IP3034
The Political Economy of Global Inequality

City, University of London
Spring Term 2020-2021
Lecture: Asynchronous via Moodle
Tutorial: 11:00-11:50 & 12:00-12:50 Wednesday
Office Hours: Wednesday 10:00-11:00 & Thursday 15:00-16:00

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Aims and Objectives
This module explores wealth and income inequality from a historical and global perspective. In particular, the module examines inequality within countries, between countries and among citizens of the world. There is a general consensus that inequality within countries and among the world’s citizens has increased over the past few decades, while inequality between countries has decreased. What remains hotly contested within political economy are the precise causes and consequences of these changes in the global pattern of wealth and income distribution. The first half of the module is focused on the theories and empirical patterns of global inequality. The second half of the module then investigates the consequences of inequality and critically evaluates some of the policy initiatives aimed at tackling inequality.

Teaching Methods
The module has two essential components: the lecture and the tutorial. In order to succeed, you are advised to: a) do the required readings; b) attend the lectures; c) attend and actively participate in the tutorials.

Assessment
The module will be assessed by a 3,000-word essay (100% of final mark).

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READING LIST

1. WHY INEQUALITY?

Required Reading

- Milanovic, Branko. 2007. Why We All Care About Inequality (But Some of Us Are Loathe to Admit It). Challenge 50(6): 109-120.

2. THEORIES

Required Reading


Further Reading


3. PATTERNS (I)

**Required Reading**


**Further Reading**

4. PATTERNS (II)

**Required Reading**


**Further Reading**


5. HEALTH

**Required Reading**


**Further Reading**


6. READING WEEK

- [no assigned readings]

7. ECOLOGY

**Required Reading**


**Further Reading**


8. CRISIS

*Required Reading*


*Further Reading*


9. DEMOCRACY

Required Reading


Further Reading


10. SOLUTIONS

**Required Reading**


**Further Reading**


11. REVIEW

*Required Reading*