Master’s seminar on
Topics in Inequality and Intergenerational Mobility
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Abstract
This seminar provides a critical analysis of inequality and intergenerational mobility issues, with a focus on their links with the political system and socioeconomic dimensions, including gender, immigration status, health, age and family structure.

Schedule:
• 13 April 2021, 11.45 - 13.15: Preliminary talk (mandatory participation).
• 18 June 2021: Deadline for handing in the first draft of the seminar papers.
• 25 June 2021: Presentations (mandatory participation)
• 26 June 2021: Presentations (mandatory participation)
• 16 July 2021: Deadline for handing in the final draft of the seminar papers.

Requirements

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Suggested Topics:

1. Inequality and redistribution.

2. Intergenerational mobility and redistribution
3. Inequality and education.


4. Intergenerational occupational mobility: historical prospective.


5. Wealth Inequality.


6. Gender Inequality.

- Sophie Ponthieux, Dominique Meurs, Chapter 12 - Gender Inequality, Editor(s): Anthony B. Atkinson, François Bourguignon, Handbook of Income Distribution, Elsevier, Volume 2, 2015, Pages 981-1146

7. Intergenerational mobility in the very long run.

- Barone, Guglielmo and Mocetti, Sauro (2016) "Intergenerational mobility in the very long run: Florence 1427-2011," Temi di discussione (Economic working papers) 1060, Bank of Italy, Economic Research and International Relations Area

8. Intergenerational income mobility: neighborhoods effects.


9. Inequality and wealth bias in policy making


10. Information inequality and redistribution


The references provided are in no way exhaustive, nor do those need to be necessarily used. Those references are meant to help in starting the literature search but it is part of the assignment to find the relevant literature for the chosen topic.

Guidelines for the seminar paper:

The paper should contain the following part:

• an introduction
  should contain the statement of the research question, the objective and the structure of the paper.

• a literature review
  should contain an exhaustive critical assessment of the literature related to your assigned topic.

• a main part
  should provide a concise, in-depth analysis of the chosen topic. The quality of your original contribution and your independent judgment will be highly considered here.

• a conclusion
  should bring all the arguments pointed out in the text together and remind the reader of the main/most important results of the analysis.

The overall length of the seminar paper (introduction, body, conclusion, including all tables and figures, but excluding references and the appendix) must not exceed 10 pages.

Guidelines for the presentations:

Each presenter has 30 minutes to present his paper with the help of slides, the presentation should include:
Motivation and Problem Statement
Related Work
Main Contribution
Summary/Discussion