

Call for papers for the SASE Mini-Conference

Mind the Wealth Gap? Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Accumulation, Justification and (Re)Distribution of Wealth

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18-20 July 2020

Amsterdam

Submission Deadline: January 10, 2020

The unequal distribution of private wealth deeply concerns the public and academic debate. Over the last decades, the wealthy across the globe have made spectacular gains that lead to a growing concentration of capital at the top. Estimations suggest that since the 1980s, the wealth share of the top one percent increased from 25 percent to 40 percent in the world (Zucman 2019). Although a strong concentration of wealth has historically always been characteristic of capitalist societies, the recent resurgence in wealth inequality has not only deepened economic divides but also created an open-ended space for further social and political advantages. Against this backdrop, the academic debate on wealth inequality in the early 21st century has gained momentum resulting in a quickly developing field of interdisciplinary scholarship. This mini-conference aims to enhance the exchange among scholars different disciplines who study the dynamics of wealth and wealth inequality. We welcome theoretical as well as empirical contributions (both of quantitative and qualitative nature) from the Global North and South. To structure the debate, we invite papers that study wealth and wealth inequality from three analytically distinct, but empirically overlapping angles:

- First, we welcome contributions that address the analytical, theoretical or normative dimensions of wealth, its accumulation and its (re)distribution. While wealth inequality has received increased empirical scrutiny, little attention has been paid to its theoretical conceptualization. What differentiates wealth from other dimensions of socio-economic advantages? Are some components of wealth considered more legitimate than others? Are there limits to private wealth accumulation or certain levels which are perceived as unjust?
- Second, we are interested in papers describing and explaining empirical patterns of wealth accumulation and distribution. From this perspective, we ask for instance: which societal groups have benefitted from wealth gains and which ones are falling behind? How does wealth inequality differ cross-nationally and to what extent are these differences related to varying economic, political, institutional and cultural conditions?
- Third, we invite contributions that address the political dimension of wealth inequality and redistribution. How do states seek to influence the concentration of wealth at the top? How can we explain the recent abolishment of many wealth taxes such as net wealth and inheritance taxes? What is the role of different socio-economic contexts, organized actors such as economic elites, or changing policy ideas on wealth-related policies?

Call for Papers

SOEP 2020 - 14th International

German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference

Berlin, July 9-10, 2020

SOEP 2020 at DIW Berlin

The 14th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference (SOEP2020) will be held in **Berlin** on **July 9-10, 2020** at **DIW Berlin**.

The conference provides researchers who use the SOEP (including the SOEP part of the Cross-National Equivalent File (CNEF) and LIS/LWS data) with the opportunity to present and discuss their work with their peers. Researchers of **all disciplines** (e.g., economics, demography, geography, political science, public health, psychology, and sociology) are invited to submit an abstract.

We particularly welcome contributions examining **income and wealth inequalities** and **how these inequalities are subjectively perceived**, experienced, interpreted, and reacted to. We also encourage submissions outside of this thematic focus, in particular submissions using the **longitudinal features** of SOEP as well as papers on **survey methodology** and **cross national comparative analysis**.

Selected conference papers will be published in a special Issue of **Social Indicators Research** (edited by Philipp Lersch, Stefan Liebig, Maria Metzing, and Carsten Schröder). All submissions will undergo the standard refereeing procedure of the journal.

Keynote Speakers

We are happy to announce as keynote speakers:

Eva Sierminska | Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research – LISER

Paul K. Piff | University of California Irvine

Scientific Committee

- Katrin **Auspurg**, LMU Munich
- Philipp **Lersch**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin & DIW Berlin
- Maria **Metzing**, DIW Berlin
- Stefan **Schmukle**, University of Leipzig
- Pia **Schober**, University of Tübingen
- Carsten **Schröder**, DIW Berlin & Freie Universität Berlin
- Roland **Verwiebe**, University of Potsdam

Deadline for Submissions: January 31, 2020

Please submit electronic versions of abstracts (up to 300 words) no later than **January 31, 2020** to: soep2020@diw.de

Submitters will be notified by **March 15, 2020**, on whether their paper has been **accepted**.

Best Paper Prize

The Society of Friends of the DIW Berlin will honor the best three papers and the best poster presented at the conference with the Joachim R. Frick Memorial Prize. The SOEP2020 scientific program committee will act as a jury and will present the award at the end of the conference.

Conference Fee

We are obliged to charge a regular conference fee of 150 EUR and a reduced fee of 90 EUR for students and enrolled PhD students.

