

Labor markets, economic growth and inequality, spring term 2016

(Arbetsmarknad, ekonomisk tillväxt och ojämlikhet, vt 2016)

Part 1. Economic inequality, micro: reward determination in the labor market

Meeting 1. Inequality between individuals: human capacities

Thursday 31 March, kl 13.00-14.45, F3154

England, Paula and Nancy Folbre. 1997. "Reconceptualizing human capital." *Paper* presented at the - annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Toronto. -
(Paper to be made available on Mondo.) -

Farkas, George. 2003. "Cognitive skills and non-cognitive traits and behaviors in stratification - processes." *Annual Review of Sociology*, 29: 541-62. -

Heckman, James J. 2008. "Schools, skills, and synapses." *Economic Inquiry*, 46: 289-324. -

Meeting 2. Inequality between positions: social hierarchies -

Thursday 7 April, kl 13.00-14.45, F347

Dahrendorf, Ralf. 1968. "On the origin of inequality among men." Pp. 151-78 in Dahrendorf, R. *Essays in the Theory of Society*. Stanford University Press.
<http://www.faculty.fairfield.edu/dcrawford/dahrendorf.pdf>

Gottfredson, Linda S. 1985. "Education as a valid but fallible signal of worker quality: Reorienting an old debate about the functional basis of the occupational hierarchy." Pp. 123-69 in *Research in the Sociology of Education and Socialization*, vol. 5, red. Alan C. Kerckhoff.
<http://www.udel.edu/educ/gottfredson/reprints/1985validbutfallible.pdf>

Kohn, Melvin L. 1999. "Two visions of the relationship between social structure and personality: The 'Bell Curve' versus Social Structure and Personality." Pp. 34-51 in Moen, P., D. Dempster McClain, and H. Walker (eds.) *A Nation Divided: Diversity, Inequality and Community in American Society*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
<http://krieger.jhu.edu/sociology/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2012/02/mlkwilliam6.pdf>

Tåhlin, Michael. 2011. "Vertical differentiation of work tasks: Conceptual and measurement issues." - *Empirical Research in Vocational Education and Training*, vol. 3, pp. 55-70. -
(Paper to be made available on Mondo.) -

Meeting 3. Social class: power or efficiency? -

Thursday 14 April, kl 13.00-14.45, F307

Goldthorpe, John H. 2007. "Social class and the differentiation of employment contracts." Pp. 101-124 in J.H. Goldthorpe, *On Sociology, Second edition, Volume two: Illustration and Retrospect*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. (See web link below.)

https://books.google.se/books?id=c9fdpN4fVnEC&pg=PA101&lpg=PA101&dq=social+class+and+the+differentiation+of+employment+contracts&source=bl&ots=YivUmTjJq-&sig=ZiqjNV34_iClK60fTcYrp0Psc7E&hl=sv&sa=X&ved=0ahUKewjkt7q4zZ_LAhWKFJoKHajACBEQ6AEIJzAB#v=onepage&q=social%20class%20and%20the%20differentiation%20of%20employment%20contracts&f=false

le Grand, Carl and Michael Tåhlin. 2013. "Class, occupation, wages and skills: The iron law of labor market inequality." *Comparative Social Research*, 30: 3-46.

Tåhlin, Michael. 2007. "Class clues." *European Sociological Review*, 23: 557-72.

Wright, Erik Olin. 2009. "Understanding class. Towards an integrated analytical approach." *New Left Review* 60 (Nov.-Dec.): 101-116.

Meeting 4. Gender and ethnicity in the labor market

Thursday 21 April, kl 13.00-14.45, F4204

Charles, Maria and Karen Bradley. 2009. "Indulging our gendered selves? Sex segregation by field of study in 44 countries." *American Journal of Sociology*, 114: 924-76.

Lundborg, Per and Per Skedinger. 2015. "Minimum wages and the integration of refugee immigrants." *Working Paper*, Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University. (Paper to be made available on Mondo.)

Magnusson, Charlotta. 2010. "Why is there a gender wage gap according to occupational prestige? An analysis of the gender wage gap by occupational prestige and family obligations in Sweden." *Acta Sociologica*, 53: 99-117.

Wood, Wendy and Alice H. Eagly. 2012. "Biosocial construction of sex differences and similarities in behavior." *Advances in Experimental Social Psychology*, 46: 55-123.

http://www-ccd.usc.edu/assets/sites/545/docs/Wendy_Wood_Research_Articles/Gender_Differences_in_Social_Behavior/wood.eagly.2012.Advances.pdf

Part 2. Economic inequality, macro: variations across countries and over time

Meeting 5. Differences across OECD countries in economic inequality -

Thursday 28 April, kl 13.00-14.45, F4204 -

Carbonaro, William. 2006. "Cross-national differences in the skills-earnings relationship: The role of labor market institutions." *Social Forces*, 84: 1819-42.

Mandel, Hadas. 2012. "Winners and losers: The consequences of welfare state policies for gender wage inequality." *European Sociological Review*, 28: 241-62.

