November 19 – 20, 2026

Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)

3RD WORKSHOP ON WEALTH INEQUALITY, ECONOMIC MOBILITY AND LABOR MARKETS



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DAY 1: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

08.30 - 09.00	Registration & Coffee
09.00 - 09.30	Welcome & Workshop Opening
09.30 - 11.00	Parallel Sessions 1 *1A: Workplace Opportunity | 1B: Segregation*
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 - 13.00	Parallel Sessions 2 *2A: Employer Moves | 2B: Perceptions*
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch Break
14.30 - 15.45	**Public Keynote Lecture: Emily Nix (USC)**
15.45 - 16.15	Coffee Break
16.15 - 17.45	Parallel Sessions 3 *3A: Social Networks | 3B: Wage Setting*
19.30 -	Conference Dinner

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09.00 - 09.30	Coffee
09.30 - 11.00	Parallel Sessions 4 *4A: Family Background | 4B: Elites*
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 - 13.00	Parallel Sessions 5 *5A: Lifetime Earnings | 5B: Ownership*
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch Break
14.30 - 15.45	**Public Keynote Lecture: Nathan Wilmers (MIT)**
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16.15 - 17.45	Parallel Sessions 6 *6A: Education and Occupations | 6B: Wealth Transfers*
17.45 - 18.00	Closing Remarks

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1A - Workplace Opportunity
Chair: Per Engzell

Tools of the Trade: Employer and Occupational Transmission Across Generations
Anja Gschwend *(KOF Institute, ETH Zurich)* | *Co-Authors: Alexandra Borsigová, Isabel Z. Martínez*

Inherited Access: Parental Workplace and the Formation of Labor Market Careers
Lennart Goldemann *(University of Konstanz)* | *Co-Author: Niklas Vetterer*

Inherited Contacts and Intergenerational Persistence
Per Engzell *(University College London)*

1B - Segregation
Chair: Alexandra Rottenkolber

Managing Ethnic Boundaries: Origin-Specific Hiring Among Immigrants and Natives
Are Skeie Hermansen *(University of Oslo)* | *Co-Authors: Aleksander Madsen, Mats Lillehagen, JooHee Han*

Gendered Task Segregation and Task Valuation: Within-Occupation Sources of the Gender Wage Gap
Hunter York *(Bocconi University)* | *Co-Author: Filiz Koneberg*

The Shielding Effect: How Workplace Segregation Can Countervail Occupational Segregation
Alexandra Rottenkolber *(Institute for Analytical Sociology, Linköping University)* | *Co-Authors: Martin Arvidsson, Maria Brandén, Károly Takács*

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11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 - 13.00 Parallel Sessions II

2A - Employer Moves
Chair: Tom Zohar

Understanding the Age–Wage Profile: The Role of Employers and Occupations
Anikó Bíró *(ELTE Centre for Economic and Regional Studies)* | *Co-Authors: István Boza, Márton Csillag*

Follow the Leader: The Effect of High-Quality Peers on Turnover Decisions
Marlon Francisco *(Nova School of Business and Economics)*

Separations Revisited: Do Layoffs or Quits Drive Lower Separation Rates in High-Productivity Firms?
Tom Zohar *(CEMFI)*

2B - Perceptions
Chair: Valentina Consiglio

Disentangling Perceptions of Wealth Inequality: Distributional Structure, Social Determinants and Political Consequences
Hannah Massenbauer *(University of Zurich)* | *Co-Authors: Gonzalo Franetovic, Laila Schmitt, Clara Löffler*

What the Public Means by Social Mobility: Dimensions, Indicators and the Great Gatsby Curve
Moritz Hörl *(Vienna University of Economics & Business)* | *Co-Author: Michael Keinprecht*

Career Complexity and Political Desolidarization
Valentina Consiglio *(Department of Political Science (IPZ), University of Zurich)* | *Co-Authors: Sebastian Findeisen, Thomas Kurer, Leon Küstermann, Oliver Schlenker*

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„Intergenerational Transmission Beyond Income: Crime and Norms“

15.45 - 16.15 Coffee Break

16.15 - 17.45 Parallel Sessions III

3A - Social Networks
Chair: Andrei Gorshkov

No Kid Is an Island: Peer Effects and Intergenerational Mobility
Pietro Campa *(ROCKWOOL Foundation Berlin)*

Access to High-Opportunity Workplaces and Upward Mobility
Niklas Vetterer *(Institute for Employment Research)* | *Co-Author: Sebastian Findeisen*

Peers and Careers: Unequal Returns to Elite Alumni Networks
Andrei Gorshkov *(IFAU)* | *Co-Authors: Alexander Fischer, Tróndur M. Sandoy, Jeanette Walldorf*

