
South Asia Lead, 1t.org, World  
Economic Forum

**Jenny McEneaney** (Northern  
Ireland)  
Senior Improvement Policy  
Adviser on Cyber, Digital, and  
Technology, Local Government  
Association

**Jite Phido** (Nigeria/UK)  
Senior Program Manager,  
Innovation, Results for  
Development

**Kevin Liverpool** (Trinidad  
and Tobago)  
Gender Equality Advocate

**Kruskaya Hidalgo Cordero**  
(Ecuador/Mexico)

Co-founder, Observatorio  
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## AFSEE GOVERNING BOARD

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## AFSEE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

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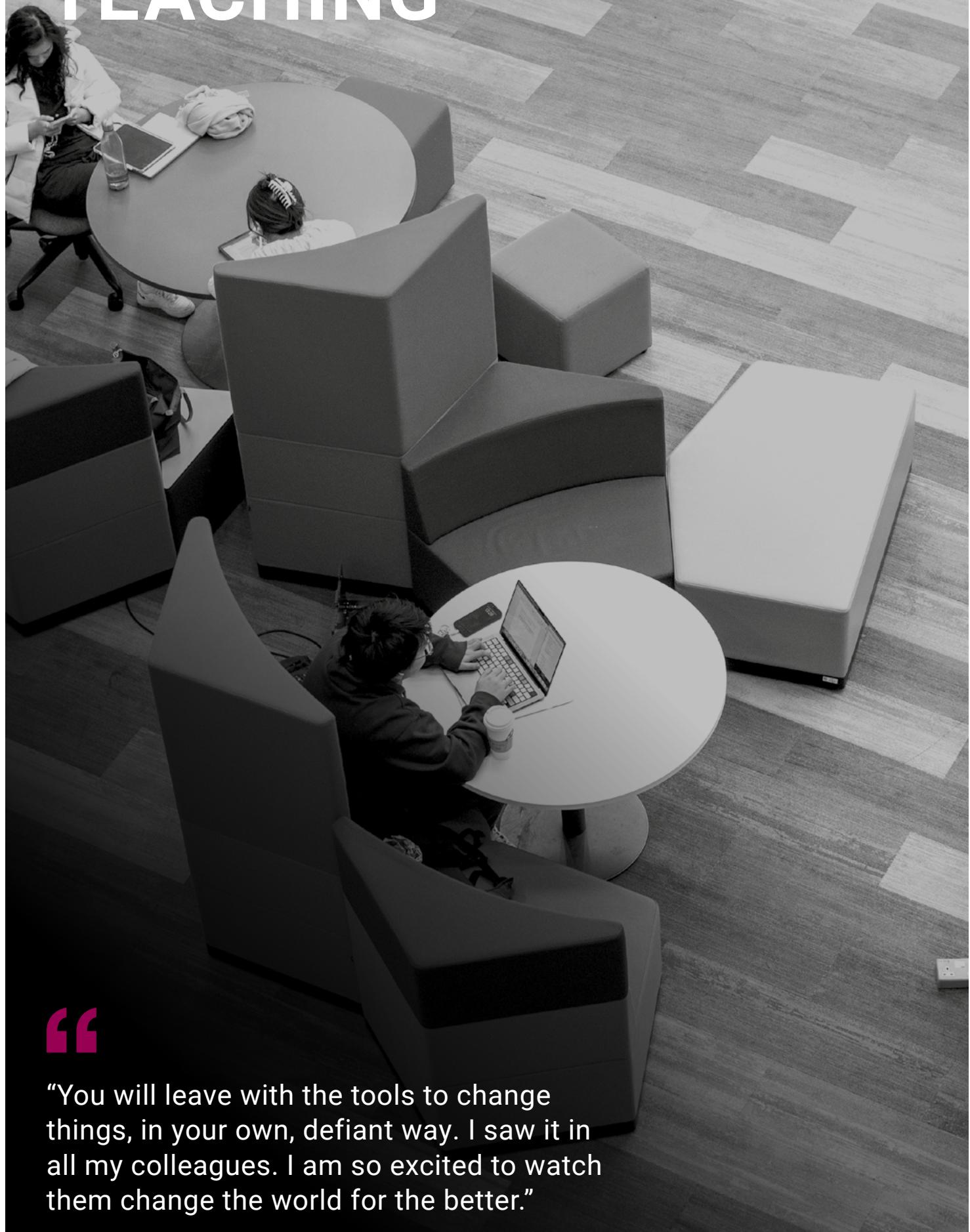
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# ASSOCIATED TEACHING



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“You will leave with the tools to change things, in your own, defiant way. I saw it in all my colleagues. I am so excited to watch them change the world for the better.”

# DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

The Leverhulme Trust awarded 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 IIS through the doctoral programme, an interdisciplinary series of taught seminars and discussions led by Professor Francisco Ferreira and Dr Xavier Jara with a small group of other 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 their social, cultural and political dimensions at the global level.

## DOCTORAL PROGRAMME PARTICIPANTS 2022/23



**Jakob Dirksen** is an Analysing and Challenging Inequalities Scholar based at the Department of Social Policy. His research focuses on the measurement of welfare, poverty, and inequality. Among his key research interests are the development and use of conceptually and normatively sound metrics for evidence-based policymaking. Jakob is also Research and Policy Officer with the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative<sup>37</sup> within the Department of

International Development<sup>38</sup> at the University of Oxford, Lecturer at Leuphana University of Lüneburg<sup>39</sup>, and Seminar Leader at the Blavatnik School of Government.<sup>40</sup> He studied Liberal Arts and Sciences (BA)<sup>41</sup>, Political Philosophy (MA)<sup>42</sup>, and Public Policy and Human Development (MSc and MPP) with Social Protection specialisation in Germany, Spain and at the United Nations University.<sup>43</sup>

Previously, Jakob held research and teaching positions with the Blavatnik School of Government<sup>44</sup> at the University of Oxford and worked for the German Federal Foreign Office.

He regularly works with governments, UN agencies, and other partners around the world on the development and use of prosperity and poverty indices as yardstick indicators and policy tools. Among his most recent publications are reports for and with the World Health Organization<sup>45</sup> and the United Nations Development Programme<sup>46</sup> calls for action<sup>47</sup> and policy briefs<sup>48</sup> for the G7,<sup>49</sup> as well as academic articles and book chapters on multidimensional poverty, health equity,<sup>50</sup> child poverty<sup>51</sup> and metrics of welfare and development.

37 Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, ['Our purpose'](#). Published on OPHI.ORG.UK.

38 Oxford Department of International Development, University of Oxford, ['Transformative thinking. Global change'](#). Published on QEH.OX.AC.UK.

39 'Leuphana University of Lüneburg'. Published on LEUPHANA.DE.

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42 University Pompeu Fabra, ['Màster Universitari en Filosofia Politica'](#). Published on UPF.EDU.

43 United Nations University, ['Knowledge to transform the world'](#). Published on UNU.EDU.

44 Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, ['A world better led, better served and better governed'](#). Published on BSG.OX.AC.UK.

