



Understanding the socioeconomic divide in Europe

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SPEAKERS

Welcome remarks



Gabriela Ramos

Gabriela Ramos is the OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20. Besides supporting the Strategic Agenda of the Secretary General, she is responsible for the contributions of the Organisation to the global agenda, including the G20 (including the OECD's work on anti-corruption) and the G7. She leads the Inclusive Growth Initiative and the New Approaches to Economic Challenges and also oversees the work on Education, Employment and Social Affairs (including gender). Previously, she served as Head of the OECD Office in Mexico and Latin America and held several positions in the Mexican Government. Ms Ramos holds an MA in Public Policy from Harvard University, and was a Fulbright and Ford MacArthur fellow. She was decorated with the Ordre du Merit by the President of France, François Hollande, in 2013.



Goran Buldioski

Goran Buldioski is Program Director of the Open Society Think Tank Fund and Director of the Open Society Initiative for Europe. He focuses on democratic transition in Eastern Europe, the development of policy research on social and political affairs, and the role of civil society in Europe. Before joining the Open Society Foundations, he worked for the Council of Europe, the Macedonian Center for International Cooperation and the National Youth Council of Macedonia. His articles and research papers addressing think tanks, policy-relevant research and democratic transition have appeared in Politico, EurAktiv, EU Observer, E!Sharp Magazine, LSE-UNDP Development and Transition Newsletter, the Turkish Policy Quarterly, and the Western Balkans Security Observer. He is member of the European Council of Foreign Relations (ECFR). Buldioski holds master's degrees in public policy from Central European University and in organizational behavior from George Washington University.



Opening Session

Goran Buldioski - Moderator

	<p>Stefano Scarpetta</p> <p>Stefano Scarpetta is Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs at the OECD since 2013. As director of ELS, he is responsible for the design and the implementation of the medium-term strategy of the Organisation on labour market and social policy issues as well as international migration and health issues. He represents the OECD in High-Level fora and academic conferences; liaise with key senior stakeholders and provide effective communication with the media. As a member of the Senior Management team of the Organisation, he also contributes to support and advance the strategic orientations of the OECD. Previously, he held several positions in the Economics Department and in his current Directorate. From 2002 to 2006 he also worked at the World Bank, where he took over the responsibility of labour market advisor and lead economist.</p> <p>He has published extensively in academic journals, edited several books.</p> <p>Mr. Scarpetta holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Science Sociales (EHESS), Département et Laboratoire d'Economie Théorique Appliquée (DELTA) in Paris and a Master of Science in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science.</p>
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	<p>Catherine Fieschi</p> <p>Catherine Fieschi is Director of Counterpoint, the London-based cultural and social risk research group. Counterpoint works across the globe to provide businesses, NGOs and governments with research and analysis on how cultural and social dynamics shape politics, policy-making and markets.</p> <p>Catherine holds a PhD in Comparative Political Science from McGill University. Her expertise is in populist and other forms of mobilisation and the attitudes and values that have shaped them historically and will shape them in the 21st century. She is writing a book on the transformative power of populist dynamics on societies and politics across the Western world, and is the author of <i>In the Shadow of Democracy</i> (2008), as well as numerous essays on extremism, mobilisation and identity politics. She advises business and political leaders around the world and serves regularly on national and international government task-forces.</p> <p>Catherine has a regular column in the Chatham House magazine, <i>The World Today</i>, and is a regular participant in press, radio and television debates. She is also a Senior Research Fellow at The Institute for Global Prosperity at UCL and a trustee of European Alternatives. She has lived in Italy, Senegal, France, Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom and is fluent in several languages.</p>
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Zsolt Darvas

