

INEQUALITIES AND PREFERENCE FOR REDISTRIBUTION

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Inequalities have increased over the last thirty years. However, this increase has not been the same in every country. Moreover, the perception of these inequalities differs across countries in a paradoxical way: concern about inequality is the largest in Europe, where it has been actually slighter. Differences between actual inequalities and their perception could be explained by a difference of values in the three regions of study, USA, Europe and Japan. Does the perception of inequalities matter more than the objective determinants of inequalities as it leads to different forms of redistribution?

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PROGRAM

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**“Brahmin Left vs Merchant Right:
Rising Inequality and the Changing Structure of Political Conflict”**

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Chair: **Sébastien Lechevalier** (EHESS)

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“Revisiting Cross-National Variations in Preference for Redistribution: A Comparison between US, France, and Japan”

Ryo Kambayashi (Hitotsubashi University), **Sébastien Lechevalier** (EHESS) & **Thanasak Jenmana** (Paris School of Economics)

There are significant differences across countries in terms of redistribution by the government and they may correspond to underlying dissimilarities in preference for redistribution across the population of these countries. In particular, previous literature has compared the US and Europe from this viewpoint, and proposed several explanations of these differences, from aggregation of individual determinants (e.g. one's income) to more holistic ones such as shared values at the national level (Alesina & Giuliano, 2009; Alesina & La Ferrara, 2004; Alesina et al., 2004). The purpose of this paper is to contribute to this literature by analyzing the impact of socio-demographic factors and social beliefs on preference for redistribution and by trying to extend the comparison between Europe and the US by including the case of a developed Asian country, Japan. More precisely, by relying on the 2009 issue of the International Social Survey Program, our aim is to explain different preferences for redistribution across the US, France and Japan. By focusing on the differences and commonalities across the three countries in the answers to two questions – the government role in reducing the difference in income and the way the tax system deals with high income, we are able to get the following results. We first confirm the opposition between Europe and the US regarding redistributive policies and progressive taxation. We second identify a different logic in Japan with general support for welfare policies that would reduce inequalities but distrust in the taxation system.

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“The Structure of Inequality and Support for Redistribution”

Henning Finseraas (Institute for Social Research)

How do voters perceive the recent increases in income inequality? Do they react differently to increases in the bottom of the income distribution versus increases at the top? And what type of policy responses, if any, do they demand in response to increases in inequality? These questions are important questions in a time of increasing inequality. To answer these questions we conduct a survey experiment where we provide respondents with information about the recent changes in income inequality at the top and at the bottom of the income distribution. Next we ask the respondents to what extent they perceive inequality as an important question, as well as questions on support for income redistribution, tax progressivity, and support for social assistance. Finally, we employ recent advances in machine learning for causal inference to identify subgroups of voters that are more or less responsive to the information treatment. The survey experiment is conducted in both UK and Denmark, which allow us to examine to what extent effects are similar across social models.

“Attitudes towards Inequality and Re-distribution”

Sayaka Sakoda (Doshisha University) & **Toshiaki Tachibanaki** (Kyoto Women's University)

The paper examines the effect of globalism, populism, and self-responsibility on inequality and re-distribution policies. As economists we pay attention to the tradeoff-relationship between efficiency and equity. Although Japan is picked up as a main empirical example, we take into account various circumstances which are observed in the other advanced countries. The study argues whether several findings obtained in the fields of philosophy and psychology are useful to understand the issues of inequality and redistribution. Finally, we are going to present our views to solve the current problems related to inequality in the world.

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Keynote Speech: “Intergenerational Mobility and Preferences for Redistribution: a Transatlantic Perspective”

Alberto Alesina (Harvard University), co-written with Stefanie Stantcheva (Harvard University) & Edoardo Teso (Harvard University)

Using new cross-country survey and experimental data, we investigate how beliefs about intergenerational mobility affect preferences for redistribution in France, Italy, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Americans are more optimistic than Europeans about social mobility. Our randomized treatment shows pessimistic information about mobility and increases support for redistribution, mostly for “equality of opportunity” policies. We find strong political polarization. Left-wing respondents are more pessimistic about mobility: their preferences for redistribution are correlated with their mobility perceptions; and they support more redistribution after seeing pessimistic information. None of this is true for right-wing respondents, possibly because they see the government as a “problem” and not as the “solution”.