45 World Health Organization, ['Using multidimensional poverty and vulnerability indices to inform equitable policies and interventions in health emergencies'](#). Published on WHO.INT.

46 Human Development Reports, ['2021 global multidimensional poverty index'](#). Published on HDR.UNDP.ORG.

47 Think7 Engagement Group, ['New conception of prosperity and measures of progress needed'](#). Published on THINK7.ORG.

48 The New Institute, ['The G7 has a unique opportunity to recouple and realign social, economic, and environmental dimensions of prosperity'](#). Published on THENEWINSTITUTE.

49 Think7 Engagement Group, ['Towards economic and social prosperity measurement beyond GDP'](#). Published on THINK7.ORG.

50 International Journal for Equity in Health, ['Exploring the potential for a new measure of socioeconomic deprivation status to monitor health inequality'](#). Published on EQUITYHEALTHJ.BIOMEDCENTRAL.COM.

51 Multidimensional Child Poverty and Sustainability, ['Children and multidimensional poverty: four measurement strategies'](#). Published on MDPI.COM.

# MSc IN INEQUALITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

## ➤ CONTINUED DOCTORAL PROGRAMME PARTICIPANTS 2022/23



**Hobeth Martínez Carrillo** is a PhD student based in the Sociology department and an AFSEE Senior Fellow (Cohort 3).

He works under the co-supervision of Professor Mike Savage<sup>52</sup> and Dr George Kunnath,<sup>53</sup> researching on rural elites and their role in the reproduction of socioeconomic inequalities. Hobeth is interested in the study of social class, elites, land issues, human rights, conflict/peace and transitional justice.

He holds a law degree from the Universidad Nacional de Colombia<sup>54</sup> an MA in Socio-legal studies from the Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law,<sup>55</sup> affiliated to the University of the Basque Country, and an MSc in Inequalities and Social Science from LSE.<sup>56</sup> He currently researches under the Atlantic Equity Grant funded project 'Peace and Gender (In)equality: Lessons from the Colombian Peace Agreement of 2016', linked to the Politics of Inequality<sup>57</sup> research programme at the III.

We are delighted to co-host with the 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 eighth cohort in September 2022 including the residential Fellows of the AFSEE programme.



## 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 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 onto conducting research in the area of inequalities
- information about the programme and how to apply is on the LSE III website at [lse.ac.uk/International-Inequalities/Teaching](http://lse.ac.uk/International-Inequalities/Teaching)<sup>58</sup>

52 LSE, 'Professor Mike Savage'. Published on LSE.AC.UK.

53 LSE, 'Dr George Kunnath'. Published on LSE.AC.UK.

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# GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

We expect graduates of the MSc in Inequalities and Social Science to enter a wide range of fields addressing inequalities. Some of our recent graduates' destinations are listed below:



## Rob Anderson

Rob Anderson is Head of Implementation and Policy at the Centre for Homelessness Impact, leading the Centre's work to support those working to end homelessness across the UK using evidence and data to accelerate their impact. Since leaving LSE, Rob has worked in social policy roles across the UK government, most recently HM Treasury where he led national spending policy on housing and homelessness during the Covid-19 pandemic.



## Kosisochukwu Nnebe

Kosisochukwu Nnebe is a senior policy analyst within the Canadian federal government, as well as a visual artist and curator. Within government, she has led on social equity-related files in areas ranging from indigenous food security to social finance and philanthropy in support of Black Canadian communities. Most recently, she led the development of the Government of Canada's approach to implementing the principles of the United Nations Decade for People of African Descent. Within her artistic and curatorial practice, Kosisochukwu is focused on continuing to engage with theories around decoloniality and epistemic justice, with a focus on anti-colonial solidarities between Black and Indigenous communities.



## Hannah Rich

Hannah was in the first cohort of III students back in 2015, supervised by the much-missed John Hills. Since graduating, she has worked in the charity and think-tank sector. She is currently a senior researcher at Theos think tank, researching faith groups, social action and economic insecurity. She has published numerous Theos reports including 'Beyond Left and Right: finding consensus on economic inequality' (2021)<sup>59</sup> and 'A Torn Safety Net' (2022).<sup>60</sup> She is also the director of Christians on the Left, a faith-based affiliate organisation of the Labour Party and an elected member of Labour's National Policy Forum.



## Gaby Harris

Gaby completed her MSc at LSE in Inequalities and Social Sciences in 2016, and her PhD at LSE in Sociology in 2023. Her thesis explored what studying fashion reveals about girls' social worlds, how they understand their place within them and how they navigate different social relationships through their wardrobe and consumption practices. She is particularly concerned with how relationships of power and inequality manifest in material relationships and consumption practices. Gaby is now a Lecturer in Fashion Cultures at Manchester Metropolitan University in the Fashion Institute. Gaby remains connected to the III as a Visiting Fellow.

<sup>59</sup> Theos, 'Beyond left and right finding consensus on economic inequality'. Published on THEOSTHINKTANK.CO.UK.

<sup>60</sup> Theos, 'A torn safety net: how the cost of living crisis threatens its own last line of defence'. Published on THEOSTHINKTANK.CO.UK.

# EVENTS, PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS



# COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

## PUBLIC EVENTS

The IIL hosted a rich schedule of 16 public events this year, with 1,456 in-person and 4,468 online attendees. BSL interpreters and captioning are included to ensure greater accessibility for our audience.

Our public events are recorded and shared with those who are not able to attend. This year we saw a total of 194,617 podcast downloads and 21,873 views on video recordings.



## SEMINARS

The IIL hosts the Inequalities Seminar Series that is open to the public. This year, we hosted 22 seminars in the hybrid Inequalities Seminar Series attracting 500 in-person and 387 online attendees over the year. This year's series hosted a range of speakers from all over the world, including Australia, Chile, Denmark, France, India, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain, UK and US.



# PRESS



## Abolishing the non-dom regime

Non-domiciled residents in the UK ('non-doms') receive at least £10.9 billion in offshore income and capital gains each year, which they are not required to report to HMRC or pay tax on in the UK. 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. These findings come from members of the Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice research programme, Dr Andy Summers, David Burgherr and Dr Arun Advani.

This story was covered by a number of media outlets, including *The Guardian*,<sup>61</sup> *The New Statesman*,<sup>62</sup> *Financial Times*,<sup>63</sup> *Bloomberg*<sup>64</sup> and *The Independent*.<sup>65</sup>



## Trickle-down economics

As the new mini budget in September 2022 revealed further tax cuts for corporations and the rich, the logic of 'trickle-down economics' is again being used to justify policy. Research by IRI Visiting Fellow David Hope published in the IRI working paper series shows that the impact of tax cuts on growth across wealthy countries is "statistically indistinguishable from zero". This research was quoted in *The Guardian*,<sup>66</sup> *The Investor's Chronicle*<sup>67</sup> and *The Times*.<sup>68</sup>



## Golden passports

Research by Faculty Associate Dr Kristin Surak examines the acquisition of second passports among the wealthiest.