Zsolt Darvas, a Hungarian citizen, is a Senior Fellow at the Brussels-based think-tank Bruegel. He is also Senior Research Fellow at the Corvinus University of Budapest. Before joining Bruegel in late 2008, he was the Research Advisor of the Argenta Financial Research Group in Budapest (2005-2008). Before that, he worked at the research unit of the Central Bank of Hungary (1994-2005) where he served as Deputy Head during 2001-2005. He had visiting researcher positions at the Bank of Finland, Deutsche Bundesbank, De Nederlandsche Bank, Stockholm School of Economics and Bruegel, and worked for research projects of the European Commission, European Parliament, the OECD, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. Zsolt Darvas holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Corvinus University of Budapest, where he teaches courses in Econometrics since 1994. His research interests include macroeconomics, finance and time series analysis. His current works focus on policy-related issues, such as the European economic governance, financial integration and development, income inequality and inclusive growth, estimation of real-time reliable output gaps and aggregation-theoretic measurement of money.

Session 1



Heather Grabbe - Moderator

Dr Heather Grabbe is Director of the Open Society European Policy Institute, the EU policy arm of the Open Society Foundations established by George Soros. From 2004-2009 she was Senior Advisor to European Commissioner for Enlargement Olli Rehn, responsible in his Cabinet for the Balkans and Turkey. Before joining the Commission, she was Deputy Director of the Centre for European Reform think-tank, working with Charles Grant on a wide range of European issues. Her academic experience includes research at the European University Institute (Florence), Chatham House (London), Oxford and Birmingham universities, and teaching at the London School of Economics. Her publications include *Can the EU Survive Populism?* (with Stefan Lehne, 2016, Carnegie Europe) and *The EU's Transformative Power: Europeanisation through Conditionality in Central and Eastern Europe* (2006, Palgrave).



Matthew MacWilliams

Dr. Matthew C. MacWilliams is from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. His articles on Trumpism have appeared in Politico, VOX, and the London School of Economics blog and have been cited by media around the world including The New York Times, Der Spiegel, CNN, and NPR. The Amherst College Press, Praeger Publishing, and PS: Political Science and Politics have published peer-reviewed articles of his work on the authoritarian locus of Alt-right and populist movements. Penguin Press will publish his upcoming book “Uprising” in early 2018.

Dr. MacWilliams is presently examining the rise of authoritarianism in Europe. He continues to study the implications of terrorism and immigration on the activation American authoritarians and the threat it poses to Madisonian democracy. He can be reached at mmacwill@acad.umass.edu.



Ben Page

Ben Page is Chief Executive of Ipsos MORI. He joined MORI in 1987 after graduating from Oxford University in 1986, and was one of the leaders of its first management buyout in 2000. A frequent writer and speaker on leadership and performance management, he has directed hundreds of surveys examining service delivery, customer care and communications.

From 1987-1992 Ben worked in our private sector business on corporate reputation and consumer research, working for companies like Shell, BAE Systems, Sky TV and IBM. Since 1992 he has worked closely with both Conservative and Labour ministers and senior policy makers across government, leading on work for Downing Street, the Cabinet Office, the Home Office and the Department of Health, as well as a wide range of local authorities and NHS Trusts. Ben is a fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences and serves on advisory groups at the Kings Fund, Institute of Public Policy Research (IPPR), and the Social Market Foundation (SMF) and is a Trustee at the Centre for London. He is also a commissioner on the Resolution Foundation's Intergenerational Commission. He was named in GQ's 100 Most Connected Men of 2015.



	<p>Christal Morehouse</p> <p>Dr. Christal Morehouse joined the Open Society Foundations in November 2015. She is Senior Program Officer, responsible for grantmaking in the area of policy dialogues on the future of Europe. She works for the European entity of the Open Society Foundations, called the Open Society Foundations Initiative for Europe (OSIFE).</p> <p>From 2006 to 2015 she worked for the Bertelsmann Foundation in Germany, Brussels and Washington DC. She was Senior Project Manager working in several programmatic areas, such as building think tank networks & fostering high level dialogues in Europe, and migration. During her over eight years at the organization she conducted policy analysis and published on international higher education, talent, entrepreneurship, migration and integration. In 2006 she was the Head of Office for Prof. Dr. Rita Süßmuth, the former President of the German Bundestag. From June 2003 until December 2005, she was part of the research team of the German Independent Council of Experts on Migration and Integration in Berlin.</p> <p>She holds a master's degree in political science from the Free University in Berlin and a BA from Wittenberg University in Ohio. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was a Fulbright Scholar. She is a descendant of Henry L Morehouse, namesake of Morehouse College.</p>
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Session 2