3B - Wage Setting
Chair: Alice Kügler

Wages in Franchise Chains
Ulysse Lojkine *(UCL Social Research Institute)*

The Substance of Union Contracts: Measuring the Generosity of U.S. Collective Bargaining Agreements at Scale
Zachary Parolin *(University of Oxford)* | *Co-Authors: Matthew Bone, Prashant Garg, Chenxi Li*

The Effects of Minimum Wages on Collective Bargaining: Evidence from Germany
Alice Kügler *(Central European University)* | *Co-Authors: Nidhaanjit Jain, David Zentler-Munro*

19.30 - Conference Dinner

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09.00 - 09.30 Coffee

09.30 - 11.00 Parallel Sessions IV

4A - Family Background
Chair: Lieke Beekers

Parents' Preferences and Intergenerational Mobility
Severin Rapp *(London School of Economics)*

Multigenerational Mobility and Long-Run Inequality
Yonatan Berman *(King's College London)* | *Co-Authors: Taylan Alpkaya, Ravi Kanbur*

Fair Inequality
Lieke Beekers *(Leiden University)* | *Co-Authors: Sam Bowles, Wendy Carlin, Max Greenberg, Isabel Z. Martínez, and an international consortium*

4B - Elites
Chair: Lewis Anderson

Wealth Confiscation and Elite Persistence: Evidence from the Great Reduction
Jonatan Riberth *(Research Institute of Industrial Economics)* | *Co-Author: Monir Bounadi*

Silver Spoons, Bootstraps, and Billionaires: The Social Origins of the Contemporary American Economic Elite
Wesley Stubenbord *(University of Bern)*

A Double-Glazed Class Ceiling: The Social Origins of the UK Corporate Elite, 1935–2022
Lewis Anderson *(University of Oxford)* | *Co-Authors: Erzsébet Bukodi, Dan Mocanu, John Goldthorpe, Brian Nolan*

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break

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11.30 - 13.00 Parallel Sessions V

5A - Lifetime Earnings
Chair: Nhat An Trinh

Split Sibling Correlations Aren't What You Think: The Hidden Mean Differences
Martin Hällsten *(Stockholm University)*

From Work to Wealth? The Changing Coupling of Lifetime Earnings and Wealth in the United States and Germany
Nhat An Trinh *(WZB Berlin Social Science Center)* | *Co-Author: Juliana de Castro Galvao*

5B - Ownership
Chair: Tuuli Paukkeri

The Misunderstood Middle: Housing Ownership and the Transformation of Class Relations
Pirmin Fessler *(Oesterreichische Nationalbank)* | *Co-Author: Martin Schürz*

Who Benefits from Parental Transfers for First-Home Purchase?
Javier Soria *(Opportunity Insights, Harvard University)* | *Co-Author: Isabel Micó-Millán*

Before Inheritance: Childhood Firm Ownership, Wealth Transmission, and Tax Incentives
Tuuli Paukkeri *(VATT Institute for Economic Research)* | *Co-Author: Terhi Ravaska*

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch Break

14.30 - 15.45 Public Keynote Lecture: Nathan Wilmers (MIT)

„The Decline of Low-Wage Work in America"

15.45 - 16.15 Coffee Break

16.15 - 17.45 Parallel Sessions VI

6A - Education and Occupations
Chair: Petra Sauer

High Intergenerational Earnings and Low Educational Mobility: The Role of Vocational Apprenticeships
Anna Schwarz *(Vienna University of Economics & Business)* | *Co-Authors: Franziska Disslbacher, Wolfgang Frimmel, Martin Halla, Moritz Hörl, Alice Kügler, Qin Lin, Harald Oberhofer*

Intergenerational Earnings Persistence and the Class Pay Gap Within Careers
Raffael Kind *(European University Institute)* | *Co-Author: Simon Handreke*

Reproduction of Inequality Through Higher Education – The Role of Applied Universities in Austria
Petra Sauer *(University of Fribourg)* | *Co-Authors: Franziska Disslbacher, Anna Schwarz*

6B - Wealth Transfers
Chair: Ella Mattinen

Financial Transfers to Young Adult Children: The Role of Parents' Social Mobility
Ginevra Floridi *(University of Edinburgh)*

Inheritance Expectations, Dynastic Altruism, and Education
Jan Mazza *(Roma Tre University)*

Precautionary Behavior in Dynastic Firms: Responses to Succession Taxation
Ella Mattinen *(Tampere University)* | *Co-Author: Miko Hallikainen*

17.45 - 18.00 Closing Remarks

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