

Studying Wealth and Finance. A Social Science Perspective

Journées d'étude les 9 et 10 novembre 2021, Université de Lausanne, Géopolis, salle 5799



The unequal distribution of wealth has gained interest in the last years within the public and academic spheres. It increasingly dominates public debates about taxation, social cohesion and inequality. At the same time, it stimulated an interdisciplinary debate amongst economists, historians and sociologists.

The aim of the first part of the workshop organized by LINES and OBELIS is to address recent discussions on wealth distribution in Switzerland from multiple disciplinary perspectives. A second part will focus on the role of financialization and the emergence of alternative finance in fostering new forms of social inequality and political cleavages.

The workshop is open to all, please register by writing an email to: felix.buhlmann@unil.ch

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 9th November 2021 (Half-day on « Wealth in Switzerland »)

13h30 – 14h15	Matthieu Leimgruber & Goeffroy Legentilhomme (UniZh): <i>Wealth and the Wealthy in Early 20th Century Zurich</i>
14h15 – 15h00	Enea Baselgia & Isabel Martinez (HSG/ ETHZ): <i>Tracking the Super-Rich: What Can We Learn from Swiss Rich Lists?</i>
15h00 – 15h30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15h30 – 16h15	Grégory Quin, Philippe Vonnard & Gianluca Sorrentino (UniL): <i>Beyond Wealth and Football Success. About the Presidents and the Changing Structures of Grasshopper Club Zurich (1970s-2020s)</i>
16h15 – 17h00	Ganga Jey Aratnam & Ueli Mäder (UNIBAS): <i>Wealth and Power in Switzerland</i>
17h00 – 17h30	Discussion
19h00	<i>Dinner at Lausanne City Center</i>

Wednesday 10th November (Day on “Finance and Society”)

9h00 – 10h00	Marlène Benquet & Théo Bourgeron (Université Paris-Dauphine & University College Dublin) : <i>Authoritarian Finance</i>
10h00 – 10h30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10h30 – 11h30	Megan Tobias Neely (Copenhagen Business School): <i>Hedged Out: Inequality and Insecurity on Wall Street.</i>
11h30 – 12h30	Fabien Foureault, Lena Ajdacic & Felix Bühlmann (UniL): <i>Financialization as Recombination</i>
12h30 – 14h00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14h00 – 14h45	Lena Ajdacic (UniL): <i>Networks, meritocratic credentials, or both at best: reaching the financial elite as a woman</i>
14h45 – 15h30	Jaleh Taheri (Lund University): <i>Pathways to Elite Professions: Gender, Class and Globalization in the Financial Sector</i>
15h30 – 16h00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16h00 – 16h45	Benjamin Ménard (UniL): <i>Private Equity at Work</i>
16h45 – 17h30	Discussion