



AGENDA

The squeezed middle class in OECD and emerging countries – myth and reality**Date:** Thursday 1st December 2016**Location:** OECD Headquarters, Paris

09:30-10:00	Registration and Coffee
10:00-10:10	Welcome remarks (Gabriela Ramos, Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20, OECD)
10:10-10:30	Keynote: Jean Yves Duclos (Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Canada)
10:30-12:00	<p>Session 1: Who is the Middle Class – and is it declining?</p> <p><u>Key themes and issues for discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is the middle class and how large is it? Different approaches and definitions • Is the middle class being squeezed? Key trends and developments of the middle classes in OECD countries and emerging economies. • What is driving middle class change? <p><i>Moderator:</i> Martine Durand (Chief Statistician and Director of Statistics, OECD)</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i> Stefano Scarpetta (Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD) Sigrid Russwurm, (Deputy Director General, Ministry of Finance, Norway) Mike Savage (co-Director International Inequalities Institute, LSE) Eric Hazan (Senior Partner, The McKinsey Global Institute)</p>
12:00-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-15:00	<p>Session 2: The middle class: economic growth, trust and political stability</p> <p><u>Key themes and issues for discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle class and economic growth, still a symbiotic relationship? • Perceptions matter: Is the middle class increasingly anxious? • Middle class vulnerability and growing political instability <p><i>Moderator:</i> Federico Bonaglia (Acting Deputy Director, OECD Development Centre)</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i> Elena Ianchovichina (Lead economist, World Bank's Middle East and North Africa Region) Luis-Felipe Lopez-Calva (Lead Economist, Poverty Advisor, World Bank) Andrew Clark (Research Professor, Paris School of Economics)</p>
15:00-15:20	Coffee Break



<p>15:20-16:50</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 3: What policies for the middle class?</p> <p><u>Key themes and issues for discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New policies for a new middle class? • Middle class attitudes towards redistribution policies • Welfare State and the middle class: a two-way street? <p><i>Moderator:</i> Georg Fischer (Director for Social Affairs in the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission)</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <p>John Schmitt (Research Director, The Washington Center for Equitable Growth)</p> <p>Armine Yalnizyan (Senior Economist, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives)</p> <p>Andreas Peichl (Head of the Research Group "International Distribution and Redistribution", Centre for European Economic Research, ZEW)</p> <p>Richard Samans (Managing Director and Member of the Managing Board, World Economic Forum)</p>
<p>16:50-17:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing remarks</p> <p>Stefano Scarpetta (Director, Employment Labour and Social Affairs, OECD)</p> <p>Maurizio Bussolo (Lead Economist in the Chief Economist Office, Europe and Central Asia, World Bank)</p>