



**Seminar Series**

**2021-2022**

# **DIGCLASS Project**

## **Social Classes in the**

### **Digital Age**

Joint Research Centre,  
Centre for Advanced Studies



## 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.

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## 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. Given the current COVID-19 restrictions, for the time being, seminars are 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](mailto:JRC-CAS-DIGCLASS@ec.europa.eu)



Date	Speaker	Topic
Oct 26th, 2021	<b>Carlo Barone, Florian Hertel &amp; Oscar Smallenbroek</b> Sciences Po & University of Hamburg	The measurement of socioeconomic position <a href="#">Link to the session</a>
Nov 30th, 2021	<b>Macarena Ares</b> Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)	Intergenerational mobility and vote <a href="#">Link to the session</a>
Dec 21st, 2021	<b>Kathryn Paige Harden</b> The University of Texas at Austin	Genotyping technologies and social inequality <a href="#">Link to the session</a>
Jan 25th, 2022	<b>Markus Gangl</b> Goethe University Frankfurt	Rising income inequality and polarisation <a href="#">Link to the session</a>
Feb 15th, 2022	<b>Phoebe Moore</b> University of Leicester	Futures of work <a href="#">Link to the session</a>
March 29th, 2022	<b>Javier Polavieja</b> Universidad Carlos III	Ethnic and racial discrimination in employment <a href="#">Link to the session</a>
April 26th, 2022	<b>Carina Mood</b> Stockholm University	Intergenerational persistence of income <a href="#">Link to the session</a>
May 31st, 2022	<b>Alexander Kuo</b> University of Oxford	Technological change and political preferences <a href="#">Link to the session</a>
June 28th, 2022	<b>Klarita Gërzhani</b> European University Institute	Gender and social status ranking <a href="#">Link to the session</a>

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