



Seminar Series

2023/2024

DIGCLASS Project

Social Classes in the

Digital Age

Joint Research Centre
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The DIGCLASS Project

The [DIGCLASS project](#) is born out of increasing concern in Europe about the implications of the *digital revolution* for *social inequalities and democratic processes*. The project will revise and update the rich tradition of social class analysis in social sciences to apply it to current socioeconomic structures in Europe. It will propose new taxonomies and analytic tools for social class analysis and apply them to contemporary phenomena such as the decline of the middle class and job polarisation, the effects of digital technologies on inequalities and life chances or the emergence of new types of economic relations.

The objective is to provide a better understanding of how digital technologies alter the mechanisms that generate inequalities in the distribution of resources and life chances, which is crucial for social policies to respond to the challenges of the digital revolution.

DIGCLASS is one of the few [Centre for Advanced Studies](#) (CAS) projects hosted by the [Joint Research Centre](#) (JRC) at the European Commission. The JRC is the Commission's science and knowledge production in-house service. It is a Directorate-General (DG) of the European Commission. It informs and supports EU policies with independent research throughout the whole policy cycle. Within the JRC, the Centre for Advanced Studies (CAS) aims to enhance the JRC's capabilities to better understand and address complex and long-term societal challenges that the EU faces. The CAS project is hosted in Unit S4 (Scientific Development Programmes).

Seminar Series

The DIGCLASS seminar series is expected to facilitate the exchange of cutting-edge ideas and debates between JRC researchers and social science academics from research institutions worldwide. With the DIGCLASS seminar series, we want to push this discussion beyond the boundaries of the JRC community by attracting external scholars, policy-makers and a general audience.

Areas of interest:

- ✓ Social inequality, social stratification
- ✓ Labour economics
- ✓ Political economy, political behaviour

Seminars take place once monthly on Tuesdays from 15.00 to 16.00 CET in a fully open-access online format. We will publish further details on sessions' access and contents on the [DIGCLASS seminar series website](#) and the [JRC EU Science Hub events](#) in due time.

If you want to subscribe to the DIGCLASS seminar series mailing list to stay tuned, please drop us an email to JRC-CAS-DIGCLASS@ec.europa.eu



Date / Access	Speaker	Topic
October 24 th 2023 Link to the session	Richard Wilkinson University of Nottingham Medical School	Societal implications of income inequality
November 28 th 2023 Link to the session	Eva Anduiza Autonomous University of Barcelona	Gender backlash
December 19 th 2023 Link to the session	Mads Meier Jaeger University of Copenhagen	Cultural reproduction in education
January 23 rd 2024 Link to the session	Thomas Piketty Paris School of Economics & World Inequality Lab	Brief history of equality
February 20 th 2024 Link to the session	Ingrid Robeyns Utrecht University	Limitarianism
March 19 th 2024 Link to the session	Mirna Safi Sciences Po	Ethnic discrimination and segregation
April 23 rd 2024 Link to the session	Daniel Innerarity Ikerbasque & School of Transnational Governance – EUI	AI and democracy
May 21 st 2024 Link to the session	Verena Fetscher University of Hamburg	Preferences for redistribution
June 18 th 2024 Link to the session	Zach Parolin Bocconi University	Child poverty

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