

International Conference

Equal Chances: Equality of Opportunity and Social Mobility Around the World

Bari, 14th and 15th of December 2018

The Department of Economics and Finance of the **University of Bari**, in collaboration with the **World Bank**, is organizing an international conference entitled *Equal Chances: Equality of Opportunity and Social Mobility Around the World*, which will take place in Bari on the 14th and 15th of December 2018.

The conference will bring together the world leading scholars of equality of opportunity and intergenerational mobility. More than **fifty researchers** will gather in Bari and discuss about their most recent findings. The keynote speeches will be delivered by **Marc Fleurbaey** (*Princeton University*) and **John Roemer** (*Yale University*).

During the conference, the first version of the website www.equalchances.org will be launched. The site contains the *World Database on Equality of Opportunity and Social Mobility* with

- measures of *inequality of opportunity* for 47 countries based on 124 surveys
- measures of *income mobility across generations* for 26 countries based on 52 surveys
- measures of the *intergenerational transmission of status* for 41 countries based on 288 surveys
- measures of *educational mobility across generations* for 148 countries based on 152 surveys.

Location of the conference:

University of Bari, Palazzo del Prete, Aula “Aldo Moro”, Piazza Cesare Battisti 1, Bari.

Organizing Committee: Paolo Brunori (*University of Florence & University of Bari*), Francisco Ferreira (*World Bank*), Vito Peragine (*University of Bari*), Patrizio Piraino (*University of Cape Town*), Laura Serlenga (*University of Bari*), Moris Triventi (*University of Trento*), Roy Van der Weide (*World Bank*).

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Program

Friday December 14

9:00

- Welcome: **Antonio Uricchio** (Rector of the University of Bari)
- Introduction: **Vito Peragine** (University of Bari)

9.15 - 10.15 Keynote Speech

- **John Roemer** (Yale University): *Scattered thoughts on equality of opportunity*

10.15 - 11.15 Parallel sessions 1

Session 1.A

- **Frank Cowel** (London School of Economics), Emmanuel Flachaire (Aix-Marseille University) *Mobility and Mobility Measures.*
- **Elena Bárcena** (Universidad de Málaga), Olga Cantó (Universidad de Alcalá) *A simple subgroup decomposable measure of downward (and upward) income mobility.*

Session 1.B

- **Dongjie Wu** (University of Queensland), Pravin Trivedi (University of Queensland), Prasada Rao (University of Queensland), KK Tang (University of Queensland) *Measuring Inequality of Opportunity in China using a Finite Mixture Model*
- **Ana Suarez** (University of Oviedo), Ana Jesús López Menéndez (University of Oviedo), *Inequality of Opportunity in Developing countries: Does the income aggregate matter?*

11.15 -11.45 Coffee Break

11.45 - 13.15 Parallel sessions 2

Session 2.A

- **Alain Trannoy** (EHSSE & AMSE) *Talent, Equality of Opportunity and Optimal Non-linear Income Tax.*
- **Martyna Kobus** (Polish Academy of Sciences), Marek Kapera (Polish Academy of Sciences), Vito Peragine (University of Bari “Aldo Moro”) *A theory of multidimensional equality of opportunity.*
- **Kristof Bosmans** (Maastricht University), Z. Emel Öztürk (Amsterdam School of Economics) *Failure to compensate or failure to reward? A decomposition of inequality of opportunity.*

Session 2.B

- **Roy Van der Weide** (World Bank) *Intergenerational mobility for India in a global perspective.*
- **Guido Neidhöfer** (ZEW Mannheim) *Intergenerational Mobility and the Rise and Fall of Inequality: Lessons from Latin America.*
- **Jorge Agüero** (University of Connecticut), **Maithili Ramachandran** (University of California) *The Intergenerational Transmission of Schooling among the Education-Rationed.*

