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Programme at a Glance

Thursday, 10 September 2026		Friday, 11 September 2026	
08:45–09:30	ARRIVAL Registration & coffee Junior Common Room	08:30–09:00	ARRIVAL Morning coffee & pastries Junior Common Room
09:30–10:30	OPENING Opening Roundtable: Inequality in the Age of AI Moderated by Sarah O'Connor (FT) · Carl Benedikt Frey, Jane Gingrich & Jonathan Cribb · Lecture Theatre	09:00–10:30	PARALLEL 4 Sessions 10–12 Lecture Theatre · Butler Room · Chester Room
10:30–11:00	BREAK Coffee Junior Common Room	10:30–11:00	BREAK Coffee Junior Common Room
11:00–12:30	PARALLEL 1 Sessions 1–3 Lecture Theatre · Butler Room · Chester Room	11:00–12:30	KEYNOTE Janet Gornick Graduate Center, City University of New York · Lecture Theatre
12:30–13:30	LUNCH Buffet lunch Junior Common Room & Cox Room	12:30–13:30	LUNCH Buffet lunch Junior Common Room & Cox Room
13:30–15:00	PARALLEL 2 Sessions 4–6 Lecture Theatre · Butler Room · Chester Room	13:30–15:00	PARALLEL 5 Sessions 13–15 Lecture Theatre · Butler Room · Chester Room
15:00–15:30	BREAK Coffee Junior Common Room	15:00–15:30	BREAK Coffee Junior Common Room
15:30–17:00	PARALLEL 3 Sessions 7–9 Lecture Theatre · Butler Room · Chester Room	15:30–16:30	CLOSING KEYNOTE Philippe Aghion “Creative destructions and the quest for inclusive growth” · Lecture Theatre · presenting virtually
17:00–17:10	BREAK Transition Move to debate rooms	17:00	OPTIONAL Informal pub drinks & dinner Own cost · details to follow
17:10–18:10	ROOM FOR DEBATE Four debates across two rooms Lecture Theatre & Butler Room · see Room for Debate page		
18:10–19:00	SOCIAL Drinks reception Junior Common Room		
19:00	DINNER Conference dinner Dining Hall		

All times Oxford local (BST). Programme subject to change.

Parallel 1 · 11:00–12:30

Lecture Theatre	Butler Room	Chester Room
Session 1: Measuring Inequality: Global Data and Methods	Session 2: Wealth Inequality & Taxation	Session 3: Institutions, Technology & Inequality
Dean Jolliffe (<i>World Bank</i>) Measuring Global Inequality: How Accounting for Inequality Within the Household Affects the Global Profile	Asher Dvir-Djerassi (<i>University of Michigan</i>) Curbing Wealth Inequality in the 21st Century: Would Wealth Taxation Be Sufficient?	Eugenio Piga (<i>UC San Diego</i>) Prediction Technologies and Inequality Inside Firms
Koen Decancq (<i>University of Antwerp</i>) The Evolution of Global Inequality in Well-Being: A Copula-Based Approach	Juan C. Palomino (<i>Universidad Complutense de Madrid</i>) Wealth Concentration, Public Preferences and the Design of a Wealth Tax	Nicolás Soler (<i>Erasmus University Rotterdam</i>) Suspect Families: Do Algorithmic Decision-Making Systems Have Unintended Consequences for the Reproduction of Inequalities?
Sabina Alkire (<i>University of Oxford</i>) Child Deprivations & Intrahousehold Inequalities	Kristoffer Berg (<i>University of Cambridge</i>) Taxing Deferred and Mobile Capital Gains	Bastian Betthaeuser (<i>Sciences Po, Paris</i>) Educational Expansion and Inequality During the Rise and Fall of State Socialism in Europe
Stephen P. Jenkins (<i>London School of Economics</i>) Chair Assessing the Statistical Significance of Inequality Differences	Irene Bucelli (<i>London School of Economics</i>) Chair Evaluating Evidence on the Harms of Extreme Wealth	Juliet-Nil Uraz (<i>London School of Economics</i>) Chair Justice Under Austerity: The Impacts of Reduced Access to Legal Assistance in England and Wales