Session II | Exploring the Determinants of the Preference for Redistribution: Immigration, Fairness Norms and Education

“Negativity Bias: The Impact of Framing of Immigration on Welfare State Support in Germany, Sweden and the UK”

Sabina Avdagic (University of Sussex), co-written with Lee Savage (King's College, London)

How does media framing of immigration influence support for the welfare state? Drawing on research from psychology, specifically the notion of negativity bias and the sequencing of negative and positive information, we hypothesize that negative immigration frames undermine welfare support, while positive frames have little or no effect. Individuals take less notice of positive frames and the effect of such frames is further undermined by the previous exposure to negative frames, which tend to stick longer in people’s minds. Our findings, based on survey experiments on over 9,000 individuals in Germany, Sweden and the UK, show a strong and pervasive effect of negative framing of immigration on welfare support. Although there is some evidence that this effect is amplified for people who hold anti-immigrant and anti-welfare attitudes or feel insecure about their financial prospects, most models suggest that negative framing is not affecting only particular groups, but applies more generally across the population. As expected, the effect of positive framing is considerably weaker and does not strengthen welfare support in any of our countries.

“Duality of Fairness Norms and Preference for Redistribution in Korea”

Soo Kyeong Hwang (Korea Development Institute)

This paper examines three kinds of perceptions of Koreans: (1) perception of income fairness, (2) awareness of income inequality, and (3) preference for income redistribution. The structural relationship between three perceptions are also investigated. To analyze these topics, the World Values Survey 1981-2014 Longitudinal Aggregate is used. The main finding is that there is a clear idiosyncrasy in the structural relationship between the perception of income fairness and the preference for redistribution of Koreans. In general, if people believe that income acquisition is not fair, their preference for redistribution increases, but in Korea an opposite relationship is observed. Koreans recognize that the process of income and wealth acquisition is relatively fair, and understand the income gap in terms of differential compensation for effort rather than inequality. At the same time, however, demand for government redistribution policies is very high. This paper discusses how the seemingly conflicting perceptions coexist. It can be explained by the hypothesis that there are two different ways of thinking about the distribution of social resources: micro-fairness and macro-justice norms.

“Does Learning Opportunity at College Affect Preference for Redistribution? The Case of Japan”

Kunio Urakawa (Kyushu University)

In recent years, analyses of people’s preferences for redistribution have been conducted actively among various countries and international institutions. Research on preference for redistribution leads to the discovery and reconsideration of people’s traits and behavioral principles that were previously overlooked in society. This study focuses on the relation between learning opportunity and study experience at university and preference for redistribution, using Japanese microdata, reflecting Japan’s recent trend of strict selection of priority universities.

The analytical results found that graduates of National or Public Universities, particularly for those whom major in liberal arts, and graduates of G30 Universities (accepted by the MEXT's Global 30 project), and universities whose learning support levels are high tend to more represent an agreement with redistribution, even after controlling for other covariates such as household types, SESs, and childhood cultural capital. Opportunities for higher benefits through redistribution in the field of higher education might affect the evaluations for current disparity and government redistribution.

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Keynote Speech: “Brahmin Left vs Merchant Right: Rising Inequality and the Changing Structure of Political Conflict”

Thomas Piketty (EHESS & Paris School of Economics)

Using post-electoral surveys from France, Britain and the US, this paper documents a striking long-run evolution in the structure of political cleavages. In the 1950s-1960s, the vote for left-wing (socialist-labour-democratic) parties was associated with lower education and lower income voters. It has gradually become associated with higher education voters, giving rise to a “multiple-elite” party system in the 2000s-2010s: high-education elites now vote for the “left”, while highincome/high-wealth elites still vote for the “right” (though less and less so). I argue that this can contribute to explain rising inequality and the lack of democratic response to it, as well as the rise of “populism”. I also discuss the origins of this evolution (rise of globalization/migration cleavage, and/or educational expansion per se) as well as future prospects: “multiple-elite” stabilization; complete realignment of the party system along a “globalists” (high-education, high-income) vs “nativists” (loweducation, low-income) cleavage; return to class-based redistributive conflict (either from an internationalist or nativist perspective). Two main lessons emerge. First, with multi-dimensional inequality, multiple political equilibria and bifurcations can occur. Next, without a strong egalitarian-internationalist platform, it is difficult to unite loweducation, low-income voters from all origins within the same party.

