Inequalities and Preference for Redistribution

Tentative Program

March 18th & 19th 2019
Paris School of Economics, Paris

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?

March 18th (Monday)

9:00 am: Opening remarks by Romain HURET (EHESS) and Sébastien Lechevalier (EHESS-FFJ)

Session I: Inequalities and preference for redistribution: beyond the transatlantic perspective

Ryo Kambayashi (Professor, Hitotsubashi University), Sébastien Lechevalier (Professor, EHESS) &
Thanasak Jenmana (Research Fellow, Paris School of Economics): "Revisiting Cross-National
Variations in Preference for Redistribution: A Comparison between US, France, and Japan"

Henning Finseraas (Research Professor, Institute for Social Research): "The Structure of Inequality
and Support for Redistribution"

Sayaka Sakoda (Assistant Professor, Doshisha University) & Toshiaki Tachibanaki (Professor
Emeritus, Kyoto University): "Attitudes towards Inequality and Re-distribution"

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Coffee Break

Keynote 1: Alberto Alesina (Professor, Harvard University): "Intergenerational Mobility and
Preferences for Redistribution: a Transatlantic Perspective" (joint with Stefanie Stantcheva and
Edoardo Teso)
Session II: Exploring the determinants of the preference for redistribution: Immigration, fairness norms and education

Sabina Avdagic (Senior Lecturer, University of Sussex) & Lee Savage (Lecturer, King’s College London): "Negativity Bias: The Impact of Framing of Immigration on Welfare State Support in Germany, Sweden and the UK"

Soo Kyeong Hwang (Senior Fellow, Korea Development Institute): "An Empirical Study on the Relationship between Fairness Norms and Income Redistribution Policy in Korea"

Kunio Urakawa (Associate Professor, Kyushu University): "Does Learning Opportunity at College Affect Preference for Redistribution? The Case of Japan"

Coffee Break

Keynote 2: Thomas Piketty (Professor, Paris School of Economics): "Brahmin Left vs Merchant Right: Rising Inequality and the Changing Structure of Political Conflict"

(end: 18h30 or 19h)

March 19th (Tuesday)

Session III: Inequalities and political cleavages

Andrew Clark (Professor, Paris School of Economics) & Conchita D'Ambrosio (Professor, University of Luxembourg): "Economic Insecurity and the rise of the right"

Paul Marx (Professor, University of Duisburg Essen): "Anti-elite politics and emotional reactions to socio-economic problems. Experimental evidence from France, Germany, and the United States"

Amory Gethin (Faculty Member, Paris School of Economics) & Clara Martinez-Toledano (Ph. D. Student, Paris School of Economics): "Inequality and Changing Political Cleavages" (joint with Thomas Piketty, Professor, EHESS & Paris School of Economics)

Keynote 3: Christina Fong (Senior Research Scientist, Carnegie Mellon University): "Redistributive Politics with Target-Specific Beliefs"

1 pm: concluding remarks & Lunch