

SITE Conference on September 1-2, 2014

Economics of Inequality

In recent years issues relating to the distribution of income and wealth have received increasing attention. Rising inequality has placed the topic at the center of the policy debate in many developed economies. At the same time concerns about inequality in the developing world have placed the issue at center stage of the development debate.

Over the past decade, inequality research has taken many important steps to increase our knowledge and understanding of distributional issues. A body of new evidence on both recent developments as well as long-term historical trends in the distribution of income and wealth has brought new insights into the causes and consequences of inequality.

The Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics will host an academic conference at the Stockholm School of Economics to bring together researchers from all fields of economics contributing to the debate about inequality, its causes and consequences for society, as well as the implications for policy.

Call for Papers

We invite submissions of empirical and theoretical research related to the following topics:

Inequality in OECD countries

- Determinants of inequality
- Implications of inequality for public policy: optimal taxation, social policy, the mobility of tax bases and the need for international coordination
- Macroeconomic consequences of inequality
- Inequality and the financial crisis
- Recent trends in inequality, especially the development of top incomes and its consequences

Inequality and Development

- Inclusive growth
- Inequality and poverty reduction
- Inequality as barrier to economic development
- The effect of inequality on political destabilization
- Trends in the global distribution of wealth

Measurement of Inequality

- Measurement of equality and opportunity
- Utility measures and comparisons
- Justice and fairness
- Distributional characteristics

Please send your submission to siteconferences@gmail.com before May 31, 2014. Priority is given to complete papers, but extended abstracts will be considered as well. Limited funds for accommodation and travel are available; please indicate upon paper submission if such assistance is required for participation. More information can be found at www.hhs.se/SITE/conference.