



Call for papers and panels for COES-LSE 2016 Conference: Inequalities

The Centre for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies - [COES](#) and the International Inequalities Institute-LSE are organizing the Conference, [INEQUALITIES](#), to be held between **2nd and 4th of November 2016** in Santiago, Chile, at the Facultad Economía y Negocios of Universidad de Chile. The COES-LSE 2016 conference seeks to contribute to the understanding of social, political and cultural inequalities in democratic societies of the XXI century, with special focus on inequalities in Latin America. The confirmed keynote speakers for the conference are Michele Lamont (Harvard University), Ben Ross Schneider (MIT) and Mike Savage (LSE). The conference will also count with notorious international speakers in the different panels such as Lisa McKenzie (LSE), Luis Bértola (Universidad de La República de Uruguay), Tasha Fairfield (LSE), Luis Reygadas (UNAM), Elisa Reis (UFRJ), Gareth Jones (LSE) and Kathya Araujo (USACH).

About the conference

In the last decade, inequality has taken centre stage in the global agenda. Since the 1970s, technological change and globalization are associated with increases in income inequality in advanced democracies and changes in inequality between countries. In Latin America, after an era of significant progress in poverty reduction following a boom in commodity prices, the region remains the most unequal in the world. Furthermore, actual income inequality is exacerbated by a greater level of awareness among the population of its implications for individuals. This has led to a resurgence of social movements claiming universal access to higher quality education, healthcare and environmental justice, as well as to a significant decrease in trust in political institutions, which in turn undermines the functioning of both societies and democracies.

Globally, an accumulation process with a tendency to concentrate wealth in the hands of a very small elite is associated with recent changes in inequality. The political influence of this elite has

raised concerns about the legitimacy of democratic representation. The impact of "inequality at the top" on the accumulation of economic, political, social and cultural capital in society as a whole remains understudied. Technological change, the transformation of production, concentration, migration, the search for belonging, give rise to new forms of inequality and segregation that the social sciences are just beginning to explore.

The COES-LSE 2016 conference seeks to contribute to the debate on social inequalities in democratic societies in the XXI century, with special focus on inequalities in Latin America. The conference [themes](#) include:

- Inequalities in the XXI century
- Inequality and Globalization
- Inequality, Public Policy and Social Change
- Urban Inequality
- Inequality and Culture
- Political Inequality in Democratic Societies
- Inequalities in Latin America

Call for contributions: papers, panels and posters.

Call for Papers and extended abstracts: deadline August 15.

Please submit either an unpublished paper or else an extended abstract of up to 1,000 words, 3 keywords, include the institutional affiliation, and identify one of the subject areas described here. The submission of an extended abstract should describe the methodology, main findings and contribution of the study. [More information here](#)

Panel proposals: deadline August 20.

Proposed panel sessions must include 3 to 5 panelists presenting individual papers in a format similar to a regular paper session, where no more than 2 of the panelists can come from the same institution. In this sense, the international component of the panel will be relevant. [More information here](#)

Call for Poster: deadline September 15.

Registration and more information on the conference website www.coes-conference.cl