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**CONFERENCE ON INEQUALITY IN A TIME OF CONTRACTION
NOVEMBER 12 – 13, 2009, STANFORD UNIVERSITY
LANDAU BUILDING SIEPR CONFERENCE ROOM A**

DAY 1: FACTS AND CONTROVERSIES ABOUT WELFARE INEQUALITIES

- 9:00 – 10:00 Key note Overview of Research in a Comparative Perspective: Anthony Atkinson, London School of Economics and Nuffield College
- 10:00 – 10:15 Morning Break
- 10:15 – 11:15 Enrico Moretti, UC Berkeley. *Real Wage Inequality*
Discussant: Luigi Pistaferri, Department of Economics, Stanford University
- 11:30 – 12:30 Jonas Pontusson, Princeton University. *Inequality, Mobility, and Social Affinity in the Politics Redistribution*. Co-authored with Noam Lupu
Discussants: John Ferejohn, Department of Political Science, Stanford University; Mike Hout, Department of Sociology, University of California at Berkeley
- 12.30 – 1.30 Lunch
- 2:00 – 3:00 Thomas DiPrete, Department of Sociology, Columbia University. *Has the Great Recession Increased Inequality in Educational Achievement?* Co-authored with Jennifer L. Jennings, Department of Sociology, NYU
Discussants: Susanna Loeb, School of Education, Stanford University; Sean Reardon, School of Education, Stanford University
- 3:00 – 3:30 Afternoon Break
- 3:30 – 4:30 Hank Farber, Princeton University. *The Effects of the Recession on the Labor Market, Unemployment Rates by Education*. Co-authored with Bruce Western, Harvard University
Discussants: Seema Jayachandran, Department of Economics, Stanford University; David Card, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley



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5.30 – 6:30

Panel I: Labor Markets and Inequality

Panelists: Orley Ashenfelter, Princeton University; Anthony Atkinson, Oxford University; Hank Farber, Princeton University; Peter Goodman, national economic correspondent, *New York Times*; Mark Granovetter Stanford University; Tim Smeeding, University of Wisconsin.

Moderator: Chris Giles, economics editor, *Financial Times*

6:30

Dinner

DAY 2: DRIVING FORCES BEHIND THE TREND(S)

9:00 – 10:00

Philippe Aghion, Harvard University. *Health, Growth and Inequality*

Discussants: Jay Bhattacharya, Department of Medicine, Stanford University; Mark Granovetter, Department of Sociology, Stanford University

10:00 – 10:15

Morning Break

10:15 – 11:15

John Van Reenen, London School of Economics. *Has Technology Lead to a Polarization of the Workforce?* Co-authored with Guy Michaels and Ashwini Natraj

Discussants: Liran Einav, Department of Economics, Stanford University; Dennis Nekipelov, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley

11:15 – 12:15

Kim Weeden, Cornell University. *Gloom and Doom and the Take Off. Why Standard Accounts of the Rise in Inequality are Wrong.* Co-authored with David Grusky

Discussants: Giacomo De Giorgi, Department of Economics, Stanford University; Xuequang Zhou, Department of Sociology, Stanford University

12:30 – 1:30

Lunch

1:30 – 2:30

Richard Blundell, University College London. *From Income to Consumption: Understanding the Transmission of Inequality*

Discussants: Damon Jones, SIEPR, Stanford University; Aprajit Mahajan, Department of Economics, Stanford University

2:30 – 3:30

Max Floetotto, Stanford University. *Really Uncertain Business Cycles.* Co-authored with Nick Bloom and Nir Jaimovich

Discussants: Eric Swanson, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco; Maria Guadalupe, Columbia Business School, Columbia University



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3:30 – 3:45

Afternoon Break

3:45 – 4:45

Richard Freeman, Harvard University. *When Inequality Gets too Big: Can Lower Inequality Help Economic Recovery and Reduce the Risk of Another Financial Meltdown*

Discussants: John Pencavel, Department of Economics, Stanford University; David Grusky, Department of Sociology and the Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality, Stanford University

6:00 – 7:00

Panel II: Consequences for the Fabric of Societies/The Dynamics of Inequality

Richard Freeman, Department of Economics, Harvard University; Robert Frank, Department of Economics, Cornell University; Guillermina Jasso, Department of Sociology, New York University; Jonas Pontusson, Department of Political Science, Princeton University; Anjini, Kochar, SCID, Stanford University.

Moderator: Chris Giles, *Financial Times*

7:30

Dinner