

UNEQUAL DEMOCRACIES WORKSHOP



Working Class Politics in the 21st Century

University of Geneva
November 5-6, 2020

November 5, 2020 – Zoom

9:00-9:30 *Introduction*

9:30-11:30 *Panel #1 : Social mobility and social status*

Thomas Kurer and Briitta van Staalduinen, "Class in an intergenerational perspective: The politics of social mobility"

David Weisstanner and Brian Nolan, "Rising income inequality and subjective social status: The nuanced relative status decline of the working class since the 1980s"

Nathalie Vigna and Daniel Oesch, "A decline in the social status of the working class? Contrary evidence for 8 Western countries, 1987-2017"

Discussant: **Geoff Evans**

11:30-13:00 *Break*

13:00-15:00 *Panel #2: Political behavior and class identity*

Macarena Ares and Mathilde van Dietmars, "Intergenerational social mobility, political socialization, and social-democratic party support"

Rune Stubager, Geoffrey Evans and Peter Egge Langsæther, "Why do the British feel so working class? The role of inequality and culture for understanding levels of working class identification"

Anne-Marie Jeannet, "America's Rusted: Why the working class has fled politics"

Discussant: **Nonna Mayer**

15:00-15:30 *Break*

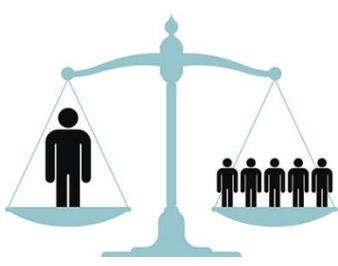
15.30-16.45 *Panel #3: Union membership and political attitudes*

Sinisa Hadziabdic, "Blowing where the wind already blows: The link between union membership and partisan preferences"

Nadja Mosimann and Jonas Pontusson, "Heterogeneity in the union effect on support for redistribution in Western Europe"

Discussant: **Daniel Oesch**

16.45-17.45 *Day 1 wrap-up (comments by Jonas Pontusson)*



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Katia Pilati and Sabrina Perra, "Labor conflicts in Italy since the Great Recession"

Emiliano Grossman, Nonna Mayer and Caterina Froio, "Are the yellow-vests a working-class movement?"

Mario Diani, "Union activism in collective action fields: A comparative look"

Discussant: **Nadja Mosimann**

11:00-11:30 *Break*

11:30-12:45 *Panel #5: Political elites and representation*

Andrea Pilotti, Baptiste Antoniazza, Roberto Di Capua and Karim Lasseb, "From class representativeness to class gap: The social transformation of Left political elites in Switzerland (1910-2016)"

Lea Elsässer and Armin Schäfer, "The Political underrepresentation of the working class"

Discussant: **Jonas Pontusson**

12.45-14:00 *Break*

14:00-16:00 *Panel #6: Unions, Wage Formation and Government Policy*

Erik Neimanns and Lucio Baccaro, "Who wants wage moderation and why?"

Philip Rathgeb, "Friends or foes? Radical Right parties and trade unions"

Björn Bremer, "The electoral effects of Social Democratic austerity during the Great Recession"

Discussant: **Armin Schäfer**

16:00-17:00 *Day 2 wrap-up (comments by Lucio Baccaro)*