Parallel 2 · 13:30–15:00

Lecture Theatre	Butler Room	Chester Room
Session 4: Earnings Inequality & Intergenerational Transmission	Session 5: Mechanisms of Social Stratification	Session 6: Poverty
Arnaud Lefranc (<i>CY Cergy Paris</i>) Inequality of Opportunity Revisited: Unobserved Family Circumstances and Long-Term Income Opportunities in Sweden	Joshua Choper (<i>University College London</i>) Network Hiring and Intergenerational Persistence	Bruce Bradbury (<i>UNSW Sydney</i>) Low Wages and Child Poverty
Markus Jäntti (<i>Stockholm University</i>) Intergenerational Income Mobility and Assortative Mating in Sweden	Matias Ciaschi (<i>University of Oxford</i>) Social Mobility, Misallocation of Ability, and Economic Performance	Gabriele Mariani (<i>University of Antwerp</i>) When the State Steps Back: Shared Living Arrangements and Income Pooling as a Buffer Against Poverty
Michele Bavaro (<i>Scuola Normale Superiore</i>) Parents' Education and Children's Household Income Across Cohorts in Europe	Maria Cristina D'Aguanno (<i>University of Luxembourg</i>) Does Social Protection Fuel Income Volatility? Evidence from European Tax-Benefit Systems	Samuel Kofi Tetteh-Baah (<i>World Bank</i>) How Many Children, Men, and Women Are Living in Poverty Globally? An Approach Combining Structural and Machine-Learning Models
Wendy Carlin (<i>University College London</i>) Chair Fair Inequality: Measuring Market Earnings Disparities Not Due to Gender and Parental Advantage in 17 Economies	Daniel McArthur (<i>University of York</i>) Chair Who Gets to Move to Opportunity? Unequal Patterns of Geographic Mobility and the Reproduction of Advantage	Kitty Stewart (<i>London School of Economics</i>) Chair The Limits to Work as a Route Out of Poverty for Families with Children: Evidence from the UK

Parallel 3 · 15:30–17:00

Lecture Theatre	Butler Room	Chester Room
Session 7: Perceptions & Dimensions of Inequality	Session 8: Redistribution, Fiscal Policy & Inequality	Session 9: Labor Market Institutions & Wages
Alexi Gugushvili (<i>University of Oslo</i>) Intergenerational Mobility in Respondents' Own Words: LLM-Assisted Evidence from Austria, Denmark, and Spain	Julian Le Grand (<i>London School of Economics</i>) Universal Basic Capital and the Privatisation of Welfare	Ignacio Gonzalez (<i>American University</i>) Monopsony Power Wealth
Moritz Hörl (<i>Vienna University of Economics and Business</i>) What the Public Means by Social Mobility: Dimensions, Indicators and the Great Gatsby Curve	Will Cook (<i>Manchester Metropolitan University</i>) Welfare Cuts and Children's Outcomes: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from the Two-Child Limit	Lukas Lehner (<i>University College London</i>) The Return of Wage Compression in High-Income Countries
Joan Costa-Font (<i>London School of Economics</i>) Narratives of Inequality	Daria Popova (<i>University of Essex</i>) From Pandemic to Cost-of-Living Crisis: The Distributional Impact of UK Tax and Benefit Policies, 2019–2023	Kilian Weil (<i>Hertie School</i>) Sectoral Bargaining and the Wage Structure
Karin Heitzmann (<i>Vienna University of Economics and Business</i>) Chair Beyond Single Metrics: Visualizing the Many Dimensions of Poverty	Philippe Van Kerm (<i>University of Luxembourg</i>) Chair What Can Money Buy? Inequality and Fiscal Policy Implications of Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission	Birgit Pfau-Effinger (<i>University of Hamburg</i>) Chair Gender Differences in Parental Labour Market Participation: Advancing the Theoretical Framework

17:10–18:10 · Two parallel rooms · Two debates per room · 30 minutes each

These sessions bring together pairs of scholars to deliberate on contested questions in inequality research, exposing the audience to competing perspectives and opening space for the research agendas that emerge when scholars engage directly with one another’s arguments.

LECTURE THEATRE

Moderated by Selçuk Bedük

Francisco Ferreira & Franziska Disslbacher

DEBATE 1

“Intergenerational mobility versus equality of opportunity: Which framework offers a more informative lens for understanding inherited disadvantage?”

David Brady & Zachary Parolin

DEBATE 2

“Do Europe and the UK need a new poverty measure? A discussion on whether the at-risk-of-poverty indicator based on 60 percent of median income is still fit for purpose.”

BUTLER ROOM

Moderated by Juliana de Castro Galvao

Salvatore Morelli & Mike Brewer

DEBATE 3

“Are inequality researchers too concerned with the ultra-rich? A discussion on the economic, social, and political relevance of studying the top of the income and wealth distributions.”

