



Seminar Series

2022/2023

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.

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 A5 (Scientific Development), and also includes members of Unit B4 (Human Capital & Employment).

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



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October 25th 2022

[Link to the session](#)

Silja Häusermann

University of Zurich

Challenges to the welfare state

November 29th 2022

[Link to the session](#)

Lucas Chancel

World Inequality Lab
Paris School of Economics

Global carbon inequality

December 20th 2022

[Link to the session](#)

Caterina Calsamiglia

Institute of Political Economy
and Governance

School choice and segregation

January 24th 2023

[Link to the session](#)

Michael Marmot

University College London

Health inequities

February 21st 2023

[Link to the session](#)

Anna Salomons

Utrecht University and IZA

Technological change and new tasks

March 28th 2023

[Link to the session](#)

Carl Frey

Oxford Martin School

Technological change and (un)employment

April 26th 2023

[Link to the session](#)

Aída Ponce Del Castillo

European Trade Union Institute

Legal and ethical issues in AI and robots

May 30th 2023

[Link to the session](#)

Fabian Pfeffer

University of Michigan

Wealth and opportunity

June 20th 2023

[Link to the session](#)

Anne-Marie Jeannet

University of Milan

Deindustrialisation and political consequences

The European Commission's science and knowledge service

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JRC Mission

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