According to Surak, "Very wealthy people, they're very, very risk-averse... They have a lot of money, and they'll do a lot to keep it safe – a second citizenship, a third citizenship, a Plan B, a Plan C." Kristen's research has been featured in *The Huffington Post*,<sup>69</sup> *Vox*<sup>70</sup> and *Business Insider*.<sup>71</sup>



## Birthplace economic conditions, political attitudes and economic outcomes

Research by members of the Cities, Jobs and Economic Change Programme, Professor Neil Lee, Dr Davide Luca and Dr

Andrew McNeil shows that the economic circumstances of where and when we were born shapes far more than our economic outcomes, moulding everything from our cultural outlooks to voting patterns. For example, it has been shown that growing up in a high-economic adversity area makes individuals more likely to believe in more government intervention in jobs, less progressive on gender issues, and less likely to support the Conservative Party. This new research was reported in *The Observer*.<sup>72</sup>



## Wealth Tax Commission call for one-off wealth tax

The Wealth Tax Commission,<sup>73</sup> a project hosted by the IRI and led by Dr Andy Summers, Dr Arun Advani and Dr Emma Chamberlain, researched the case for introducing a new 'wealth tax' for the UK and how the administration of this tax would work in practice. The project continues to attract press attention and has been featured in *The Guardian*.<sup>74 75</sup>

61 The Guardian, 'Super rich UK non-doms avoiding £32bn in tax each year, report finds'. Published on THEGUARDIAN.COM.

62 The New Statesman, 'Taxing non-doms fairly would raise billions'. Published on NEWSTATESMAN.COM.

63 The Financial Times, 'Scrapping 'non-dom' tax perk would net £3.6bn a year for UK, says study'. Published on FT.COM.

64 Bloomberg, 'Hunt under pressure as case for abolishing non-dom status builds'. Published on BLOOMBERG.COM.

65 The Independent, 'Abolishing non-dom tax status 'would raise more than £3.2bn each year'. Published on INDEPENDENT.CO.UK.

66 The Guardian, 'Forget trickle-down what the UK needs is middle out economics'. Published on THEGUARDIAN.COM.

67 Investors' Chronicle, 'Tax cuts for top earners won't deliver bang for your buck'. Published on INVESTORSCHRONICLE.CO.UK.

68 The Times, 'Prove you can afford 7% mortgage, borrowers to be told'. Published on THETIMES.CO.UK

69 Huff Post, 'The American elite are planning their escape – and it starts with paying for passports'. Published on HUFFINGTONPOST.CO.UK.

70 Vox, 'The ultimate score for rich people? "golden" passports'. Published on VOX.COM.

71 Business Insider, 'COVID showed the rich that they can't just go wherever they want, so now millionaires are rushing to get 2nd passports: report'. Published on BUSINESSINSIDER.COM.

72 The Guardian, 'It's a struggle to leave behind the wealth or poverty of our birthplace'. Published on THEGUARDIAN.COM.

73 Wealth Tax Commission, 'Should the UK have a wealth tax?'. Published on UKWEALTH.TAX.

74 The Guardian, 'The Guardian view on wealth taxes: UK needs one on millionaires and billionaires'. Published on THEGUARDIAN.COM.

75 The Guardian, 'Sunak cares nothing for the 99% – and after his pensions hike for the rich, they know it'. Published on THEGUARDIAN.COM.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Our social media platforms remain an important channel to update our audiences on III activities. We continue to steadily grow our audiences across our channels, including Facebook with 4,360 followers, LinkedIn with 3,447 followers and X with 27,735 followers.



4,360

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS



3,447

LINKEDIN FOLLOWERS



27,735

X FOLLOWERS

## WEBSITE

The III website is a key platform for communicating our projects, research and teaching offerings. This year we saw 87,163 page views on the website, with the most popular pages being the homepage, AFSEE landing page and our staff listing.



87,163

WEBSITE PAGE VIEWS

## NEWSLETTER

The III 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 2,551 subscribers and a 34.57% open rate (compared to the industry average of 23%).

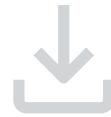


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NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

## WORKING PAPERS

The III working paper series provides III researchers and affiliates with a platform to publish their new research. This year, the series published 16 papers with 3,351 total downloads.



### Most downloaded papers

Lacey, Nicola (2022) *Criminal Justice and Social (In)Justice*.<sup>76</sup>

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Ranaldi, Marco and Palagi, Elisa (2022) *Heterogeneity in Macroeconomics: the compositional inequality perspective*.<sup>77</sup>

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Larcinese, Valentino and Parmigiani, Alberto (2023) *Income Inequality and Campaign Contributions: evidence from the Reagan tax cut*.<sup>78</sup>

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76 LSE III, 'Criminal justice and social (in)justice'. Published on LSE.AC.UK.

77 LSE III, 'Heterogeneity in macroeconomics: the compositional inequality perspective'. Published on LSE.AC.UK.

78 LSE III, 'Income inequality and campaign contributions: evidence from the Reagan tax cut'. Published on LSE.AC.UK.

# KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE AND IMPACT

The International Inequalities Institute's research programmes, core researchers, faculty affiliates 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 III's knowledge exchange and impact activities.

## 'Non-doms' Research



While most UK residents pay tax on their worldwide income, independently of the source, 'non-doms'—whose permanent home is outside the UK— are not taxed on income from wealth they hold abroad. Using a comparison of non-doms with wealthy domiciled individuals who are otherwise similar in their demographics, incomes and housing choices, III researchers from the Wealth, Elites and Justice programme estimated that non-doms have more than £10 billion in offshore income (including capital gains). If they were to be taxed in the same way as other UK residents, it is estimated that they would pay £3.2 billion in tax, even after accounting for migration. This estimate has been widely quoted in the media and in Parliament.

This important work has contributed to the Deaton Review of Inequalities,<sup>79</sup> and has been the focus of lively public events, including with politicians such as Shadow Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero Ed Miliband and Liam Byrne Labour MP for Birmingham Hodge Hill. It has also made its way into official Labour Party policy, where the money raised through reforming non-dom status has been earmarked to spend on funding the NHS Workforce Plan.

## Activism, Policy and Transformation Writing Retreat



*Participants at the Activism, Policy and Transformation Writing Retreat in April 2023*

A two-day writing retreat was organised by the Activism, Policy and Transformation research project, which is part of the III's Politics of Inequality research programme. Members, including Professor Armine Ishkanian and researchers from Chile, Armenia, South Africa and Lebanon, met face-to-face for the first time to map the outline of a co-authored article and to agree on other research dissemination and publication activities in the near future.

This collaborative work was based on research conducted in 2022 by various members of the project. Participants included Mariam Khalatyan and Nvard Margaryan, from the Socioscope research non-governmental organisation (NGO) in Yerevan, Armenia, and Zeinab Srour, a journalist who works with the Arab Forum for Alternatives NGO in Beirut, Lebanon. LSE Global Academic Engagement's global research fund, support from the III, and the Eden Centre's team were instrumental in facilitating this successful workshop.