	<p>Anthony Heath - Moderator</p> <p>Anthony Heath, CBE, FBA is Director of the Centre for Social Investigation at Nuffield College, Oxford and was formerly Professor of Sociology at the University of Oxford. His research interests cover social stratification and social mobility, ethnic inequalities and integration, social and political attitudes, national identity and social cohesion. He is a specialist in the design and analysis of large-scale surveys and has directed a number of major national and international studies. He is currently leading a team designing and analysing a study of attitudes to immigration as part of the European Social Survey.</p> <p>Professor Heath has carried out work for many government and international bodies. He was the lead consultant for UNDP (BiH) on Social Capital in Bosnia and Herzegovina, International Adviser for the South Asian Study of Democracy, and has carried out a number of projects for OECD on ethnic inequalities.</p>
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**Thomas Liebig**

Thomas Liebig is Senior Migration Specialist in the International Migration Division of the OECD's Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs in Paris. Since joining the division in 2004, he has notably been in charge of the work on the integration of immigrants and their children. A German national, Thomas holds a doctorate and an MSc in Economics from the University of St. Gallen (Switzerland). He also holds an MSc in International Affairs and, following studies at the ESADE (Barcelona, Spain), a CEMS Master in International Business Management. Prior to joining the International Migration Division, he worked as a consultant for the OECD's Economics Department in 2000 and as a Research Associate in the Institute for Labour Economics and Labour Law at the University of St. Gallen from 2001-2004.

**Gisela Waisman**

Gisela Waisman is Deputy Director at the Economic Affairs Department, Ministry of Finance in Sweden since 2012 with integration as her expertise area. She joined the Ministry after completing a Ph.D. at Stockholm University and working some years in the Department of Economics at Stockholm University and as a Visiting Research fellow at the Institute for Economic Analysis in Barcelona. She has been Lecturer both at Stockholm University and at the Instituto Torcuato Di Tella in her home country Argentina. Before moving to Sweden she worked in the National Ministry of Finance and the Provincial Ministry of Finance of Mendoza, Argentina. She is associated to the Stockholm University Linnaeus Center for Integration Studies (SULCIS).

**Dominique Meurs**

Dominique Meurs, Economist, professor at University Nanterre la Defense, associated researcher at Ined (National Institute of Demography). Her fields of specialty are applied micro-economics, gender inequality, discriminations on the labor market and the measure of the glass ceiling effect. She has recently co-authored a survey « Gender Inequality » in *Handbook on Income Distribution, vol 2A*, (ed. A Atkinson and F Bourguignon, Elsevier, 2015). She also studied discriminations against immigrants and second generations of immigrants on the French labor market.

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Closing Session



Pia Gerber - Moderator

Dr. Pia Gerber was already addressing the issue of right-wing extremism and democratic culture while studying for her degree in social pedagogics. In her first career, she worked with disadvantaged young people and migrants from Eastern Europe, and was involved in political education on the subjects of National Socialism and feminist theory. After obtaining a second degree in political science and education at Heidelberg University, she worked as a municipal women's rights officer, as a trainer for social workers, and finally as an academic assistant on the Executive Committee of the Freudenberg Foundation, Weinheim, Germany. She was awarded a doctorate for her dissertation on social innovations in the charitable foundation environment. Since 2008, she has been the Executive Director of the Freudenberg Foundation. She was a Deputy Chairperson of the Amadeu Antonio Foundation and a member of the Council on Integration of the German Government and is still a partner of the German Children and Youth Foundation and the CIVIS media Foundation.