Session III | Inequalities and Political Cleavages

“Economic Insecurity and the Rise of the Right”

Conchita D’Ambrosio (University of Luxembourg) & **Andrew Clark** (CNRS & Paris School of Economics), co-written with Walter Bossert (University of Montreal) & Anthony Lepinteur (University of Luxembourg)

Economic insecurity has attracted growing attention in social, academic and policy circles. However, there is no consensus as to its precise definition. Intuitively, economic insecurity is multifaceted, making any comprehensive formal definition subsuming all possible aspects extremely challenging. We propose simplified a more-simplified model and then characterize a class of individual economic- insecurity measures based on variations over time in economic resources. We then apply our economic-insecurity measure to data on political preferences. In US, UK and German panel data, economic insecurity predicts political participation (the intention to vote) and notably greater support for parties on the right wing of the political spectrum. We in particular find that, conditional on current economic re- sources, economic insecurity predicts greater support for both Donald Trump before the 2016 US presidential election and the UK leaving the European Union in the 2016 Brexit referendum.

“Anti-elite Politics and Emotional Reactions to Socio-economic Problems. Experimental Evidence from France, Germany, and the United States”

Paul Marx (University of Duisburg Essen)

A core assumption of many political economy theories is that individual socio-economic disadvantage creates demand for redistributive policies. The translation of disadvantage into policies presupposes that affected people a) reflect on their socio-structural conditions and the underlying causes; b) link these conditions to social policy supply; c) vote accordingly. In reality, these demanding cognitive processes are heavily influenced by emotional responses to socio-economic disadvantage. As the recent surge in populist mobilization has illustrated, many voters are motivated to express, in particular, their anger at political elites. A large literature in Political Psychology has shown, in turn, that anger is a mobilizing emotion (particularly in contrast with other negative emotions, such as shame or sadness) and that it has a strong potential influence on voting behavior. To understand how socio-economic positions translate into political behavior, it therefore is crucial to know more about the conditions under which citizens become angry about their personal financial situation.

The proposed contribution studies this question in survey experiments conducted in nationally representative samples from three countries: France, Germany, and the United States. Randomly exposing participants to (mildly) populist anti-elite rhetoric causes considerably higher expressed anger about one's financial situation in France and Germany, but less so in the United States where a populist President is in office. The distribution of anger across socio-economic and political groups differs between the countries. Follow-up experiments – that hopefully will have led to presentable results at the time of the workshop - will elucidate how such “pocketbook anger” influences policy preferences and vote intention.

“Political Cleavages and Inequality”

Amory Gethin (Paris School of Economics), co-written with Clara Martinez-Toledano (Paris School of Economics) & Thomas Piketty (EHESS & Paris School of Economics)

This paper studies the long-run evolution of political cleavages in old democracies by combining and harmonizing more than one hundred election surveys conducted in twenty countries between 1950 and 2018. In line with Piketty's (2018) findings on France, the United Kingdom and the United States, we document a rise in support for left-wing parties (socialist, social-democratic, communist, green) among voters with higher education in a majority of Western democracies since the 1980s, while top income earners remain significantly more likely to support right-wing parties as in the 1950s-1970s. We interpret these changes as evidence of the emergence of a new cross-cutting dimension of political conflict, partitioning voters on the lines of globalization and new social identities. This transformation in cleavage structures has participated to depoliticizing the class divides which were at the heart of the construction of welfare states in the aftermath of World War II. It can help explain why, in many advanced economies, democratic responses have been insufficient to tackle the rise in income and wealth inequalities.