79 Institute for Fiscal Studies, 'The Review'. Published on IFS.ORG.UK.

## Building Bridges Event



*Speakers at the closing plenary session of Building Bridges in June 2023*

On Saturday 1 July 2023, the III collaborated with the Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity, Runnymede Trust and the LSE Department of Sociology to host Building Bridges: connecting stories and championing racial justice,<sup>80</sup> a dynamic and inspiring day of knowledge exchange and collective action. Representatives from grassroots organisations, academic institutions, and international NGOs hosted a variety of panel discussions and workshop-style sessions focused on three core themes: (1) The social and economic cost of racial injustice; (2) Hostile environments and migrants' rights in the time of 'stopping small boats'; (3) Reimaging policing and 'criminal' justice.

Contributors included: Race & Health organisation, Young Foundation, Human Rights Watch, Debt Justice, Nanny Solidarity Network, Voice of Domestic Workers, Just Fair, University of Leeds, Liberty, Netpol, No More Exclusions, Mentivity, and more. The day was a resounding success, leaving us with budding collaborations, renewed vigour, and practical strategies to fight racial inequalities in the UK and beyond.

## Local Economic Development Policy



Following the turbulent period in UK politics and economic policy in September and October 2022, the III's Cities, Jobs and Economic Change research programme realised there was a greater opportunity to influence the debate on economic development policy. This started with the production of a briefing note on Investment Zones, which was a core part of Liz Truss's growth agenda. III academics then presented their recommendations as an LSE public blog post<sup>81</sup> which focused on providing evidence on what works, and how Investment Zones should be reformed. This led to significant interest from the Civil Service and in December 2022 a seminar was held with senior civil servants from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLHC) to discuss the Investment Zone agenda. Alongside this, a seminar series is being developed and will be hosted at the Department for Business and Trade; these will bring key LSE academics together with senior civil servants and other stakeholders to discuss areas of policy development. The team has also engaged with policymakers within the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, with a project member travelling to Manchester to meet about devolution policy in the UK.

<sup>80</sup> LSE/The Runnymede Trust, 'Building Bridges' Published on RUNNEMEDETRUST.ORG.

<sup>81</sup> LSE, 'Investments Zones can drive innovation if we learn from past mistakes'. Published on LSE.AC.UK.



## Comparing Spatial Inequalities over Time and across Advanced Economies



This Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)-funded project examines trends in geographic income inequality across five high-income countries – Canada, France, Germany, the UK and the US – since the 1970s. The project team has been developing a method for analysing geographic income inequality in a way that can be compared between countries, defining comparable geographic areas, having consistent measures of income and adjusting incomes for the varied local cost of living. The project's second objective is to assess the importance of geographic inequalities in driving national income inequalities across our five study countries. Third, it analyses the common trends and differences between and within countries, and investigates the causes of these trends. The team will use this project as the foundation of a global database that provides information about inequalities between places. This will hopefully act as a point of information for researchers to study the causes of geographic income inequality, and for governments to understand how their country compares to others.

So far, the team members have presented the project and its findings to the DLHC, and the Regional and Urban Policy arm of the European Commission (DG Regio). The team will be conducting another meeting with DG Regio in September 2023.

## Devolution and Regional Economic Development Policy



The largest part of the policy impact work for the Cities, Jobs and Economic Change research programme has consisted of collaborating with Lisa Nandy MP and Shadow Secretary of State for the DLHC, and her team to assist in the development of the Labour Party's response to levelling up and devolution in the UK. The team now works closely with one of Nandy's top special advisors; this has allowed the team to tailor its work specifically to the questions Nandy and her team have. The programme researchers have written 10 short, focused and evidenced briefing notes on a range of topics. The key with these was the quick turn-around we were able to provide, but also maintaining a rigorous evidence base. One of these briefing notes was focused on the importance of including places in any economic development strategies the Labour Party develops. Nandy then used this briefing to ensure that Labour's first mission – for the UK to be the highest growth country in the G7 – included reference to the distribution of this growth between places and people.

Alongside these short briefings, the programme's researchers were asked to flesh out in more detail policy agendas for two areas of Nandy's remit: regional economic growth and devolution. They based these on LSE research, the wider academic and public policy research base and discussions with over 30 experts. These papers were used to structure two workshops, which IRII researchers collaborated with the University College London's Policy Lab to organise. The papers will be published in early September 2023 by Labour Together, which seeks to develop policies that are underpinned by consensus.

## GRANTS

**The 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 £1.8 million awarded for projects starting in 2022/23. Previously awarded grants contributed funding of £578k towards the Institute's activities during 2022/23.**

Brunori, Paolo and Waitkus, Nora (Opportunity, Mobility and the Intergenerational Transmission of Inequality); **Sustainability Performances, Evidence and Scenarios**, European Commission; Horizon Europe Cluster 2; Feb 2023 – Jan 2026.

Grover, Shalini (Global Economies of Care); **Forgotten Histories of Racialised Colonial Networks of Domestic Workers in South India: impacts on contemporary labour markets**, LSE; Research and Impact Support Fund; May 2023 – May 2024.

Ishkanian, Armine (Politics of Inequality); **Activism, Policy, and Transformation project writing retreat**, LSE; Global Research Fund; April 2023 – April 2023.

Jara, Xavier (Global Inequalities Observatory); **SOUTHMOD**; United Nations University – World Institute for Development Economics Research; Contracted Research; July 2022 – December 2023.

Kunnath, George (Politics of Inequality); **Collaborative Engagement for Durable Peace in Colombia**; LSE; KEI Fund 2022/23; June 2023 – September 2024.

Lee, Neil (Cities, Jobs and Economic Change); **Inequality and the Politics of the Low Carbon Transition: evidence from high speed 2**; LSE; STICERD<sup>82</sup> Small Research Grant; August 2022 – July 2023.

Lee, Neil (Cities, Jobs and Economic Change); **Influencing Policy Development with LSE Research**; LSE; KEI Fund 2022/23; January 2023 – September 2023.

Oppel, Annalena (Politics of Inequality); **Meritocracy and Racism: a perspective from the Global South**; Leverhulme Trust; Early Career Fellowship; May 2023 – May 2026.

Savage, Mike (Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice); **Visiting Professorship – Dr Paul Lagneau-Ymonet**; Leverhulme Trust; Visiting Professorship; September 2022 – July 2023.

Savage, Mike (Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice); **Social Mobility from the Middle to the Top**; ESPRC UKRI GNCA; Research Project Grant; November 2022 – March 2023.

Savage, Mike (Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice); **Perceptions of the UK Racial Wealth Gap**; LSE; Research and Impact Support; July 2022 – March 2023.