Monika Queisser

Monika Queisser is Senior Counsellor to the Director of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Directorate and the Head of Social Policy Division at the OECD, where she supervises and coordinates the work on social protection spending, social indicators, pensions, family policies, tax-benefit systems and income inequality and poverty.

She also leads the OECD-wide gender initiative which examines gender inequalities in education, employment and entrepreneurship. Her background is in pension system analysis and pension reform. She has been working at the OECD since 1997. In 2007-8, she worked as an adviser to the OECD Secretary-General.

Prior to joining the OECD, Ms. Queisser worked at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. She was a member of the pensions and insurance group in the Financial Sector Development Department. Her first employment was with the German Ifo Institute for economic research in Munich. Her professional experience also includes employment as a journalist at daily newspapers and broadcasting in Germany.



Sara Llewelin

Sara Llewelin is the Chief Executive of the Barrow Cadbury Trust in the UK. Her career has included ten years as Deputy Director of the City of London’s largest foundation. Before that, she had a career in operating charities including Chief Executive of a major homelessness charity and before that, ran a network of women’s refuge provision in South London.

Sara is a member of the Governing Council of the European Foundation Centre, the Chair of the European Foundation Council’s Diversity, Migration and Integration Network, a Board member of Charity Bank and has served on a number of other national Boards, including the lottery distributors and social investors. Her background is in activism, particularly in the domestic violence movement and in local community family provision.

The Barrow Cadbury Trust is the largest philanthropic foundation of the Cadbury family. With strong Quaker roots, we seek structural changes in the areas of economic, racial, gender and criminal justice.



Isabelle Maquet

Isabelle Maquet is currently Deputy head of Unit at the European Commission in the unit in charge of monitoring employment and social policies in Spain and Malta. She has more than 10 years of experience in the area of employment and social policy analysis in the Directorate General for Employment and Social Affairs. Her main areas of expertise are the monitoring of poverty and inequality, and methods to assess the performance of labour market institutions and welfare systems in the EU.

Wrap up and closing

Stefano Scarpetta



Participants

	<p>Michael F. Förster</p> <p>Michael Förster is a senior policy analyst at the OECD Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs where he has been involved in successive OECD work on income distribution and poverty. He is co-author of “Growing Unequal? Income Distribution and Poverty Trends in the OECD Area” (2008) and lead author of the follow-up studies, “Divided we Stand: Why Inequality keeps rising” (2011) and "In It Together – Why Less Inequality Benefits All" (2015). Mr. Förster is currently directing several follow-up projects to this work, including work on inter- and intergenerational income mobility and trends among middle-income classes. Mr. Förster is member of several scientific advisory boards of international research projects, and a member of the French national observatory of poverty and social exclusion (ONPES). He is author of various articles and book contributions, most recently to the Elsevier Handbook of Income Distribution (2015).</p>
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	<p>Andreas Hieronymus</p> <p>Andreas Hieronymus is a program officer in the Migration and Inclusion unit of the Open Society Initiative for Europe, where he is responsible for the inclusion portfolio. Prior to joining the Open Society Foundations Hieronymus worked as a researcher in different universities and ran an independent research and advocacy institute for 18 years. He was board member of ENAR, the European Network against Racism for 9 years and was part of the reorganising of ENAR. He worked as well in the Diversity Unit of the Ministry of Justice in Hamburg, and he built up the Masculinity Unit in their Gender Department. More recently he worked as a consultant on diversity issues. He studied sociology, history and political science in Freiburg, Hamburg and Istanbul, and has a PhD in Sociology.</p>
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**Ana Llana Nozal**

Ana Llana-Nozal is an Economist in the OECD's Social Policy Division. She joined the OECD in 2006 and she is currently working on income inequality and intergenerational social mobility. She is one of the authors of *In it Together* and of *Divided we Stand*. During her first years at the OECD, she has been part of the team reviewing sickness and disability policies in selected OECD countries and of the long-term care report. She was also one of the authors of the *Employment Outlook*, working on issues related to health and work, and on gender issues. Before joining the OECD, Ms. Llana-Nozal was a researcher at the Institute of Development Studies (Sussex University), Utrecht University and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Her previous research includes international comparative projects in the areas of education, labour market policy and health inequalities. Ana Llana-Nozal is Spanish and has a degree in development studies from the London School of Economics (MSc.) and in economics from the Pompeu Fabra University (MSc) and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (PhD).

