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## Educational Inequality: Mechanisms and Institutions Conference 5 and 6 July 2018

University of Amsterdam, Department of Sociology  
Amsterdam Centre for Inequality Studies (AMCIS)

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Jesper Rözer, Lotte Scheeren

Venue: CREA, Amsterdam (Nieuwe Achtergracht 170, 1018 WV Amsterdam)

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of July

9.30-10.00

**Registration and Coffee**

10.00-10.15

**Word of Welcome by Brian Burgoon, Director Amsterdam Institute for  
Social Science Research**

10.15-11.00

**Keynote speech by Michelle Jackson, Stanford University**

11.00-11.15

**Coffee Break**

11.15-13.00

**Session 1: School tracking**

*Chair: Anatolia Batruch*

*School tracking regimes, student sorting, and social inequalities. A  
comparative analysis of Germany, Italy and the Netherlands*  
Moris Triventi (University of Trento), Jan Skopek (Trinity College Dublin)  
& Thomas Van Huizen (Utrecht University)

*Comprehensive Schools as an Alternative Route to Abitur within the  
German Tracking System: A County-Level Difference-in-Differences  
Approach*

Camilla Borgna (Collegio Carlo Alberto, University of Turin), Sönke  
Matthewes (WZB: Berlin Social Science Center; Free University Berlin) &  
Jennifer Schauer (WZB: Berlin Social Science Center)

*Achievement Segregation Between and Within Secondary Classrooms in Comprehensive and Tracked Systems*

Per Engzell (Nuffield College, University of Oxford; Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University)

*The effect of classroom achievement heterogeneity on achievement and inequality*

Kerstin Hoenig (Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories, Bamberg) & Sebastian E. Wenz (Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne)

*The Impact of Track Position on School Misconduct: Variations by Immigrant Background in Three European Countries*

Sara Geven (University of Amsterdam)

13.00-14.15

**Lunch and Poster session 1**

14.15-15.45

**Session 2: Gender inequality in education**

*Chair: Jesper Røzer*

*What if boys worked harder? Gender differences in educational performance among Swedish youth*

Frida Rudolphi (Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University)

*Gender, socio-economic background and field of study choice. Do information on returns make a difference?*

Claudia Finger, Alessandra Rusconi & Heike Solga (WZB: Berlin Social Science Center)

*Female advantage and disadvantage: Institutional and cultural explanations for vertical and horizontal gender segregation in education.*

Lotte Scheeren & Herman van de Werfhorst (University of Amsterdam)

*Gender differences in field of study in Germany: How important are parental occupation, gender division of labour and youth work values?*

Helen Law (University of Tübingen) & Pia S. Schober (University of Tübingen; German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), Berlin)

15.45-16.00

**Coffee Break**

16.00-16.45

**Keynote speech by Ludger Wößmann, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich**

16.45-18.00

**Session 3: Changes in the educational climate: reforms, expansion, and contraction**

*Chair: Sara Geven*

*Educational expansion in Germany 1950-2010: The roles of changes in inequality of educational opportunity and intercohort changes of social background composition.*

Pia Blossfeld (University of Leipzig)

*Educational contraction and intergenerational educational inequality: The Finnish case*

Outi Sirniö (Stockholm University; University of Turku) & Juho Härkönen (Stockholm University; University of Turku; European University Institute)

*Contextual inequality, education-based meritocracy and personal legitimation of stratification*

Anatolia Batruch & Herman van de Werfhorst (University of Amsterdam)

19.00

**Dinner at 'Mediamatic'** (Dijkspark 6, 1019BS Amsterdam)

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of July

9.30-9.45

Coffee

9.45-11.00

### Session 4: Quasi- and field-experiments in educational research

Chair: Lotte Scheeren

*Unobserved effects in teacher decisions at educational transitions - Bias or anticipation of future performance? An experimental analysis*

Benita Combet (University of Lausanne; NCCR LIVES) & Ulf Liebe (University of Warwick)

*The Causal Effect of Grading Practices on Social Reproduction: Quasi-experimental Evidence from a Swedish Education Reform*

Anders Hjorth-Trolle (ROCKWOOL Foundation Research Unit, Linköping University) & Anders Hed (Linköping University)

*Prestige for all? The impact of educational credentials on the employment opportunities of different ethnic groups*

Valentina Di Stasio (Utrecht University)

11.00-11.15

Coffee Break

11.15-13.00

### Session 5: Cross-national variation in educational outcomes and training

Chair: Andrea Forster

*Inequalities in Educational Opportunities by Socioeconomic and Migration Background: A Comparative Assessment*

Jesper Rözer, Herman van de Werfhorst & Nigel Kragten (University of Amsterdam)

*Shadow education and educational inequality: A meta-analysis of determinants and outcomes of the use of shadow education at the individual and system level*

Louise Elffers & Daurij Jansen (University of Amsterdam)

*No Future, No Training? Assessing The Role of Institutions for Training Gaps between Routine and Abstract Job Tasks*

Martin Ehlert (WZB: Berlin Social Science Center)

*What hope for the Forgotten Half? Explaining cross-national variation in the decline of upper secondary vocational education, 1995-2015*

Amelia Peterson (Harvard University)

*To what extent are social inequalities in educational achievement explained by preschool inequalities? A comparative analysis of the UK, Germany and the Netherlands*