Soskice, David (Cities, Jobs and Economic Change); **PostDoc Visiting Fellowship: Dr Licia Bobzien (Hertie)**; CIVICA<sup>83</sup> Research Horizon 2020 Project via Hertie School of Governance in Berlin; Post-doctoral Mobility Scheme; August 2022 – November 2022.

Summers, Andrew (Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice); **Taxing the Super-Rich**; ESRC; Research Grant; November 2022 – December 2026.

Summers, Andrew (Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice); **'Capital Flight' from a Wealth Tax**; Founders Pledge Ltd; Donation – Research Project Grant; September 2022 – December 2023.

<sup>82</sup> STICERD stands for Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines.

<sup>83</sup> 'The European University of Social Sciences'. Published on CIVICA.EU.

# LSE FESTIVAL EVENTS

## What Would a Fairer Society Look Like?

Saturday 17 June 2023. Online and in-person public event. Marshall Building.

**Speakers:** Daniel Chandler, Economist and Philosopher, LSE; Dr Ayça Çubukçu, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, LSE; Swatee Deepak, Practitioner in Residence, Marshall Institute, LSE; Lord David Willetts, President of the Resolution Foundation.

**Chair:** Professor Neil Lee, Professor of Economic Geography, Department of Geography and Environment, LSE, and Cities, Jobs and Economic Change Research Programme Leader, LSE III.



Professor Hazel Carby speaking at LSE in October 2022

## This is Not America: why black lives in Britain matter

Saturday 17 June 2023. Online and in-person public event. Marshall Building.

**Speakers:** Tomiwa Owolade, Writer and Critic.

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



Dr Sibylle Gollac, Professor Céline Bessière and Dr Sarah Trotter speaking at LSE in September 2022

## Can People Change the World? Activists, social movements, and utopian futures

Saturday 17 June 2023. Online and in-person public event. Marshall Building.

**Speakers:** Dr Faiza Shaheen, Visiting Professor in Practice, LSE III and Program Lead on Inequality and Exclusion, NYU Center on International Cooperation; Georgia Haddad Nicolau, AFSEE Fellow and Co-founder and Director of Instituto Procomum.

**Chair:** Professor Armine Ishkanian, Professor of Social Policy, Department of Social Policy, LSE, Politics of Inequality Research Programme Co-Leader and Executive Director AFSEE programme, LSE III.

# PUBLIC EVENTS

## The Gender of Capital: how families perpetuate wealth inequality

Thursday 29 September 2022. Online and in-person public event.

**Speakers:** Professor Céline Bessière, Professor of Sociology, Paris Dauphine University; Dr Sibylle Gollac, Research Fellow in Sociology, French National Centre for Scientific Research; Dr Sarah Trotter, Assistant Professor of Law, LSE Law School.

**Chair:** Professor Sam Friedman, Director of the MSc in Inequalities and Social Science and Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, LSE.

## Unfree: migrant domestic labour in the Middle East

Co-hosted by LSE Middle East Centre

Wednesday 5 October 2022. Online public event.

**Speakers:** Professor Rhacel Salazar Parreñas, Professor of Sociology and Gender and Sexuality Studies at the University of Southern California; Lina Abou Habib, Director of the Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship, American University of Beirut; Dr Steffen Hertog, Associate Professor of Comparative Politics, Department of Government, LSE.

**Chair:** Dr Shalini Grover, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, LSE III.

## Landscapes of Environmental Racism

Co-hosted by Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity

Thursday 20 October 2022. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Professor Hazel V Carby, Charles C. and Dorathea S. Dilley Professor Emeritus of African American Studies and Professor Emeritus of American Studies, Yale University; Ruby Hembrom, AFSEE Fellow, LSE.

**Chair:** Dr Imaobong Umoren, Associate Professor, Department of International History, LSE.



Professor Tony Travers, Ed Miliband MP, and Dr Andy Summers speaking at LSE in January 2023

## AFSEE Keynote Lecture – Doughnut Economics: a new economic vision for cities

Co-hosted by Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity

Thursday 10 November 2022. Online public event.

**Speakers:** **Kate Raworth**, Co-founder of Doughnut Economics Action Lab and Senior Associate, Oxford University Environmental Change Institute; **Maria Carrasco**, AFSEE Fellow, LSE, and Co-founder and Executive Director, Entramada.

**Chair:** **Professor Armine Ishkanian**, Professor of Social Policy, Department of Social Policy, LSE, Politics of Inequality Programme Co-Leader and Executive Director AFSEE programme, LSE III.

## Inequality Hysteresis: how can central banks contribute to an equitable society?

Monday 28 November 2022. Online and in-person public event.

**Speakers:** **Dr Luiz Awazu Pereira da Silva**, Deputy General Manager, Bank for International Settlements; **Dr Benoit Mojon**, Head of Economic Analysis at the Bank for International Settlements; **Dr Deniz Igan**, Head of Macroeconomic Analysis, Bank for International Settlements.

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

## Beveridge 2.0: tax justice

Co-hosted by LSE School of Public Policy and Beveridge 2.0

Tuesday 29 November 2022. Online and in-person public event.

**Speakers:** **Professor Jonathan Hopkin**, Professor of Comparative Politics, Department of Government, LSE; **James Murray**, Labour and Co-operative MP for Ealing North and Shadow Financial Secretary to the Treasury; **Dr Andy Summers**, Associate Professor of Law, LSE Law School; **Dr Kate Summers**, British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Methodology, LSE.

**Chair:** **Professor Francisco Ferreira**, Amartya Sen Professor of Inequality Studies and Director of the LSE III.

## What Should Fiscal and Social Policy in a Sustainable Economy Look Like?

Tuesday 31 January 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speakers:** **Ed Miliband MP**, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero; **Liam Byrne**, Labour MP for Birmingham Hodge Hill; **Dr Miatta Fahnbulleh**, Chief Executive, New Economics Foundation; **Dr Andy Summers**, Associate Professor of Law, LSE Law School.

**Chair:** **Professor Tony Travers**, Director of LSE London.

## Of Boys and Men: new challenges for gender equality

Thursday 23 March 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speakers:** **Dr Richard V. Reeves**, Senior Fellow in Economic Studies and Director of the Future of the Middle Class Initiative, Brookings Institution; **Dr Abigail McKnight**, Director of the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion, LSE.

**Chair:** **Professor Nicola Lacey**, School Professor of Law, Gender and Social Policy, LSE Law School.



*Dr Benoit Mojon and Dr Deniz Igan speaking at LSE in November 2022*



Professor Gary Younge speaking at LSE in June 2023

## Patriarchy: where did it all begin?

Co-hosted by the Wollstonecraft Society

Wednesday 24 May. Online and in-person public event.

**Speakers:** Angela Saini, Journalist and Author; Bee Rowlatt, Author and Programmer of Events, Wollstonecraft Society.

**Chair:** Professor Alpa Shah, Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, LSE and Global Economies of Care Research Programme Leader, LSE III.