Financial Support

We ask scholars to pay their own travel costs. If this is not possible, partial reimbursement of expenses may be provided to presenters (one grant per paper) upon request. Information on how to apply for travel support will be provided after notification of acceptance.

Local Organizers

Maria Metzing, Carsten Schröder, Philipp Lersch (scientific program)
Christine Kurka and Janina Britzke (conference management)

If you have any further questions please contact the local organizers at:

soep2020@diw.de



2020 German Stata Users Group meeting

Date:	June 5, 2020
Venue:	Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main
Cost:	Meeting only: 45 € (students 35 €) Workshop only: 65 € (students 50 EUR) Workshop and Meeting: 85 € (students 70 EUR)
Submission deadline:	February 1, 2020

Call for Presentations

We would like to announce the 18th German Stata Users Group meeting to be held Friday, June 5, 2020 at:

Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main
Campus Ginnheim, Neuer Hörsaal
Ginnheimer Landstr. 39
60487 Frankfurt am Main

All Stata users, from Germany and elsewhere, or those interested in learning about Stata, are invited to attend.

Presentations are sought on topics that include the following:

- User-written Stata programs
- Case studies of research or teaching using Stata
- Discussions of data management problems
- Reviews of analytic issues
- Surveys or critiques of Stata facilities in specific fields, etc.

The conference language will be English, due to the international nature of the meeting and the participation of non-German guest speakers.

Submission guidelines

If you are interested in presenting a paper, please submit an abstract by email to one of the scientific organizers (max 200 words). The deadline for submissions is **February 1, 2020**. Presentations should be 20 minutes or shorter.

Registration

Participants are asked to travel at their own expense. There will be a small conference fee to cover costs for refreshments and lunch. There will also be an optional informal meal at a restaurant in Frankfurt on Friday evening at additional cost.

You can enroll by contacting Natascha Hütter or Elena Tsittser by email or by writing or phoning.

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The final program will be circulated in March 2020.

Organizers

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Logistics Organizer

Dittrich & Partner Consulting GmbH (dpc.de), the distributor of Stata in several countries, including Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, the Czech Republic, and Hungary.



Call for Papers

We invite submissions to a Special Issue of the Journal on:

Identification of causal mechanisms in demographic research: The contribution of panel data.

The aim of the Special Issue is to demonstrate and scrutinize the analytical potential of panel methods in investigating causal mechanisms in demographic research.

During the last 20 years a plethora of panel surveys has been conducted and the development of refined statistical tools making use of the advantages of panel data considerably improved causal analysis of individual behaviour. Panel data allow to follow behavioural processes on the micro level, i.e. in individual life courses, not only with regard to structural-objective information but also with respect to subjective information like life satisfaction or attitudes towards behavioural issues. They provide insights in the temporal order of events and activities over the life course and allow the modelling of quasi-experimental designs and treatment effects to be estimated in a proper way. Differentiating between cohort and age effects on individual life courses is supported. Not the least, fixed-effects models account for ('differencing out') effects of unobserved confounders in regression models and, therefore, help estimating unbiased 'causal' effects of theoretically relevant factors, e.g. treatments, in regression models.

Therefore, panel analyses of behavioural dynamics over the life course promise to provide a great opportunity to identify unbiased effects of causal mechanisms driving individual behaviour and decision making. They allow to identify causal misconceptions due to inadequate statistical modelling – particularly regarding the interdependence between individual behaviour, its motivations, and its subjective outcomes. Meanwhile, it is well accepted in social research that panel data are indispensable as the empirical basis for causal inference in social science.

Collecting and analysing panel data today is also standard in demographic research, e.g. studies on fertility, regional mobility, and mortality. A large number of respective analyses has been conducted enriching our knowledge on individual decision making considerably. In this Special Issue, we would like to show how far we went, how panel analysis considerably contributed to a better understanding of demographic processes, and to which extent the promises of panel analysis have been fulfilled.

We welcome submissions of research papers presenting exemplary panel studies and ideally demonstrate how panel analysis can help in avoiding false causal conclusions. The studies should focus on one of the main fields of demographic research, i.e.

- nuptiality/fertility/family dynamics;
- morbidity/mortality;
- migration/spatial mobility.

Special Issue Editors

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Comparative Population Studies

CPoS is a peer-reviewed open access journal and member of the Emerging Sources Citation Index (SNIP 2016=0,358; Scimago Journal: 1.13 citations per document (2 years)). English language editing is available, if necessary. No fees are charged to authors.