**Anne Macey**

Anne Macey has been Chief Executive of Confrontations Europe since June 2014. As such, she leads its team of staff and senior advisers and manages its working programme. She is in joint charge of its publications (Confrontations Europe, *La Revue* and the French-English newsletter *Interface*). She also contributes to analyses, focusing in particular on social and competitiveness issues and on challenges linked to mobility.

Before joining Confrontations Europe in 2011 as senior economist, Anne accumulated more than ten years' experience at the interface between the private sector and the European and/or international public policy sector: she was involved in projects relating to microfinance, SME funding and private sector development in several Arabic and African countries (for ShoreBank International/Enclude) and in Washington DC (for the World Bank). She was also in charge of European Institutional Relations at *Crédit Mutuel* and was project manager for a deputy mayor of Paris.

A former student at HEC School of Management, Sciences Po (Institute of Political Science) Paris and the School of Advanced International Studies at John Hopkins University, she speaks English and Spanish fluently and studied German for twelve years and Arabic for four years.



	<p>Peter Nizak</p> <p>Peter Nizak leads the Central European program of the Open Society Initiative for Europe. Nizak joined Open Society Foundations in 2008, having worked in the Hungarian NGO sector since 1991.</p> <p>His previous roles include program coordinator of the Independent Ecological Center from 1992 to 1996, executive director of DemNet Foundation (1996–2002), program director of Civil Society Development Foundation (2002–2003) and executive director of the Hungarian Soros Foundation (2006–2007).</p> <p>Since 2009, he has also served as chief editor of the Civil Review quarterly journal. Since 1993, Nizak has delivered lectures at the Eötvös Loránd University (University of Budapest) on civil society and third sector issues.</p>
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	<p>Andrej Nosko</p> <p>Dr. Andrej Nosko manages the Governance and Policy Debates Unit at the Open Society Initiative for Europe. Dr. Nosko supervises teams covering four portfolios: a governance portfolio that supports work countering state and regulatory capture in European Union countries, a policy debates portfolio that brings underrepresented or marginalized voices to current policy discussions and supports policy debates and research on the future of European democracy; Policing and Security Governance portfolio contributing to increase of trustworthiness in the police, through improving the way in which the police use coercive stop powers and physical force and through supporting an increase in the diversity of law enforcement to reflect the diversity the society that it serves; and Reclaiming Local Public Spheres in Central Europe, which aims to increase the ability of non-nationalist civil society organizations to strengthen, revive, and above all widen the constituencies that support open society values.</p>
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Alla Volkova

Alla Volkova is a program specialist for the Open Society Initiative for Europe, working within the Governance and Policy Debates unit on the portfolios that challenge state and regulatory capture and foster dialogues on the future of European democracy. She is also interested in the topics of urban resilience, post-disaster recovery and community development. Ms. Volkova holds an MA in social anthropology from the Central European University in Budapest and a degree in sociology.



Shruti Singh

Shruti Singh manages activities and the programme of work of the OECD Centre for Opportunity of Equality (COPE). She joined the OECD in 2007 as an economist, and has since then, led and co-authored several landmark reports in the area of disability, mental health and work policies. Shruti has also written extensively on a wide range of labour market policy issues including Active Labour Market Policies and Displaced Workers policies aimed at labour-market reintegration of the unemployed. Prior to joining the OECD, Shruti was a policy analyst at the Department for Work and Pensions in the United Kingdom where she was responsible for designing and analysing UK's key labour market policies.