



THE HAVES AND THE HAVE-NOTS: EXPLORING THE GLOBAL HISTORY OF WEALTH AND INCOME INEQUALITY

10–12 September 2015,
University of Vienna, Juridicum (top floor / Dachgeschoss)
Schottenbastei 10–16, 1010 Vienna



PROGRAMME

Thursday, 10 September 2015

16:30

Welcome Address

Heinz Faßmann (Vice-Rector of the University of Vienna)

16:45–17:30

Inequality and violence: the example of the Cultural Revolution in China

Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik (University of Vienna)

17:30

Keynote Lecture

The Kuznets waves: explaining the evolution of inequality over the very long term

Branko Milanovic (CUNY Graduate Center)

Reception

Friday, 11 September 2015

1 MODELS & GLOBAL PATTERNS

(Chair: Bernhard Palme)

9:00–9:45

The zigs and zags of inequality in human evolutionary history

Peter Turchin (University of Connecticut)

9:45–10:30

Climate, geography, and the origins of political and economic institutions

Stephen Haber (Stanford University)

10:30–11:00

Coffee Break

11:00–11:45

Each age gets the inequality it needs: energy capture and economic hierarchy since the Ice Age

Ian Morris (Stanford University)

11:45–12:30

The great leveler: violence and the global history of inequality

Walter Scheidel (Stanford University)

12:30–14:00

Lunch Break

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2 ANCIENT INEQUALITY

(Chair: Walter Scheidel)

14:00–14:45

Health care inequality in ancient Egypt

Anne Austin (Stanford University)

14:45–15:30

Economic growth and growing economic inequality? The case of Babylonia

Michael Jursa (University of Vienna)

15:30–16:00

Coffee Break

16:00–16:45

Economic growth without growing economic inequality? The case of Greece

Josiah Ober (Stanford University)

16:45–17:30

Shifting income inequality in Roman and Late Antique Egypt

Bernhard Palme (University of Vienna)

Saturday, 12 September 2015

3 GENDER INEQUALITY

(Chair: Peer Vries)

9:30–10:15

European gender inequality in the very long run

Nikola Koepke (University of Barcelona)

10:15–11:00

Women's and children's contributions to household income and economic development: A long-term comparative perspective

Elise Nederveen Meerkerk (Wageningen University)

11:00–11:30

Coffee Break

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11:30–12:15

Separate, but not equal: female workers and income inequality in post-war Japan

Carmen Gruber (Vienna University of Economics and Business)

12:15–13:30

Lunch Break

4 MODERN INEQUALITY

(Chair: Branko Milanovic)

13:30–14:15

When and how did the Great Global Inequality emerge?

Peer Vries (University of Vienna)

14:15–15:00

Why is Africa poor? Exploring the historical roots of African state failure

Ewout Frankema (Wageningen University)

15:00–15:30

Coffee Break

15:30–16:15

Political Origins of 20th Century Wealth Equality

Kenneth Scheve (Stanford University), (with David Stasavage, NYU)

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Concluding Round Table

Markus Marterbauer (Arbeiterkammer, Vienna)

Walter Scheidel (Stanford University)

Peer Vries (University of Vienna)

... and others

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