Giampiero Passaretta (Trinity College Dublin), Jan Skopek (Trinity College Dublin), Thomas van Huizen (Utrecht University)

13.00-14.15

**Lunch & Poster session 2**

14.15-15.45

**Session 6: New frontiers in educational research**

*Chair: Anatolia Batruch*

*Qualifications and Duration as Measures of Level of Education*

Harry B.G. Ganzeboom, Ineke Nagel & Heike Schröder (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

*Schooling without learning: family background and educational achievement in francophone Africa*

Rob J. Gruijters (University of Oxford) & Julia A. Behrman (Nuffield College, University of Oxford)

*Intergeneration Mobility in the US: The Role of Accessible Education*

Robert Andersen & Anders Holm (Western University)

*The Effect of High-achieving Peers on Student Achievement: Evidence from Hungary*

Fritz Schiltz (KU Leuven), Deni Mazrekaj (KU Leuven), Daniel Horn (Hungarian Academy of Sciences) & Kristof de Witte (KU Leuven)

15.45-16.00

**Coffee Break**

16.00-16.45

**Session 7: Aspirations and Expectations**

*Chair: Sara Geven*

*Inequality of Educational Aspirations: Social influence or rational choice?*

Thomas Zimmermann (Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt) & Volker Stocké (University of Kassel)

*Tracking, Student Expectations and Higher Education Enrollment – A comparison between the US and Germany*

Andrea Forster (University of Amsterdam), Anna Katyn Chmielewski (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto) & Herman van de Werfhorst (University of Amsterdam)

16.45-17.30

**Keynote speech by Marius Busemeyer, University of Konstanz**

17.30-18.30

**Drinks**

## Poster session – Day 1

### Authors

### Title

Francisco Cerón (University of Amsterdam)

Beyond school effects: the impact of privatization and standardization of school systems on achievement inequality in Latin America

Frank Goßmann (Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories, Bamberg)

Does Cultural Capital Theory explain Socioeconomic Inequalities in Educational Success?

Anne Holtmann (WZB: Berlin Social Science Center)

Why you should move to Finland to live the American Dream: Cognitive inequalities in learning during the summer and the school year in the United States and Finland

Suzanne De Leeuw & Matthijs Kalmijn (University of Amsterdam)

The reproduction of educational inequalities in stepfamilies. What happens if two fathers are involved in the transmission process?

Karoline Mikus (University of Tübingen), Nicole Tieben (University of Tübingen) & Pia Schober (University of Tübingen and German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin))

Organized leisure activities and cognitive and non-cognitive skills during early childhood

Katja Pomianowicz (Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena)

Explaining the Immigrant Expectation Gap in Four Different Countries: The Role of Educational Tracking and School Characteristics

Andrea Tartakowsky (Nuffield College, University of Oxford)

The Market Comes to Chilean Schools: Voucher School Reform and Increased Social Stratification

## Poster session – Day 2

### Authors

Dominik Becker (University of Tübingen) & Katarina Wessling (Maastricht University)

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Laura Heiskala, Jani Erola & Elina Kilpi-Jakonen (University of Turku)

Thomas van Huizen & Janneke Platenga (Utrecht University)

Fabian Kratz (Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich), Alexander Patzina (Institute for Employment Research), Corinna Kleinert (Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories) & Hans Dietrich (Institute for Employment Research, Nuremberg)

Saša Puzić & Iva Košutić (Centre for Educational Research and Development, Zagreb)

Janna Teltemann (University of Hildesheim) & Reinhard Schunck (Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, GESIS, Cologne)

Dirk Witteveen & Paul Attewell (City University of New York)

### Title

The teacher and the Ghetto - Investigating the Influence of School Class and Neighbourhood on Teachers' Evaluations of Primary School Students

Children's educational attainment after parental death, parental divorce or teen parenthood: towards explaining differences between children and across countries.

Compensatory or cumulative advantage? Parental resources, previous school results and transition to the higher education in Finland

Do Children Benefit from Universal Early Childhood Education and Care? A Meta-Analysis of Evidence from Natural Experiments

Vocational Education and Employment over the Life Cycle: Mechanisms Explaining Initial Advantage and Late Disadvantage

Educational Decisions of Secondary School Students in Croatia

The Effects of National Performance Standards on Social and Ethnic Educational Inequality – Findings from a Fixed Effects Approach with PISA Data.

Parental Education and Earnings Inequality among College Graduates

## List of participants

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## Practical information

### Presentations:

Presentations should have a maximum length of 12-15 minutes to leave enough time for discussion. Please load your presentation on the provided laptop before your session.

### Posters:

Poster display panels are 150 cm high and 100 cm wide, please make sure your poster fits on the panel. Please bring your printed poster to the registration desk in the morning of the day on which you are presenting. Poster presentations will take place during lunch which is served in the same room.

### Conference location:

The conference takes place at the Cultural Student Centre CREA (Nieuwe Achtergracht 170, 1018 WV Amsterdam). From Central Station (or Amstel Station), the venue can best be reached by taking the subway to Weesperplein. From there it is a 5 min walk to the venue.

### Dinner location:

The dinner takes place at Mediamatic (Dijkspark 6, 1019BS Amsterdam). This is a 30 min walk from the conference venue. Alternatively, the dinner location can be reached by taking the subway to Central Station and from there Tram 26 (direction: IJburg) to "Amsterdam Muziekgebouw". The organizers will offer to guide you either by foot or public transport.