Website: www.comparativepopulationstudies.de/index.php/CPoS

Abstract

Potential contributors are requested to send us a short abstract (<300 words) by **February 29, 2020**, which helps us in planning the Special Issue. Nevertheless, a paper may be submitted without having sent an abstract.

Please, send the abstract to the Managing Editor, at CPoS@bib.bund.de

Paper

Access the CPoS website: Register by creating an account and following the instructions given. Submit the Paper (<8000 words) by **July 31, 2020** to the Managing Editor via the website or by emailing it to CPoS@bib.bund.de

Refereeing

Review of Papers August – October, 2020

Revision of Paper

Submit revision by December 31, 2020

Publication

Publication in Spring 2021

Online, Open Access, no fees

Target number of papers sought

We anticipate publishing between 6 and 9 papers in the Special Issue. CPoS will publish papers as accepted.



CfP: Heterogeneity and Inequality: Differentiation in Education and Consequences for Educational Inequalities

Conference organized by the Sociology of Education Research Network of the Swiss Sociological Association (SSA) – 5./6.11.2020, University of Bern / University of Teacher Education, Bern, Switzerland

Theme

Educational systems differ in how they deal with the heterogeneity of the student body. For example, the degree of organizational differentiation and stratification (tracking) can differ greatly depending on the school or place of residence as well as between countries. In addition to ability tracking, different types of internal differentiation are used to meet the different needs of children and young students in the acquisition of knowledge and competences. However, since tracking and different types of internal differentiation directly affect skill development and further educational attainment, these measures can both reduce and exacerbate inequalities. Policy measures designed to include specific groups of students might unintentionally lead to even higher levels of exclusion. Besides, existing institutional arrangements can directly contribute to a strengthening of educational inequalities by excluding certain groups of pupils from additional remedial education or by restricting educational options, by imposing strict admission requirements.

Authors are invited to submit proposals that focus on the relationship between heterogeneity and educational inequalities at different educational levels including vocational education and training. We especially invite proposals that address the following research questions:

- 1) How can we quantify and compare the inclusiveness or exclusiveness of cantonal (differences between and within language regions) or country specific educational systems at different educational levels?
- 2) What measures that are aimed to include specific groups of students are (in)effective, when and for whom? Do we observe that institutional regulations are designed in such a way as to unintentionally exclude certain groups of pupils from remedial teaching or educational programs?
- 3) What are the effects of tracking and different types of internal differentiation regarding skill development, educational attainment, and returns to education? How do these aspects relate to intended and unintended consequences of educational policies?
- 4) How are tracking and types of internal differentiation interrelated with educational aspirations, decisions and attainment at different educational levels and what differences are observed for different groups of students in terms of social origin, gender and migration background?

In addition, contributions in the field of sociology of education that do not explicitly refer to the listed research questions are welcome as well.

Keynote speaker

Prof Dr. Jan Skopek (Trinity College Dublin)

PD Dr. Hanna Dumont (DIPF | Leibniz Institute for Research and Information in Education)

Submission & Deadline

A structured abstract of 600 words maximum should cover Background (context of the study), Purpose and Theory (main research aims/questions, theoretical framework), Design and methods (study design and methods, including dates of data collection, sampling method, methods of data collection and analysis), Results (main findings in relation to the research aims/questions), and Conclusions (arising from the research). **The deadline for submitting abstracts is 30 March 2020.** Please submit your abstracts via conftool at www.conftool.com/soceduc. Authors will be notified whether the abstract has been accepted by 1 June 2020. The conference fee is about 50 CHF.

Format

The conference will take place over 2 days (Thursday morning to Friday afternoon). We invite social scientists to contribute to the conference with:

- paper presentations (approx. 15 minutes presentation plus 10 minutes of discussion), or
- posters

The conference language is English.

Further details are available on the conference website: <http://www.soceduc.edu.unibe.ch>. Please feel free to contact the organizing committee (soceduc@edu.unibe.ch) should you have any questions.

Scientific committee (several responses pending)

Michael Beck (PHSG), Rolf Becker (University of Bern), Gaële Goastellec (University of Lausanne), Andrea Erzinger (University of Bern, Interfaculty Centre for Educational Research, ICER), David Glauser (University of Bern), Sandra Hupka-Bruner (University of Bern, TREE), Christian Imdorf (University of Hannover), Irene Kriesi (EHB Zollikofen), Regula Julia Leemann (Pädagogische Hochschule FHNW), Mathias Mejeh (University of Bern), Thomas Meyer (University of Bern, TREE), Caroline Sahli Lozano (University of Teacher Education, Bern)

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