

Scientists around the world are raising their voices against funding cuts and political pressure on academic research. Research on inequality is one of the fields under threat from ideological agendas. In this challenging context, we welcomed the news that two of the most prestigious economics prizes were awarded to leading women scholars in inequality research - both of whom are WID fellows. We are proud that **Julia Cagé** and **Stefanie Stantcheva** won the top awards from the EEA and AEA respectively. We hope they continue to inspire new generations of researchers and citizens!

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Alice F. on behalf of the team.

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## #TaxingBillionaires' Conference

At the [Taxing Billionaires' conference](#) held at the Paris School of Economics on 8-9 April 2025, economists called for a coalition of the willing countries, spanning the Global South and the Global North, to put issues of tax progressivity, equality, planetary sustainability at the heart of international economic relations. They stressed the importance of grounding these discussions in transparent and democratic processes.

Read more about the conference [here](#).



In his keynote address, **Lucas Chancel** presented the latest data on wealth inequality, the 2025 version of the Global Wealth Tax Simulator, and more reflections on taxing billionaires.

**Thomas Piketty** reflected on why wealth taxes had previously failed, and considered how global taxation could be implemented alongside more structural reforms to the monetary and trade systems.

## Upcoming event

### Equality Debate with Arnaud Orain | June, 16, 2025, Paris



Since its release in January, **Arnaud Orain's** brilliant essay has been widely acclaimed in France and beyond. His powerful analysis of today's economic turmoil offers a striking reflection on the cyclical nature of capitalism—and the return of a “capitalism of finitude” shaped by a deep sense of limits, scarcity, and constraint.

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## New working papers

**"Convergence between countries will not be enough to significantly reduce global inequality by 2050."**

**Philipp Bothe, Lucas Chancel, Amory Gethin and Cornelia Mohren** outline potential future pathways for global inequality by 2050. They draw on historical trends and various scenarios for the evolution of national incomes, population, redistributive policies, and climate-related policies. What will matter most is how income is redistributed within each country.

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**"Land reforms in a post-colonial setting are deeply embedded in pre-colonial power structures and institutional arrangements."**

**Rowaida Moshrif** built a new dataset on land inequality in Egypt from 1896 to 2020. She found that Egypt's 1952 agrarian reform has reduced persistent inequality and the dominance of the landed elite, but has failed to lift up the poorest landowners and the landless.

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**"British colonial reform on early female marriages has reduced the gender gap in education in India."**

Analysing data from 18 countries between 1870 and 2020, **Sutanuka Roy and Eddy H.F. Tam** examine the impact of colonial legal reform on gender outcomes in India, focusing on the British legal reform of 1929, which abolished demale child marriage below the age of 14.

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### WORKING PAPERS

Bansal, R., Bansal, P., [Measuring Inflation Inequality in India](#), World Inequality Lab Working Paper 2025/10

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## Media highlights

21/05/2025, Financial Times | [“Meet the insurgent economists promoting a global wealth tax”](#)

21/05/2025, Libération | [“Pour lutter contre les inégalités, les Etats détiennent la clé”](#)

14/05/2025, May, El País | [“Mapa de la renta de padres e hijos: ¿En qué ciudades funciona mejor el ascensor social?”](#)

23/04/2025, Wall Street Journal | [“\\$1 Trillion of Wealth Was Created for the 19 Richest U.S. Households Last Year”](#)

1/04/2025, The Wire | [“Indian Economist Bina Agarwal Receives First Global Inequality Research Award”](#)

7/03/2025, Alternatives Economiques, [“Les inégalités de richesse augmentent l’instabilité financière”](#)

## Other News

### Indian economist Bina Agarwal received Global Inequality Research Award



On March 19, 2025, **Bina Agarwal**, co-recipient of the 2024 Global Inequality Research Award (GiRA), received her prize in recognition of her pioneering work on gender and environmental inequalities. She gave a lecture entitled “Hidden Inequalities, Visible Outcomes: A Gender Lens”.

### New research lab in Spain: Laboratorio de oportunidades



A new [research center](#) dedicated to advancing knowledge on the causes and consequences of social mobility and inequality in Spain was launched in May.

The Opportunity Lab is the result of a collaboration between the WIL, Harvard’s Opportunity Insights, Future Policy Lab and the Felipe González Foundation. Founded and directed by **Javier Soria**, the lab brings together many researchers including WID fellows Clara Martínez Toledano, Luis Lauluz, and Miguel Artola.



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