Keynote Speech: “Redistributive Politics with TargetSpecific Beliefs”

Christina Fong (Carnegie Mellon University), co-written with Panu Poutvaara (University of Munich & ifo Institute)

There is perennial tension between the generosity of means-tested transfers and the work efforts of recipients. Individual support for these policies is associated with beliefs about whether the poor are lazy or industrious. At the same time, support for general redistribution from the rich to the poor is viewed in terms of general beliefs that luck rather than effort determines income (or mobility). This paper takes a first step toward unifying these literatures by incorporating target-specific beliefs about the rich and the poor into a model that broadly follows key insights from the literature on general beliefs and preferences for redistribution. We develop and test a theory about support for redistribution in the presence of target-specific beliefs about the causes of low and high incomes. Our theory predicts that target-specific beliefs about the poor matter most for preferences about transfers to the poor, and target-specific beliefs about the rich matter most for preferences about taxation of the rich. Survey evidence from the United States and from Germany, the latter using survey questions we wrote for a module of the German Socio-Economic Panel, confirms this. We find that 42% of Americans give different answers when asked, respectively, about the reasons for being rich and the reasons for being poor. Experimental evidence on giving money to real welfare recipients provides additional support for our theory.

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKERS



Alberto Alesina (Harvard University)

Alberto Alesina, born in Italy in 1957, is the Nathaniel Ropes Professor of Political Economy at Harvard University. He obtained his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1986. He served as Chairman of the Department of Economics from 2003 - 2006. He is a member of the National Bureau of Economic Research and the Center for Economic Policy Research. He is a member of the Econometric Society and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is the director of the political economy program of the NBER since 2006.

He has published extensively in all major academic journals in economics. He has published five books. Amongst those are: *The Future of Europe: Reform or Decline*, published by MIT Press, with Francesco Giavazzi and *Fighting Poverty in the US and Europe: A World of Difference*, published by Oxford University Press, with Edward Glaeser. He has been a Co-editor of the *Quarterly Journal of Economics* for six years and Associate Editor of many academic journals. He has published columns in many leading newspapers around the world and has visited several institutions including MIT, Tel Aviv University, University of Stockholm, The World Bank, and the IMF. He holds a visiting position with IGER Bocconi.

His work has covered a variety of topics: political business cycles, the political economy of fiscal policy and budget deficits, the process of European integration, stabilization policies in high inflation countries, the determination of the size of countries, currency unions, the political economic determinants of redistributive policies, differences in the welfare state in the US and Europe and, more generally, differences in the economic system in the US and Europe, the effect of alternative electoral systems on economic policies, and the determination of the choice of different electoral systems, culture and economics, ethnic conflict, inequality and redistributive policies, and the macroeconomic effects of fiscal policy.



Conchita D'Ambrosio (University of Luxembourg)

Conchita D'Ambrosio is Professor of Economics, FNR PEARL Chair, at Université du Luxembourg. She is an economist, with a Ph.D. from New York University (2000). Her research interests have revolved around the study of individual and social wellbeing, its determinants, and the proposal of various measures that are able to capture its different aspects. Before joining the University of Luxembourg in 2013, she was Associate Professor of Economics at the Università di Milano-Bicocca.



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Antoine Bozio (EHESS & Paris School of Economics)

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Andrew Clark (Paris School of Economics)

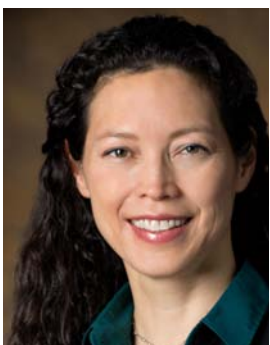
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Amory Gethin (Paris School of Economics)

Amory Gethin is a research fellow at the World Inequality Lab. He holds a master's degree from the Paris School of Economics and the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales. His research focuses on the interplay between economic inequality, political cleavages and electoral behaviours in developed and developing democracies.



Elvire Guillaud (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

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Romain Huret (EHESS)

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Japanese case, he wishes to extend his research to other forms of capitalism in Asia while making comparisons with Europe.



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