

Research Dimensions I – Socio-economic Inequalities

Workshop:

Economic Perspectives on Inequality: From Smith to Kuznets.

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As the title indicates, the workshop will highlight the "typical" economic approaches to inequality - by taking on a historical perspective. The main and most important text to be discussed is Simon Kuznets seminal paper from 1955 "Economic Growth and Income Inequality". The workshop is geared at all members of the network (of all research dimensions) interested in discussing (and learning about) the specific "economic" approaches to inequality. The workshop will be non-technical. A second workshop on the economic measurement(s) of inequality will follow in June. I am looking forward to seeing many of you next monday.

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A reader with short excerpts of historical texts on inequality will follow.

Main text:

Kuznets, Simon. 1955. Economic Growth and Income Inequality, AER. Vol 45, No 1, pp. 1-28