

SDPE

Economics of inequality

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Lectures (3 h each):

1. [JR] Why inequality matters - Ideas and long-run developments
  - Jesper Roine and Daniel Waldenström (2015). "Long-Run Trends in the Distribution of Income and Wealth". In *Handbook of Income Distribution*. Ed. by Anthony B Atkinson and François Bourguignon. Vol. 2. Elsevier. Chap. 7, pp. 469-592.
  
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3. [MJ] Measuring income and other resources (Redistribution)
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4. [MP] Intergenerational mobility and equality of opportunity I
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#### 5. [MJ] Intergenerational mobility and equality of opportunity II

- John E Roemer and Alain Trannoy (2016). "Equality of opportunity: Theory and measurement". In: *Journal of Economic Literature* 54.4, pp. 1288–1332
- Markus Jäntti and Stephen Jenkins (2015). "Income mobility". In *Handbook of Income Distribution*. Ed. by Anthony B Atkinson and François Bourguignon. Vol. 2. Elsevier. Chap. 10, pp. 807–935
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#### 6. [JR] Topics: Gender

- Francine D. Blau and Lawrence M. Kahn (2017). "The Gender Wage Gap: Extent, Trends, and Explanations." *Journal of Economic Literature*, 55 (3): 789-865.
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#### 7. [MP] Topics: Health

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8. [JR] Topics: Understanding the rise in inequality – debates about capital, skill-biased technical change, and other mechanisms.

- Gerald Auten and David Splinter (2023) “Income Inequality in the United States: Using Tax Data to Measure Long-Term Trends”, *Journal of Political Economy* (forthcoming)
- David H. Autor “Skills, education, and the rise of earnings among the “other 99 percent””. *Science*, vol 344(6186): 843-851.
- Thomas Piketty and Emmanuel Saez (2014) “Inequality in the long run” *Science*, vol 344(6186): 838-843.
- Thomas Piketty, Emmanuel Saez and Gabriel Zucman (2023) “Comment on Auten and Splinter (2023)”, Unpublished note.
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Examination:

- 2 referee reports (lists of suggested papers, organised by themes, both lectured on and not, will be available during the course)
- term paper