Arun Advani & Kristoffer Berg

DEBATE 4

“Wealth taxes: A discussion of the feasibility of a wealth tax and how an ideal wealth tax could be designed and administered.”

STRUCTURE PER DEBATE — 30 MINUTES

SPEAKER A Opening remarks 6 min	SPEAKER B Opening remarks 6 min	MODERATOR Questions & directed exchange 4–5 min	OPEN DISCUSSION Questions from the floor 12–15 min
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Parallel Programme — Friday, 11 September

Parallel 4 · 09:00–10:30

Lecture Theatre	Butler Room	Chester Room
Session 10: Social Mobility: Evidence & Long-Run Trends	Session 11: Wealth, Capital Income & Social Structure	Session 12: Climate and Poverty
Miles Corak (<i>City University of New York</i>) When Is the Future Written? Upward Mobility, College Attainment, and Sensitive Periods in Child Development	Marco Ranaldi (<i>University College London</i>) Capitalization of the World: Global Distribution of Income from Property, 2000–2020	W. Matthew Alampay Davis (<i>University of Oxford</i>) Global Income Distributions and Social Welfare Under Climate Change
Javier Terrero-Dávila (<i>OECD</i>) Who Gets Ahead? Cross-Country Evidence on Intragenerational Income Mobility from Administrative Records	Nhat An Trinh (<i>WZB Berlin Social Science Center</i>) From Work to Wealth? Gender, Generation, and the Institutional Structuring of Earnings–Wealth Linkages	Diana C. Garcia Rojas (<i>World Bank</i>) Toward a Granular and Comparable Global Poverty Map: Remote Sensing and Estimation Across Borders and Time
Richard Nennstiel (<i>University of Lausanne</i>) Sibling Similarity in Education in Europe: Trends Across Birth Cohorts (1945–1992) and a Test of the Great Gatsby Curve	Wesley Stubenbord (<i>Cornell University</i>) Silver Spoons, Bootstraps, and Billionaires: The Social Origins of the Contemporary American Economic Elite	Nicolas Werquin (<i>Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago</i>) Extreme Poverty in Wealthy Nations: Evidence from France
Maria Vaalavuo (<i>Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare</i>) Chair Dynasties of Poverty: The Concentration of Poverty in the Extended Family of Poor Children	Rourke O'Brien (<i>Yale University</i>) Chair Wealth Inequality and Fertility in the USA, 1970–2020	Paolo Brunori (<i>University of Florence</i>) Chair The Unequal Effects of Climate on Education in Italy

Parallel 5 · 13:30–15:00

Lecture Theatre	Butler Room	Chester Room
Session 13: Inequality Trends: Cross-National and Comparative Evidence	Session 14: Measuring Wealth & Top Incomes	Session 15: Preferences, Redistribution & Inequality
Joe Hasell (<i>University of Oxford</i>) Triangulating Global Inequality: Reconciling World Inequality Database and World Bank Data on Global Incomes	Yonatan Berman (<i>King's College London</i>) Evidence from the Dead: New Estimates of Wealth Inequality Based on the Distribution of Estates	Jakob Dirksen (<i>LSE and University of Oxford</i>) Are Distributive Preferences Domain-Specific?
Jonathan Cribb (<i>Institute for Fiscal Studies</i>) Unpacking Trans-Atlantic Income Inequality	Eleni Karagiannaki (<i>London School of Economics</i>) The Ethnic Wealth Divide in the UK: Mapping Disparities Across Time, Age and Immigrant Generations	Michael Förster (<i>Sciences Po Paris</i>) Rising Tolerance, Divided Views: Perceived and Preferred Earnings Inequality and the Polarisation of Opinions across Europe
Louis Sirugue (<i>London School of Economics</i>) International Variation in Intergenerational Income Mobility: A Meta-Analysis	Arun Advani (<i>CenTax</i>) Trusts and the Measurement of Top Incomes and Wealth: Evidence from UK Administrative Data	Christopher Pulliam (<i>Columbia University</i>) Universal Cash Transfers and Food Hardship: Evidence from Google Trends Data
Gerlinde Verbist (<i>University of Antwerp</i>) Chair Inequality: What Have We Done? A Decade After Atkinson's Agenda	Roberto Iacono (<i>Norwegian University of Science and Technology</i>) Chair Measuring Wealth: Income Capitalization with Heterogeneous Rates of Return	Sarah Kuypers (<i>University of Antwerp</i>) Chair Glorious for Whom? Income Inequality in the Netherlands During les Trente Glorieuses

The final presenter in each session serves as chair. Programme subject to change.