



International conference on Socio-Economic Inequality in India

At Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi

Thursday, 30th March – Friday, 31st March 2023

The concern for rising inequality is not new. But while inequalities between the developed and developing countries are converging due to rapid growth in some of the emerging economies, inequalities within some countries increase. According to the latest Oxfam Inequality report India is one of the most unequal countries where the richest 10% of the population holds 57% of the national income. India's inequality problem is further aggravated by the embedded socio-economic stratification based on caste, religion and gender, among others. This makes the assessment of Indian inequality challenging given the laminated mosaic of Indian society. The aim of this conference is to bring together research on inequality issues on several fronts and from the perspective of multiple disciplines across social science. The conference is organized in several thematic sessions to elaborate multiple important facets of inequality and their associated challenges in India.

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Conference Program

Day 1: Thursday, March 30 (Venue: CSH-IFI Conference Room)

10h00

Registration, Welcome tea/coffee

Session-1 : Inequality in schooling and higher education

Moderator & discussant : Odile Henry (CSH, Delhi)

10h30 – 11h10

Jandhyala B G Tilak (Council for Social Development, Delhi)
“Inequality in higher education: The Indian context”

11h10 – 11h50

Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi)
“Transforming rural prosperity through tertiary education: Evidence from India”

11h50 – 12h30

Tista Kundu (Centre de Sciences Humaines, Delhi)
“Inequality in access to elementary level school education in India”

12h30 – 12h45

Tea/Coffee break

12h45 – 13h05

Discussion by Odile Henry

13h05 – 13h30

Open discussion

13h30 – 15h00

Lunch Break

Session-2 : Health, population and spatial inequality

Moderator & discussant : Christophe Guilmoto (CSH, Delhi)

15h00 – 15h40

Srinivas Goli (International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai)
“Glorifying Virchow: Current debate on neoliberal policies and health inequalities in India”

15h40 – 16h20

Dipa Sinha (Ambedkar University, Delhi)
“Spatial and social inequalities in nutritional outcomes in India”

16h20 – 17h00

Vastav Ratra (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi)
“Health and spatial inequalities”

17h00 – 17h15

Tea/Coffee break

17h15 – 17h35

Discussion by Christophe Guilmoto

17h35 – 18h00

Open discussion

Day 2: Friday, March 31 (Venue: CSH-IFI Conference Room)

10h00

Tea/coffee served

Session-3 : Inequality: Measurement, strategies and inclusivity

Moderator & discussants: **Kiran Bhatta** (CSH, Delhi) & **Nicolas Gravel** (Aix-Marseille School of Economics)

10h30 – 11h10

Gerton Rongen (Amsterdam Institute of Global Health & Development, Amsterdam)
"A new inequality estimate for urban India?"

11h10 – 11h20

Discussion by **Nicolas Gravel**

11h20 – 12h00

Ashwini Deshpande (Ashoka University, Haryana)
"Can marginalized groups reformulate their identities to improve their lot? Evidence from the religion-caste overlap in India"

12h00 – 12h10

Discussion by **Kiran Bhatta**

12h10 – 12h30

Open discussion

12h30 – 14h00

Lunch Break

Session-4 : Multiple faces of Indian inequality

Moderator & discussant : **Himanshu** (JNU & CSH, Delhi)

14h00 – 14h40

Nicolas Gravel (Aix-Marseille School of Economics)
"Evaluating equality of educational opportunities in India"

14h40 – 15h20

Bina Agarwal (University of Manchester)
"Gender inequality in land ownership in law and practice"

15h20 – 15h50

Tea/Coffee break

15h50 – 16h30

Discussion by **Himanshu**

16h30 – 17h00

Open discussion

END of Conference with coffee and vote of thanks!