## Uncomfortably off: why the top 10% of earners should care about inequality

Co-hosted by the Department of Social Policy

Wednesday 31 May 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speakers:** Dr Marcos González Hernando, Honorary Research Fellow, University College London Social Research Institute and Researcher at Universidad Diego Portales and Centre for the Study of Conflict and Social Cohesion, Chile; Dr Gerry Mitchell, Social Researcher, Campaigner and Community Activist; Anoosh Chakelian, Britain Editor, the *New Statesman*; Dr Arun Advani, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Warwick and Visiting Senior Fellow, LSE III.

**Chair:** Dr Tania Burchardt, Associate Professor, Department of Social Policy, Associate Director of the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion and Deputy Director, The Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines.

## Black Ghost of Empire: failed emancipations, reparations, and Maroon ecologies

Wednesday 7 June 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Professor Kris Manjapra, Professor, Department of History, Tufts University.

**Chair:** Professor Alpa Shah, Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, LSE and Global Economies of Care Research Programme Leader, LSE III.

## Know Your Place: how society sets us up to fail – and what we can do about it

Monday 19 June 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speakers:** Dr Faiza Shaheen, Visiting Professor in Practice, LSE III and Program Lead on Inequality and Exclusion, NYU Center on International Cooperation; Kimberly McIntosh, Writer and Researcher; Gary Stevenson, Inequality Economist and former Trader; Professor Gary Younge, Author and Professor of Sociology, University of Manchester.

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



Gary Stevenson speaking at LSE in June 2023

# INEQUALITIES SEMINAR SERIES

## Understanding Inequality in India

Tuesday 27 September 2022. In-person and online public event.

**Speaker:** Professor Reetika Khera, Narendra and Chandra Singh Chair Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi.

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

**Speaker:** Professor Thomas P. Boje, Professor, Department of Social Science and Business, Roskilde University.

**Chair:** Professor Armine Ishkanian, Executive Director of the Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity Programme, LSE III, Professor of Social Policy, Department of Social Policy, LSE.

## Evaluating Allocations of Opportunities

Tuesday 4 October 2022. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Francesco Andreoli, Associate Professor of Economic Policy, University of Verona.

**Chair:** Professor Johannes Spinnewijn, Public Economics of Inequality Research Programme Leader, LSE III and Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, LSE.

## Using Machine Learning to Decompose Inequality: the case of opportunity in South Africa

Tuesday 25 October 2022. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Pedro Salas-Rojo, Research Officer, LSE III.

**Chair:** Dr Paolo Brunori, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, LSE III.

## Mobilising Productive Subjectivities: transnational production and social reproduction in unequal Europe

Tuesday 11 October 2022. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Ania Plomien, Associate Professor in Gender and Social Science, Deputy Head of Department (Research) Department for Gender Studies, LSE.

**Chair:** Dr Shalini Grover, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, LSE III.

## Multidimensional Measurement Tool for Social Security Framework Assessment: conceptualisation, construction and comparison

Tuesday 8 November 2022. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Ashish Dongare, Sir Ratan Tata Postdoctoral Fellow, LSE III.

**Chair:** Professor Francisco Ferreira, Amartya Sen Professor of Inequality Studies and Director, LSE III.

## Challenges Facing Liberal Democracies: citizenship and civil society confronting growing inequality

Tuesday 18 October 2022. Online and in-person public event.

## Social Reproduction and Domestic Service: an international comparison

Tuesday 15 November 2022. Online and in-person public event.

**Speakers:** Dr Marion Lieutaud, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Methodology, LSE and Visiting Fellow, LSE III; Dr Paul Segal, Reader in Economics of

Development, Department of International Development, Kings College London and Visiting Fellow, LSE III.

**Chair:** Dr Shalini Grover, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, LSE III.

## **The Impact of Caste and Untouchability: a missing link in the literature on stunting in India**

Tuesday 22 November 2022. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Professor Ashwini Deshpande, Professor of Economics and Founding Director, Centre for Economic Data and Analysis, Ashoka University, India.

**Chair:** Professor Naila Kabeer, Professor of Gender and Development, Department of Gender Studies, LSE.

## **The Emergence of a Social Decolonisation: the question of social change in the French West Indies after World War II**

Tuesday 29 November 2022. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Maël Lavenaire, Research Fellow, LSE III.

**Chair:** Dr George Kunnath, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, LSE III.

## **Estimating Labour Supply and Informality Elasticities Using Tax-benefit Variation in Latin America**

Tuesday 6 December 2022. Online and in-person public event.

**Speakers:** Dr Xavier Jara, Research Officer, LSE III; Professor Olivier Bargain, Professor of Economics, University of Bordeaux.

**Chair:** Professor Francisco Ferreira, Amartya Sen Professor of Inequality Studies and Director, LSE III.

## **The Role of Social Norms in Shaping Collective Action**

Tuesday 24 January 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Professor Roberto González, Professor of Social Psychology, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

**Chair:** Professor Armine Ishkanian, Executive Director of AFSEE programme and Professor of Social Policy, Department of Social Policy, LSE.

## **Dynastic Measures of Intergenerational Mobility**

Tuesday 31 January 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Flaviana Palmisano, Associate Professor of Public Economics, Sapienza University of Rome.

**Chair:** Dr Pedro Salas-Rojo, Research Officer, LSE III.

## **Analysing Intergenerational Mobility with Oriented Measures and Mobility Curves**

Tuesday 7 February 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Professor James Foster, Professor of International Affairs and Professor of Economics, George Washington University.

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

## **Qualitative Analysis at Scale: an application to aspirations in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh**

Monday 13 February 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speakers:** Dr Vijayendra (Biju) Rao, Lead Economist in the Development Research Group of the World Bank; Dr Julian Ashwin, Postdoctoral Researcher, London Business School.

**Chair:** Dr Paolo Brunori, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, LSE III.

## Viable Lives: life beyond survival in rural North India

Tuesday 7 March 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speakers:** Professor Craig Jeffrey, Professor of Human Geography, University of Melbourne; Associate Professor Jane Dyson, Associate Professor of Human Geography, University of Melbourne.

**Chair:** Dr Shalini Grover, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, LSE III.

## The Changing Nature of Global Economy: digital technology, labour and inequality

Tuesday 14 March 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Professor Kaushik Basu, C. Marks Professor of International Studies and Professor of Economics, Cornell University.

**Chair:** Professor Francisco Ferreira, Amartya Sen Professor of Inequality Studies and Director, LSE III.

## Job Loss and Earnings Inequality: distributional effects from re-employment in Chile

Thursday 23 March 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Rafael Carranza, Postdoctoral Research Officer at INET Oxford and the Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford, and Visiting Fellow, LSE III.

**Chair:** Professor Berkay Ozcan, Professor of Social and Public Policy, Department of Social Policy, LSE, and Faculty Associate, LSE III.

## Oligarch Sanctions: policies, evasion strategies and side effects

Tuesday 2 May 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Elisabeth Schimpffössl, Senior Lecturer in Sociology, Aston University and Professor Armine Ishkanian, Visiting Senior Fellow, LSE III.

