
*Workshop on Inequality and Welfare:
The state of the art, policy challenges and a research
agenda for Europe*

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*Université libre de Bruxelles 42, avenue Roosevelt – 1050
Brussels Building SBS-EM Solvay Brussels School of Economics – Room: R42.2.113*

BACKGROUND ON COEURE:

The COEURE Coordination Action (which stands for COoperation for EUropean Research in Economics) brings together the key stakeholders in the European economic research space – funders, policy-makers and researchers – in a process of stocktaking, consultation and stakeholder collaboration. The aim of this process is to identify the knowledge gaps on key EU economic policy issues and assess the current challenges and opportunities facing European-based researchers, with the ultimate goal to inform the European agenda for research funding. It is funded by the European Commission and carried out under the initiative of the European Economic Association. More info at www.coeure.eu

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP:

This workshop, devoted to “Inequality and Welfare”, is one of twelve thematic workshops organized by COEURE as part of its stockholding exercise. It will bring together a small group of high level scholars as well as high level policy-makers and other stakeholders to discuss the research frontier in these areas. The workshop will focus on policy experience and policy challenges when it comes to the question of inequality and welfare. The objectives are to form a grounded view on the role of scientific advice in EU policy decision-making and identify knowledge gaps, and document and discuss the state of European research on these themes and the challenges and opportunities facing European-based researchers.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Frode Steen (Norwegian School of Economics, Frode.Steen@nhh.no), Alain Trannoy (EHESS, GREQAM-IDEF, Marseille, alain.trannoy@univ-amu.fr), and Bertil Tungodden (Norwegian School of Economics, Bertil.Tungodden@nhh.no).

Registration is free but compulsory. To maximize interactions, attendance is limited to 50 people on a first-come first-served basis. Contact Bente Hoddevik Ulvestad at Bente.Ulvestad@nhh.no to register.



PROGRAM

09H30 – 09H45: INTRODUCTION

Frode Steen (Professor, Norwegian School of Economics)
Marianne Paasi (Research program and policy officer, European Commission)

09H45 – 10H45: INEQUALITY AND WELFARE: THE SCIENTIFIC STATE OF THE ART

Chair: **Bertil Tungodden**, (Professor, Norwegian School of Economics)

Alain Trannoy (Professor and Research Director at EHESS, GREQAM-IDEP, Marseille)

10H45 – 11H15 COMMENTS FROM RESEARCH

Alexander W. Cappelen (Professor, Norwegian School of Economics)

11H15 – 11H30: *Coffee break*

11H30 – 12H00: COMMENTS FROM POLICY/ACADEMICS

Franck Vandebrouck (Former Minister in the Belgian Federal Government and the Flemish Regional Government, professor at the K.U. Leuven)

12H00 – 12H30: Q&A FROM AUDIENCE

12H30 – 13H30: *Lunch break*

13H30 – 14H30: ATTITUDES TO INEQUALITY: EVIDENCE FROM SURVEYS AND EXPERIMENTS

Chair: **Hannah Gitmark**, (the think tank *Agenda*, Oslo)

Ingvild Almås (Researcher IIES, University of Stockholm)
Erik Shokkaert (Professor, University of K.U. Leuven)



14H30 – 15H00: **INEQUALITY AND WELFARE: POLICY PERSPECTIVES**

Chair: **Barbara Chizzolini**, (Professor, University of Bocconi)

Marc Fleurbaey (Professor, Princeton University)

15H00 – 15H30: *Coffee break*

15H30 – 17H00: **INEQUALITY AND WELFARE: POLICY PERSPECTIVES (CONT.)**

Marte Gerhardsen (Director of the think tank *Agenda*, Oslo)

J. Peter Neary (Professor, University of Oxford)

Karl Ove Moene (Professor, University of Oslo)

17H00 –18H00: Cocktail

20H00: Dinner (by invitation)