



## Webinar Series on COVID-19 & Inequality

### COVID-19 and Global Income Inequality

with Nobel Laureate Sir Angus Deaton

Tuesday 30 March 2021

4:00pm (CET)

Virtual event

During this webinar, Professor Sir Angus Deaton will examine the impact of COVID-19 on global income inequality. There is widespread belief that the COVID-19 pandemic has increased global income inequality, with a higher reduction of per capita incomes in poor countries than in rich ones. Although this assumption could be considered reasonable, it is false. Per capita incomes fell by more in higher-income countries, and country by country, international income inequality decreased. When countries are weighted by population, international income inequality increased, more in line with the original intuition. This was largely because Indian incomes fell, and because the disequalising effect of declining Indian incomes was not offset by rising incomes in China, which is no longer a globally poor country.

For more information, you can access the paper here: <https://scholar.princeton.edu/deaton/publications/covid-19-and-global-income-inequality-revised-march-9-2021>.

This webinar is organised as part of a series of webinars that aim to explore the evidence base and carve a comprehensive overview of the COVID-inequality nexus in a number of areas including: income, spatial inequality, ethnicity and migration, labour, gender, child and education, mental health, environment and more.

The webinar is open to academics, statisticians, policy professionals and other experts interested or working on these topics.

For more information and to **register for the webinar**, visit: <http://www.oecd.org/wise/events/covid-and-inequality-webinars.htm>.

### Agenda

4:00pm Welcome by Romina Boarini, Director of the OECD WISE Centre

4:05pm Presentation by Professor Sir Angus Deaton

4:40pm Discussion by Fabrice Murtin (OECD WISE Centre) and Federico Bonaglia (OECD Development Centre)

4:50pm Floor open for discussion

5:10pm Final wrap-up

5:15pm End of meeting



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