**Chair:** Professor Armine Ishkanian, Executive Director of AFSEE programme and Professor of Social Policy, Department of Social Policy, LSE.

## The Dynamics of Lifetime Incomes in France

Tuesday 9 May 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Professor Cecilia García-Peña, Professor of Economics, Aix-Marseille School of Economics.

**Chair:** Dr Xavier Jara, Research Officer, LSE III.

## Assessment of Individual Income Growth with Relative Concerns

Tuesday 16 May 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Professor Elena Bárcena Martín, Professor of Applied Economics, University of Malaga.

**Chair:** Professor Facundo Alvaredo, Professorial Research Fellow, LSE III and Co-Director of the World Inequality Database and the World Inequality Lab.

## Job Insecurity, Savings and Consumption: an Italian experiment

Tuesday 23 May 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Professor Conchita D'Ambrosio, Professor of Economics, Université du Luxembourg.

**Chair:** Professor Francisco Ferreira, Amartya Sen Professor of Inequality Studies and Director, LSE III.

## Aid and the Transnational Extraction of Care

Tuesday 30 May 2023. Online and in-person public event.

**Speaker:** Dr Dinah Hannaford, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Houston.

**Chair:** Dr Shalini Grover, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, LSE III.

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# WORKING PAPERS

## WORKING PAPER 84

### **Criminal justice and social (in)justice**

Nicola Lacey

The obstacles to achieving criminal justice in a society marked by structural injustice have long been recognised. Inequalities in social attitudes to certain groups and in the distribution of resources and opportunities in fields ranging from family life, education, health, shelter and employment are most obviously relevant, while the experience of abuse, prejudice or nutritional or emotional deprivation affects both life opportunities and psychological development. The threat to the legitimacy of punishment is particularly acute when the state itself bears responsibility for creating, or failing to alleviate, the relevant conditions. Criminal justice remains important, however, because disproportionalities in the impact of criminalisation and punishment on groups disadvantaged by injustice are matched by comparable disproportionalities in criminal victimisation. This challenge has been exacerbated by the growth and embedding of economic inequalities. This paper considers the implications for criminal justice systems, and for the re-emergence of new forms of criminal justice abolitionism.

## WORKING PAPER 85

### **Heterogeneity in macroeconomics: the compositional inequality perspective**

Marco Ranaldi and Elisa Palagi

This work presents a framework to jointly study individuals' heterogeneity in terms of their capital and labour endowments (endowment heterogeneity) and of their saving and consumption behaviours (behavioural heterogeneity), from an empirical perspective. By adopting a newly developed synthetic measure of compositional inequality, this work classifies more than 20 economies across over two decades based on their heterogeneity characteristics. Modern economies are far from being characterised by agents with the same propensities to save and consume and the same endowments (Representative Agent systems), or by the existence of rich capital-abundant savers and poor hand-to-mouth consumers (Kaldorian systems). Our framework and results are discussed in light of the heterogeneity assumptions underlying several types of macroeconomic models with heterogeneous agents (Kaldorian, TANK and HANK, OLG, and ABM models). A negative relationship between behavioural heterogeneity and the economy's saving rate is also documented.

## WORKING PAPER 86

### **It's a two-way thing: symbolic boundaries and convivial practices in changing neighbourhoods in London and Tshwane**

Susanne Wessendorf and Tamlyn Monson

While there is a considerable body of literature on symbolic boundaries that engages with long-established/newcomer configurations, work on conviviality has only rarely taken this angle, despite its general focus on contexts of immigration-related diversity. This article connects these literatures by examining insider-outsider configurations between long-established residents and newcomers in two very different contexts of rapid demographic change, where the established population is already marginalised and feels further threatened by newcomers. Drawing on ethnographic research in Newham, UK, and Mshongo, South Africa, we advance debates on conviviality by revealing how perceptions of inequality, lack of civility, and lack of reciprocity shape symbolic boundaries against newcomers, which may in turn be softened by convivial practices. We also consider what the differences between the sites might reveal about the enabling conditions for conviviality in such neighbourhoods.

## WORKING PAPER 87

### **Income inequality and campaign contributions: evidence from the Reagan tax cut**

Alberto Parmigiani and Valentino Larcinese

What is the relationship between economic and political inequality? Campaign contributions are often mentioned among the possible channels for richer people to exert a disproportionate influence on policymakers. At the same time, by exacerbating economic disparities, public policies that favour the wealthy might also give them greater relative weight in the donor pool. We study the effect of the 1986 Tax Reform Act, a remarkable tax cut that, following the prevailing doctrine about optimal income taxation at the time, decreased the marginal tax rates disproportionately at the top of the income distribution. We conclude that the erosion of tax progressivity has contributed to a rise in the political clout of wealthy individuals, via campaign donations, and that the Tax Reform Act, a landmark policy of the second Reagan administration, has been a crucial step in the spiral between economic inequality and uneven political influence of the last four decades.

**WORKING PAPER 88****The concentration of personal wealth in Italy 1995–2016**

Paolo Acciari, Facundo Alvaredo and Salvatore Morelli

Italy is one of the countries with the highest wealth-to-income ratio in the developed world, but knowledge about the size distribution of wealth is currently limited. In this paper we estimate the distribution of personal wealth between 1995 and 2016, using the full records of inheritance tax files, combined with surveys and national accounts. Unlike available statistics from household surveys, our estimates point to a sharp inversion of fortunes between the top and the bottom of the wealth distribution since the mid-1990s. Whereas the level of wealth concentration in Italy is in line with other European countries, its time trend appears more in line with the US. Moreover, Italy stands out as one of the countries with the strongest decline in the wealth share of the bottom 50% of the population. The paper also sheds new light on the determinants of the observed inequality trends.

**WORKING PAPER 89****Great or grim? Disagreement about Brexit, economic expectations and household spending**

Pei Kuang, Davide Luca, Zhiwu Wei and Yao Yao

Does political polarisation influence economic expectations and behaviour? Utilising British household surveys and administrative data, we find a strong polarisation of economic expectations and behaviour between pro- and anti-Brexit supporters after the once-in-a-lifetime EU Referendum. We show that the Brexit vote led to a large and long-lasting divergence between Leavers and Remainers in their assessment of the general economic situation, personal circumstances and spending intentions. Furthermore, on average, a 10% difference in the share of leave voters across local authorities is respectively associated with a 5.98% and 0.78% increase in the gap in the per capita housing transaction volume and licensed automobile stock after the referendum.

**WORKING PAPER 90****(Mis-)perceptions, information, and political polarization**

Maria Marino, Roberto Iacono and Johanna Mollerstrom

Voters hold widespread misperceptions about society, which have been documented in numerous studies. Likewise, voters demonstrate increasing political polarisation over policy preferences. Against this backdrop, it is intuitively appealing to think that information provision can help correct misperceptions and create common ground by enhancing the political conversation and bridging political divisiveness. We show, using a general population survey in the US, that beliefs in the power of information to reduce polarisation are indeed widespread. Our review shows that existing misperceptions often, but not always, appear to be associated with an increased sense of divisiveness in society; however, information provision is more likely to increase polarisation than decrease it. The reason is that different societal groups exhibit differing reactions to truthful and accurate information, in ways that often strengthens, rather than

mitigates, existing preference schisms. So, the intuitively appealing suggestion that information provision can serve as a powerful tool to reduce polarisation is often proven false.