Pontusson, Jonas, David Rueda and Christopher R. Way. 2002. "Comparative political economy of wage distribution: The role of partisanship and labour market institutions." *British Journal of Political Science*, 32: 281-308.

Tåhlin, Michael. 2007. "Skills and wages in European labour markets: Structure and change." Pp. 35-76 in Gallie, Duncan (ed.) *Employment Regimes and the Quality of Work*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Meeting 6. Evolution of economic inequality: Economic growth, technical change and globalization

Thursday 12 May, kl 13.00-14.45, F4204

Dwyer, Rachel A. 2013. "The care economy? Gender, economic restructuring, and job polarization in the U.S. labor market." *American Sociological Review*, 78: 390-416.

Hanushek, Eric A. and Ludger Woessmann. 2010. "Education and economic growth." *International Encyclopedia of Education*, vol. 2, pp. 245-252.

Kenworthy, Lane. 2010. "Institutions, wealth, and inequality." Pp. 399-420 in Morgan, G. et al. (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Institutional Analysis*. Oxford University Press.

Korpi, Tomas and Michael Tåhlin. 2011. "Changing work-life inequality in Sweden: Globalization and other causes." Pp. 177-208 in Blossfeld, H-P, S. Buchholz, D. Hofäcker and K. Kolb (eds.) *Globalized Labour Markets and Social Inequality in Europe*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Piketty, Thomas and Emmanuel Saez. 2014. "Inequality in the long run." *Science*, 344 (6186): 838-843.

Meeting 7. Political causes of changes in growth and inequality in OECD countries

Thursday 19 May, kl 13.00-14.45, F4204

Brady, David and Kevin T. Leicht. 2008. "Party to inequality: Right party power and income inequality in affluent Western democracies." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, 26: 77-106.

Gilens, Martin and Benjamin I. Page. 2014. "Testing theories of American politics: Elites, interest groups, and average citizens." *Perspectives on Politics*, 12: 564-81.

Hacker, Jacob S. and Paul Pierson. 2010. "Winner-take-all politics: Public policy, political organization, and the precipitous rise in top incomes in the United States." *Politics & Society*, 38: 152-204.

Kenworthy, Lane and Leslie McCall. 2008. "Inequality, public opinion and redistribution." *Socio-Economic Review*, 6: 35-68.

Mankiw, N. Gregory. 2013. "Defending the one percent." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 27(3): 21-34.

Meeting 8. Economic growth and inequality in the whole world

Thursday 26 May, kl 13.00-14.45, F363

Acemoglu, Daron, Francisco A. Gallego and James A. Robinson. 2014. "Institutions, human capital, and development." *Annual Review of Economics*, 6: 875-912.

Glaeser, Edward L., Rafael La Porta, Florencio Lopez-de-Silanes and Andrei Shleifer. 2004. "Do institutions cause growth?" *Journal of Economic Growth*, 9: 271-303.

Lam, David. 2011. "How the world survived the population bomb: Lessons from 50 years of extraordinary demographic history." *Demography*, 48: 1231-62.

Rodrik, Dani. 2013. "The past, present and future of economic growth." Chapter in Behrman, J. et al. (eds.) *Towards a Better Global Economy: Policy Implications for Citizens Worldwide in the 21st Century*. Oxford University Press.

Rodrik, Dani. 2014. "An African growth miracle?" Richard H. Sabot Lecture, 24 April 2014, Center for Global Development, Washington, DC.

Meetings and examination

The course runs during eleven weeks (weeks 13-23, 2016) at half-time pace. There are eight 2-hour meetings during the course. At each meeting (except meeting 1) the first hour consists of an overview lecture and the second hour of a seminar with expected active participation of all students.

Written examination has two parts:

(a) Short reviews (400-600 words summary plus 150-250 words individual reflection) of each item (ca 30 items in total) in the course literature.

(b) A brief essay (5000-7000 words, corresponding to ca 12 pages of text with 1.5 line spacing) in the form of answers to a take-home exam (the exam is distributed at the last meeting, Thursday 26 May). The essay should be a discussion text with independent reasoning on the basis of the course literature (although other sources may also be used).

There are four requirements for passing the course:

(a) active participation at all meetings (absence from one meeting is accepted without compensation);

(b) one prepared introductory discussion (5-10 minutes) at one of the seminars;

(c) completion of all review texts (see above);

(d) completion of essay (take-home exam, see above).

The reviews of the literature should be sent by e-mail to MT (see address below) close in time to the meeting where the respective texts are discussed (except the first meeting). The take-home exam essay should be delivered by e-mail to MT within two weeks (14 days) after the last meeting (at which the take-home exam is distributed), i.e., the last essay delivery date is Thursday 9 June, 2016. By that date, at the latest, all literature reviews should also be delivered (but normally they should be delivered close in time to the relevant meeting; see above). All complete deliveries meeting the deadline will be graded by 21 June, 2016. Late delivery (after 9 June, 2016) of the essay or the reviews is accepted, but may affect grading negatively (see below) and involve grading delays of unknown length.

Grading is made on a seven-point scale, A to F; criteria are given in the course plan. Only complete deliveries meeting the deadline can be graded higher than D.

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