

The EC's Community of Practice on Fairness

3rd Workshop: "Income inequality and its policy determinants – beyond a MS level analysis"

Date: 11 September

Venue: Charlemagne (CHAR): 15-023 - European Commission, Brussels

Programme

09:15 – 09:30	Registration and welcome coffee
09:30 – 09:50	Introduction to the workshop Xavier Troussard , Director, European Commission, Joint Research Centre
	Opening lecture
09:50 – 10:50	Stephen P. Jenkins , London School of Economics Title: Poverty in Europe
10:50 – 11:10	Coffee break
11:10 – 11:50	Andrea Brandolini , Bank of Italy Title: European Inequality
11:50 – 12:30	Facundo Alvaredo , Paris School of Economics and Conicet Title: Income and wealth inequality: evidence from five data sources
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:10	Fidel Picos , European Commission, Joint Research Centre Title: Inequality, poverty and tax-benefit reforms in Greece
14:10 – 14:50	Alari Paulus , Institute for Social & Economic Research (ISER) Title: Europe Through the Crisis: Household Incomes, Tax-Benefit Policy Changes and Automatic Stabilisers
14:50– 15:10	Coffee break
15:10 – 15:50	Elva Bova , European Commission, DG Economic and Financial Affairs Title: Fiscal policy and income inequality: some empirical evidence
15:50 – 16:30	Orsetta Causa , OECD Title: Taxes transfers and redistribution/ inequality reduction
16.30 – 17:00	Concluding remarks Sven Langedijk , European Commission, Joint Research Centre

Speakers

Xavier Troussard – European Commission, Joint Research Centre

Xavier Troussard is Acting Director of the "Competences" Directorate at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (EC). The Directorate aims at strengthening competences and offering services to policy makers in the European Commission and beyond in a wide range of disciplines such as composite indicators, micro economics and evaluation, modelling, text and data analytics and visualisation, technology transfer and copyright. He is also leading the "Foresight, behavioural insights and design for Policy" Unit in the same Directorate. The mission of this Unit is to support policy making at EU level with insights from anticipation disciplines (horizon scanning, foresight), behavioural sciences and design thinking. He manages this multidisciplinary team as part of a policy innovation laboratory - the EU Policy Lab (<http://blogs.ec.europa.eu/eupolicylab/>). Xavier graduated in Law and General Administration from the University of Rennes (France) and from the College of Europe in European Studies (Bruges, Belgium).

Stephen P. Jenkins – London School of Economics

Stephen P. Jenkins is Professor of Economic and Social Policy at the LSE. His recent research has examined trends in inequality and poverty, income mobility and poverty dynamics, labour supply and social security benefit receipt. He also works on quantitative research methods for analysis of income distribution in particular, and applied microeconometrics in general, especially survival analysis. Stephen is a former Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Economic Inequality (2014-2017), President of International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (2006-8), and European Society for Population Economics (1998). For his downloadable papers and software, see <http://ideas.repec.org/e/pje7.html>. His Google Scholar profile is at <http://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=PkphWlcAAAAJ&hl=en>

Andrea Brandolini - Bank of Italy

Andrea Brandolini is the head of the Statistical Analysis Directorate in the DG Economics, Statistics and Research of the Bank of Italy. He is a member of the Statistics Committee of the European System of Central Banks and vice-chair of the Committee on Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments Statistics. He represented the Bank of Italy in many national and international committees, including the Italian Poverty Commission, the Istat Commission on the absolute poverty methodology, the Italian Commission on Indicators of Equitable and Sustainable Well-being, the Luxembourg Income Study. He was a member of the World Bank Commission on Global Poverty.

Facundo Alvaredo – World Inequality lab and Paris School of Economics

Facundo Alvaredo is Professor at the Paris School of Economics, researcher at Conicet, and affiliated member of Nuffield College, Oxford. He is also Co-Director of the World Inequality Database and the World Inequality Lab.

Fidel Picos– European Commission, Joint Research Centre

Fidel Picos holds a BSc (1997) and PhD (2003) in Economics. He has been Associate Professor (currently on special leave) at the Department of Applied Economics of the University of Vigo, fellow researcher in the Instituto de Estudios Fiscales (IEF, Spanish Institute for Fiscal Studies) and consultant for the OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration. Since October 2015 he works as Economic Analyst at the Fiscal Policy Analysis Unit of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre. During 2017 he was detached to the Greek Ministry of Finance to give technical assistance on the use of microsimulation tools for the assessment of tax-benefit reforms. His main research topic is the study of tax reforms with a focus on inequality and redistribution. The results of his research work have been published in several academic journals and books.

Alari Paulus – Institute for Social & Economic Research (ISER)

Alari is a senior analyst of Economic Policy Programme in Praxis and a research fellow at the University of Essex. His main research area is public finance and public economics more broadly. His main research interests are tax compliance, the effects of fiscal policies on labour market and household income distribution, income inequality and redistribution in the international comparison. He started his career in Praxis as an analyst of Social and Labour Policy Programme and Education Policy Programme, then moving to the Institute for Social & Economic Research (ISER), University of Essex, where he has worked more than 10 years by now. Since 2016, he also re-joined the team of Praxis. He has been involved in various research projects funded by the European Commission (FP6, FP7, DG-EMPL, JRC), World Bank, national research bodies and ministries. He has also long-term experience in tax-benefit microsimulation modelling and has actively contributed to the development of the EU tax-benefit model, EUROMOD.

Elva Bova - European Commission, DG Economic and Financial Affairs

Elva Bova is an economist in the Directorate of Fiscal policy and policy mix at DG ECFIN. Her responsibilities regard the analysis of fiscal institutions, public asset management and spending reviews across the Member States. Before joining the Commission, Elva worked as an economist for the International Monetary Fund, in the Fiscal Affairs Department, where she dealt with income distribution issues, fiscal risks and fiscal rules. Prior to this, she was country economist for Haiti, Cameroon and Niger still at the IMF. Elva obtained a PhD at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Her main interests and research topics are public finance, fiscal risks and labour market policies on which she has published in academic journals.

Orsetta Causa – Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Orsetta Causa is senior economist at the OECD Economics Department, head of the Inclusive Growth Work stream and deputy head of division of the structural surveillance division. Her research interest and publications cover inequality, and more broadly, inclusiveness and well-being, with a strong emphasis on policy traction. Her research has also focused on labour markets, intergenerational social mobility, trade, productivity, and the impact of structural policies on macroeconomic growth. Orsetta held several positions in the OECD Economics Department, including responsibility for the Going for Growth publication. She holds a Phd from Paris School of Economics.

Sven Langedijk – European Commission, Joint Research Centre

Sven Langedijk is the Head of the Modelling, Indicators and Impact Evaluation Unit at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre in Ispra (Italy). Prior to taking up a research position in January 2013, he headed the European Commission team responsible for developing, negotiating and monitoring the EU-IMF financial support and economic adjustment programme for Ireland. Until 2010, he contributed to the development of the EU fiscal governance framework and the Stability and Growth Pact and was editor of the Commission's annual flagship report on Public Finances in EMU.