**WORKING PAPER 91****Wealth inequality in Latin America**

Rafael Carranza, Mauricio de Rosa and Ignacio Flores

How has wealth accumulated in the region and how is it distributed across households? Despite being widely recognised for its extreme income inequality, reliable data on wealth is scarce, partial and oftentimes contradictory, making it difficult to answer these basic questions. In this study, we estimate aggregates based on macroeconomic data, and inequality based on recently available surveys. We contrast our results with the literature, with a handful of state-of-the-art estimates from administrative sources, and with more available but extrapolated estimates from Credit Suisse and WID. Considering all the evidence, we distinguish reliable facts from what can only be conjectured or speculated. We find that aggregate wealth increased over two decades in four countries, now ranging close to 3.5 the national income for market value estimates and 5-6 times at book values. We also find that wealth inequality is among the highest in the world where it can be measured.

**WORKING PAPER 92****Globalisation and inequality in Latin America**

Rafael Dix-Carneiro and Brian K. Kovak

We survey the recent literature studying the effects of globalisation on inequality in Latin America. Our focus is on research emerging from the late 2000s onward, with an emphasis on empirical work considering new mechanisms, studying new dimensions of inequality, and developing new methodologies to capture the many facets of globalisation's relationship to inequality. After summarising both design-based and quantitative work in this area, we propose directions for future work. Our overarching recommendation is that researchers develop unifying frameworks to help synthesise the results of individual studies that focus on distinct aspects of globalisation's relationship to inequality.

**WORKING PAPER 93****Minimum wage policy and inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean**

T.H. Gindling and Lucas Ronconi

In this chapter, we review the literature and inform policy debates about the effects of minimum wages on income inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean. Earnings are the primary source of income among families, especially in the lower part of the earnings and household income distribution. It is reasonable, therefore, to expect increases in the minimum wage to have a significant impact on earnings and income inequality.

**WORKING PAPER 94****Masculinities & paid domestic-care labour in India**

Thomas Chambers and Shalini Grover

This article focuses on male domestic-care workers (MDCWs) in India. It explores how constructed notions of masculinity interplay with labour market structures, enable forms of labour discipline and shape labour subjectivities. The article details performative and embodied gendered practices engaged in by MDCWs, illuminates the interplay of spatial and temporal aspects of paid domestic-care work with gendered skill sets and labour roles, and connects the differentiated masculinities performed by MDCWs to the broader political economy of domestic-care labour. It also highlights how MDCWs utilise their gender to express degrees of agency in relation to employers and others. The article argues that MDCWs perform masculinities in variegated ways in the face of stigma, marginalisation, and relations of servitude. These performances are not devoid of agency, but are commoditised within the political economy of the domestic-care sector and are framed within patriarchal gender norms as 'protective care' or as work requiring other masculine attributes.

**WORKING PAPER 95****Origins of Latin American inequality**

Francisco Eslava and Felipe Valencia Caicedo

How deep are the roots of Latin America's economic inequalities? In this chapter we survey both the history and the literature about the region's extreme economic disparities, focusing on the most recent academic contributions. We begin by documenting the broad patterns of national and subnational differences in income and inequality, building on the seminal contributions of Engerman and Sokoloff (2000; 2002, 2005) and aiming to capture different dimensions of inequality. We then proceed thematically, providing empirical evidence and summarising the key recent studies on colonial institutions, slavery, land reform, education and the role of elites. Finally, we conduct a "replication" exercise with some seminal papers in the literature, extending their economic results to include different measures of inequality as outcomes.

**WORKING PAPER 96****Social inequality and data sciences: the case of Germany**

Carola Frege

No doubt, the Covid-19 pandemic reminded us how much modern societies depend on the provision of scientific data – not just for the healthcare system but for all areas of public policy-making. We witnessed how difficult it was for decision-makers across the globe to make uncertain decisions without sufficient evidence. As frequently noted, the lack of scientific data was particularly a problem for the most disadvantaged members of our societies. As a recent EU report (EU 2021:11) concluded: "The Covid-19 pandemic has shown a significant impact on equality all over the globe: those already most at risk of discrimination and inequality (people with protected categories such as older people, persons with disabilities, members of ethnic minorities) were and are at far greater risk of falling ill or dying from

the virus. Yet, in most EU countries, officially available health statistics on Covid-19 could not be (fully) disaggregated, in particular by racial or ethnic origin. This had a detrimental effect on the effectiveness of protective measures to curb the spread of the virus".

**WORKING PAPER 97****The scale and drivers of ethnic wealth gaps across the wealth distribution in the UK: evidence from Understanding Society**

Eleni Karagiannaki

Using data from Understanding Society, this paper investigates for the first time the scale and the drivers of ethnic disparities in wealth across the net worth distribution (until recently assessed at the mean or the median). The analysis reveals that apart from people in the Indian ethnic group, all other ethnic minority groups have substantially less net worth than the White British group across the distribution and are less likely to hold high-return assets and more likely to hold financial debt. The picture in terms of housing wealth is similar: the Indian ethnic group comes out as the group with the higher housing wealth than any other ethnic group. By contrast, in terms of net financial wealth all ethnic minority groups including the Indian ethnic group have substantially less wealth (including very high levels of indebtedness) than the White British group. The wealth disadvantage of ethnic minority groups with lower net worth holdings relative to the White British group, is reduced but remains substantial across the distribution, even after accounting for differences in observable characteristics.

**WORKING PAPER 98****Spatial wage inequality in North America and Western Europe: changes between and within local labour markets 1975-2019**

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The rise of economic inequalities in advanced economies has been often linked with the growth of spatial inequalities within countries, yet there is limited comparative research that studies the relationship between national and subnational economic inequality. This paper presents the first systematic attempt to create internationally comparable evidence showing how different countries perform in terms of geographic wage inequalities. We create cross-country comparable measures of spatial wage disparities between and within similarly-defined local labour market areas (LLMAs) for Canada, France, (West) Germany, the UK and the US since the 1970s, and assess their contribution to national inequality. By the end of the 2010s, spatial inequalities in LLMAs mean wages are similar in Canada, France, Germany and the UK; the US exhibits the highest degree of spatial inequality. Over the study period, spatial inequalities have nearly doubled in all countries, except for France where spatial inequalities have fallen back to 1970s levels. Due to a concomitant increase in within-place inequality, the contribution of places in explaining national wage inequality has remained fairly constant over the 40-year study period, except in the UK where we document a significant increase.



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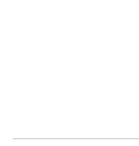
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