



SITE STOCKHOLM INSTITUTE OF
TRANSITION ECONOMICS

Conference Program

Monday, September 1, 2014

Morning Program

8:25 Opening remarks: Torbjörn Becker

8:30 – 9:30 **Keynote: Branko Milanovic (City University New York, LIS)**
"Trends in Global Income Inequality and Their Political Implications"

9:30 – 10:00 General Discussion

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

Session 1: Education and Development

10:30 – 11:15 Caroline Krafft (University of Minnesota)
"Inequality of Opportunity in the Labor Market for Higher Education
Graduates in Egypt and Jordan"

11:15 – 11:30 *Discussant:* Georg Dürnecker (IIES)

11:30 – 12:15 Zelda Brutti (European University Institute)
"Decentralizing Public Education: Does Everyone Benefit? Evidence
from Colombia"

12:15 – 12:30 *Discussant:* Anders Olofsgård (SITE)

Afternoon Program

Session 2: Equality of Opportunity

13:30 – 14:15 Tarjei Havnes (University of Oslo)
"Equalization of opportunity: Definitions, Implementable Conditions
and Application to Early-childhood Policy"

14:15 – 14:30 *Discussant:* Martin Nybom (SOFI, Stockholm University)

14:30 – 15:15 Markus Jäntti (SOFI, Stockholm University)
"Equality of Opportunity and the Distribution of Long-Run Income
Among Swedish Men and Women"

15:15 – 15:30 *Discussant:* Jesper Roine (SITE)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 **Keynote: Richard B. Freeman (Harvard University)** "The
Specter that is Haunting Capitalism (and what to do about it)"

17:00 – 17:30 General Discussion



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Tuesday, September 2, 2014

Morning Program

8:30 – 9:30 **Keynote: Anders Björklund (Stockholm University, SOFI),**
"Intergenerational Mobility, Intergenerational Effects, the Role of Family Background
and Equality of Opportunity: a Comparison of Four Approaches"

9:30 – 10:00 General Discussion

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

Session 3: Macro Reforms Effects on Inequality

10:30 – 11:15 Hitoshi Tsujiyama (Goethe University Frankfurt)
"Implications of Health Care Reform for Inequality and Welfare"

11:15 – 11:30 *Discussant:* Susanne Forstner (IIES)

11:30 – 12:15 Theodore Koutmerides (University St. Andrews)
"The Market for 'Rough Diamonds': Information, Finance and Wage
Inequality"

12:15 – 12:30 *Discussant:* Tobias Broer (IIES)

Afternoon Program

Session 4: The Effects of Crises on Inequality

13:30 – 14:15 Salvatore Morelli (University of Naples)
"Banking Crises in the US: The Response of Top Income Shares in a
Historical Perspective"

14:15 – 14:30 *Discussant:* Daniel Waldenström (Uppsala University)

14:30 – 15:00 Coffee Break

Session 5: Political and Historical Determinants of Inequality

15:00 – 15:45 Ruixue Jia (UCSD)
"Social Mobility and Revolution: The Impact of the Abolition of
China's Civil Service Exam System"

15:45 – 16:00 *Discussant:* Heléne Lundqvist (Stockholm University)

16:00 – 16:45 Pablo Selaya (University of Copenhagen)
"Eye Disease, the Fertility Decline and the Emergence of Global
Income Differences"

16:45 – 17:00 *Discussant:* Ola Olsson (University of Gothenburg)