13.15 – 14.15 Lunch + Poster Session 1

- **Michele Bavaro**, (University of Rome, Tor Vergata), **Fabrizio Patriarca** (University of Roma 3) *Referrals and search costs in an intergenerational mobility model.*
- **Elise de Neubourg** (Maastricht University), **Lex Borghans** (Maastricht University), **Joachim Bervoets** (Maastricht University), **Lisa Jonkman** (Maastricht University) *(The Complex Story of) Socioeconomic Status, School Achievement and Cognitive Control at Primary School Age*
- **Roger Kacey** (Louisiana State University in Shreveport) *The moderating role of labor category bias on the Leader-Member Exchange (LMX) relationship and organizational climate from the leader perspective*
- **Joan Madia** (University of Oxford), **Emily C. Murphy** (University of Oxford), **Jessica G. Briggs** (University of Oxford) *The intergenerational transmission of educational advantage in India: Different medium of instruction in school, same returns?*
- **Paolo Brunori** (University of Florence), **Guido Neidhöfer** (ZEW Mannheim) *The Evolution of Inequality of Opportunity in Germany: A Machine Learning Approach.*
- **Marcos Garcias** (Federal University of Latin America Integration), **Ana L. Kassouf** (University of São Paulo) *Intergenerational mobility and differential of education, income and occupation between youths in Brazil.*
- **Samuel Tetteh-Baah** (World Bank), **Kenneth Harttgen** (ETH Zurich), **Isabel Guenther**, (ETH Zurich) *Inequality of opportunities in the developing world: measurement issues.*

14.15-15.30 Plenary session: *The EqualChances.org database*

- Chair: **Francisco Ferreira**
- Presentation of the database: The Equalchances.org team
- Roundtable: **Andrea Brandolini**, **Daniele Checchi**, **Frank Cowell**, **Miles Corak**, **Alain Trannoy**.

15.30-16.30 Parallel sessions 3

Session 3.A

- **Sebastian Garcia** (ZEW Mannheim) *Inequality of Educational Opportunities and the Role of Learning Intensity: Evidence from a Quasi-Experiment in Germany.*
- **Gabriel Lara Ibarra** (World Bank), **Adán L. Martínez-Cruz** (Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas) *Exploring the Sources of Downward and Upward Biases in Measuring Inequality of Opportunity*

Session 3.B

- M. Shahe Emran (Columbia University), Yajing Jiang (Charles River Associates), **Francisco Ferreira** (World Bank), Yan Sun (World Bank) *Nonfarm Occupations, Structural Change, and Intergenerational Educational Mobility in Rural Economy: Evidence from China and India.*
- **Yonatan Berman** (Paris School of Economics) *The Long Run Evolution of Absolute Intergenerational Mobility.*

16.30-17.00 Coffee

17.00-18.30 Parallel sessions 4

Session 4.A

- **Damien Capelle** (Princeton University) *College pricing, inequalities and intergenerational mobility*
- **Sauro Mocetti** (Bank of Italy), Giacomo Roma (Bank of Italy), Enrico Rubolino (University of Essex) *Knocking on parents' doors: regulation and intergenerational mobility*
- **Michele Raitano** (Sapienza University of Rome), Francesco Vona (OFCE SciencesPo), *Nepotism vs. Specific Skills: the effect of professional liberalizations on returns to parental background of Italian lawyers.*

Session 4.B

- **Giorgos Galanis** (Goldsmiths, University of London) *Unequal Societies with Equality of Opportunity.*
- **Marc St-Pierre** (Sewanee University) *Measuring Inequality of Opportunity: Insights from a Model-Based Approach.*
- **Francesco Andreoli** (LISER), Alessio Fusco (LISER), *The evolution of equality of opportunity across Europe: EU- SILC evidence*

