

THE CHALLENGE OF INEQUALITY – SOCIETIES IN CRISIS

DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH, INCOME AND WORK TIME

INVITATION TO THE CONFERENCE

30th September to 2nd October 2015
Technisch Gewerbliche Abendschule
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REGISTRATION

required by Wednesday,
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An outstanding contribution by presenters in the young economist sessions (age limit: 34 years) will be awarded the **Eduard März Prize** of 1.000 €.

Workshop language is English; attendance is free.

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CONTENT

Inequality was a neglected topic in economic research for decades. Since 2007 the crisis has brought the issues of the distribution of wealth, income and work time to the forefront. Established inequality researchers like Piketty, Saez, and Atkinson are now well received by the economics profession and by the public. At the same time, the drastically improved data availability provides new opportunities for cutting-edge research in inequality. This opens up a space for young researchers to address the pressing challenges of our time.

For this reason the **Chamber of Labour Vienna** hosts a conference where researchers at the beginning of their career (Master, pre- or post-doc) are specifically invited to attend.

Keynote speakers: **Till van Treeck** is professor of Socio-Economics at the University of Duisburg-Essen, with research interest in income distribution, economic crisis, and post-Keynesian approaches to inequality. **Eva Sierminska** is an expert on the empirical analysis of wealth and income inequality. She works at the Luxemburg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER) and is a Research Affiliate at DIW Berlin and Research Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labor.

PROGRAM

30TH SEPTEMBER 2015

- 1.00pm OPENING: Markus **Marterbauer**
1.15pm **Wealth Accumulation, Growth, and the Steady-State**
Stefan **Schmelzer**
Drivers of wealth inequality in euro area countries
Sebastian **Leitner**
The process of wealth accumulation with regard to the path dependence theory
Stefan **Kranzinger**
4.00pm **On the relationship of wealth and inheritance in Austria**
Michael **Ertl**
Get Rich or Die Tryin' – Drivers of Wealth Accumulation in the Euro Area
Stefan **Humer**, Mathias **Moser**
6.00pm KEYNOTE: **The macroeconomics of inequality and instability**
Till **van Treeck**

1ST OCTOBER 2015

- 9.30am **Testing competing hypothesis about drivers of US household debt**
Rafael **Wildauer**
The impact of social classes on the legitimation of social inequality and wealth distribution in Austria
Julia **Hofmann**
Of Proprietors and Proletarians: Inequality, Household Indebtedness, Macroeconomic Imbalances and the Ownership Society
Mario **Holzner**, Stefan **Jestl**
12.00pm Lunch
1.00pm **Wealth inequality within high-income economies: identifying the determinants of household balance sheet composition and stability across wealth distribution**
Hanna **Szymborska**

- The Role of Assortative Mating in Austrian Wealth Inequality**
Sophie **Augustin**, Alyssa **Schneebaum**, Katarina **Hollan**
3.00pm **Beyond Economic Inequality – a socio-ecological perspective**
Henrike **Schaum**, Hendrik **Theine**
Changing the world one student at a time? Uncovering subjective understandings of economics instructors' roles
Katarzyna **Gruszka**, Annika **Scharbert**, Michael **Soder**
5.00pm KEYNOTE: **The joint distribution of income and wealth**
Eva **Sierminska**
7.00pm Conference dinner

2ND OCTOBER 2015

- 9.30am **Redistribution of Work Time**
Wolfgang **Fellner**, Stefan **Humer**, Roman **Seidl**, Thomas **Sonnleitner**
Reduction of Working Time in Austria
Stefanie **Gerold**, Matthias **Nocker**
11.30am **Working Unequal**
Klara **Zwickl**, Franziska **Disslbacher**
Extensive versus intensive margin over the business cycle: New evidence for Germany and the United States
Patrick **Nüß**, Alexander **Herzog-Stein**
1.00pm EDUARD MÄRZ AWARD



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