

# Laboratory of empirical analysis of inequality

Degree in Economics and Political Science (EPS)

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Aims and objectives

The aim of this laboratory is to present and critically discuss recent developments in the inequality literature. The focus will be especially, though not exclusively, on between-countries inequality.

We will discuss how global inequality can be measured, how it has evolved over time, and what are its main determinants. The laboratory is closely linked, and complementary, to the course *Social Justice in a Global World*. Relative to the course, the laboratory is characterized by greater interaction and debate.

Language of instruction: ENGLISH

Duration: 20 hours

Credits: 3\*

\*In order to get the 3 credits, students must attend 80% of the lectures (at least 8 out of 10 lessons)

Students accepted: both Bachelor and Master

## SYLLABUS

### Short course description

This laboratory presents in detail some key contributions to the current literature on economic inequality, with a special focus on inequality between countries.

### Syllabus

- The measurement of global inequality  
Milanovic, B. (2005) *World Apart – Measuring International and Global Inequality*, Princeton University Press, (parts)  
Milanovic, B. (2013) “Global income inequality in numbers: in history and now”, *Global Policy*, pp. 198-208

- The evolution of global inequality  
Bourguignon, F. and Morrisson, C. (2002), "Inequality Among World Citizens: 1820-1992", American Economic Review, 92(4), 727-44
- The determinants of global inequality  
Milanovic, B. (2015) "Global inequality of opportunity: how much of our income is determined by where we live". Review of Economics and Statistics, 97 (2): 452-460
- Top incomes  
Piketty, T and Saez, E. (2006). "The evolution of Top Incomes: A Historical and International Perspective" American Economic Review, 96(2): 200-205.
- Inequality in a long run perspective  
Piketty, T. (2014). Capital in the Twenty-First Century, Harvard University Press (parts)

## Calendar

1. 22 February 2017 Room 22
2. 27 February 2017 Room 22
3. 28 February 2017 Room 22
4. 1 March 2017 Room 22
5. 6 March 2017 Room 22
6. 7 March 2017 Room 22
7. 8 March 2017 Room 22
8. 13 March 2017 Room 22
9. 14 March 2017 Room 22
- 10.15 March 2017 Room 22

16:30-18:30

There is no final exam.

However **attendance and active participation are compulsory.**

**In order to register to this laboratory, please send an email to [eps@unimi.it](mailto:eps@unimi.it).**

A maximum of 30 students will be accepted.