Session 4.C

- **Francesco Bloise** (University of Urbino), Michele Raitano (Sapienza University of Rome) *Intergenerational Earnings Persistence in Italy along the Lifecycle*
- **Roberto Vélez Grajales** (Centro de Estudios Espinosa Yglesias), Luis A. Monroy-Gómez-Franco (Graduate Center at the City University of New York) and Gastón Yalonetzky (University of Leeds), *Social mobility, inequality of opportunity and skin color: an analysis for Mexico.*
- **Leonard Lim** (National University of Singapore) *Wealthy Grandfathers and Multi-Generational Transmission of Advantage: Evidence from China.*

Saturday December 15

9.00-10.00 Parallel session 5

Session 5.A

- **Miles Corak** (The Graduate Center) *The Canadian Geography of Intergenerational Income Mobility.*
- **Gordon Anderson** (University of Toronto), **Maria Grazia Pittau** (Sapienza University of Rome), **Roberto Zelli** (Sapienza University of Rome), **Thomas Fruehauf** (University of Toronto) *Evaluating the Progress of Germany's 2003-2009 Equal Opportunity Imperative When Capability Outcomes are not Cardinaly Comparable.*

Session 5.B

- **Xavi Ramos** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), **Dirk Van de gaer** (Ghent University) *Is Inequality of Opportunity Robust to the Measurement Approach?*
- **Juan Gabriel Rodriguez** (Universidad Complutense de Madrid) *Making the most of the world talent?*

10.00-11.00 Keynote Speech

- **Marc Fleurbaey** (Princeton University): *Whither equality of opportunity?*

11.00-11.45 Coffee + Poster session 2

- **Stéphane Benveniste** (Aix-Marseille University), **Alain Trannoy** (Aix-Marseille University) *Social reproduction in the French Grandes Ecoles throughout the 20th century: the insight of surnames.*
- **Rafael Carranza** (London School of Economics) *Measuring Inequality of Opportunity trends in Europe: Lower bounds, upper bounds and the space in between.*
- **Anja Gaentzsch** (Freie Universität Berlin), **Gabriela Zapata Román** (University of Manchester) *More educated, less mobile? Diverging trends in income and educational mobility in Chile and Peru.*
- **Tharcisio Leone** (Free University of Berlin) *The geography of intergenerational mobility: Evidence of educational persistence and the "Great Gatsby Curve" in Brazil*
- **Stephan Klasen** (University of Goettingen), **Maria Lo Bue** (University of Goettingen), **Vincenzo Prete** (University of Goettingen) *What's behind pro-poor growth? An investigation of its drivers and dynamics.*
- **Julia Karpati** (Social Policy Research Institute), **Chris de Neubourg** (Tilburg University) *Demystifying the Role of Maternal education in Reducing Stunting: Evidence from Multidimensional Poverty and Deprivation Analyses in Africa.*
- **Claudia Traini** (Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences) *Stratification of education systems, Social background inequality of educational opportunity.*

11.45 – 12.45 Parallel sessions

Session 6.A

- Maurizio Bussolo (World Bank), **Daniele Checchi** (University of Milan), Vito Peragine (University of Bari) *The long term evolution of inequality of opportunity.*
- **Gustavo Marrero** (Universidad de La Laguna), Juan G. Rodríguez (Universidad Complutense de Madrid) *Inequality, poverty and growth: the role of opportunities.*

Session 6.B

- Paolo Brunori (University of Florence), **Paul Hufe** (IFO Munich), Daniel Gerszon Mahler (University of Copenhagen) *The Roots of Inequality: Estimating Inequality of Opportunity from Regression Trees.*
- **Samuel Tetteh-Baah** (World Bank) *The impact of inequality of opportunity on productivity and redistributive preferences: an experimental approach.*

Session 6.C

- **Alexander Cojocaru** (World Bank) *Inequality of access to opportunities and socio-economic mobility: Evidence from the Life in Transition Survey*
- Sailesh Tiwari (World Bank), Cesar Cancho (World Bank), Moritz Meyer (World Bank), **Alan Fuchs** (World Bank) *South Caucasus in Motion: Economic and Social Mobility in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia*

12.45 Conclusion