

Conference Program

On Solidarity VIII: Inequality and Social Solidarity

5 – 7 April 2013, Vienna/Austria

Venues: ERSTE Lounge, Petersplatz 7, 6th Floor, 1010 Vienna (Conference)
MAK – Vienna, Stubenring 5, 1010 Vienna (Commemoration Ceremony, Friday)
Burgtheater, Universitätsring 2, 1010 Vienna (Debate, Sunday)

Conference Chairs: **Claus Offe**, Professor of Political Sociology, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin;
Member of the IWM Academic Advisory Board
Kenneth Prewitt, Vice-President, Columbia University, New York

Friday, April 5

14:00 **Welcome**
Cornelia Klinger, Permanent Fellow, IWM; Professor of Philosophy, University of Tübingen
The IWM/Columbia Social Solidarity-Program
Kenneth Prewitt, Vice-President, Columbia University

14:30-17:00 **Session 1**
Introduction: Thinking About Inequality

It is useful to distinguish four levels of analysis. First is the structure of economic, social, and political inequality, the prevailing circumstances that appear at any given time as objective features of reality. Second is the character of experience. Structural circumstances can be experienced in a variety of ways for reasons that include the frames people use to make sense of their condition, and the manner in which inequalities are lived in specific settings of work and home. Third is that of outlooks. How persons are disposed to act is not simply determined by their experiences, but result from particular historical pathways of party, ideology, political participation, and social knowledge. Fourth is individual and collective action, what people actually choose to do about their circumstances, experiences, and dispositions, whether to protect or challenge their standing in various hierarchies.

Speakers: **Robert Hauser**, Professor of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ira Katznelson, Professor of Political Science, Columbia University; Deputy Chair, IWM Academic Advisory Board
Ivan Krastev, Permanent Fellow, IWM; Chair of the Board, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia

Chair: **Claus Offe**

19:00 **Commemoration Ceremony for Krzysztof Michalski**
With a Lecture on Solidarity by **Michael Sandel**, Professor of Government, Harvard University; Member of the IWM Academic Advisory Board

Dinner Reception, MAK - Austrian Museum of Applied Arts/Contemporary Art

Saturday, April 6

9:00-11:00

Session 2

Concentrated Poverty: Economic Deprivation and Social Geography

Since the turn of the century, poverty has become more extensive and more spatially intensified across Europe and the United States, broadly reversing patterns of amelioration associated with post-war welfare states. But the range of situations is quite diverse, including immigrant and racial ghettos, rural poverty, wide regional disparities, and variations to labor and housing markets as well as inter-generational mobility, among other pertinent factors.

Speakers:

Paul Jargowsky, Professor of Public Policy, Rutgers University

Gerard Pfann, Professor of Econometrics of Markets and Organizations,
Maastricht University

Nicole Marwell, Professor of Public Affairs and Sociology, University of New York

Natalia Zubarevich, Professor of Economy and Social Geography, Moscow State
University

Chair:

Kenneth Prewitt

11:00-11:30

Coffee Break

11:30-13:30

Session 3

Concentrated Poverty: Differentiated Citizenship

A key feature of deep poverty is a deeply uneven connection to the mainstream institutions of democratic political life. Less mobilized, less likely to participate, less informed, and less the subject of the competition for votes, poor persons tend, disproportionately, to be the objects of policy rather than agents in its creation. Some policies are designed to exclude the poor from political life -- the Jim Crow regime in the United States; guest workers as second-class citizens; the marginal status of Roma in West Europe as a result of their status in official racial, ethnic, religious, housing, and employment hierarchies. In these circumstances, it makes sense to speak of political poverty; that is, the absence of a meaningful capacity by specific sections of the population to organize themselves or enter into most influential vehicles for political influence, and thus engage in the give and take of political life as full citizens.

Speakers:

Klaus Dörre, Professor of Sociology, Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena

Kay Schlozman, Professor of Political Science, Boston College

Miroslav Beblavy, Professor of Public Policy, Comenius University; Member of the
Slovak Parliament

Rogers Smith, Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania

Chair:

Claus Offe

13:30-15:00

Lunch

15:00-17:00 **Session 4**
Consequences for the Poor and Non-Poor

There are a host of life situations, including physical and mental health, schooling and literacy, and the character of social networks and capital that result from living in deeply deprived areas, often isolated from central institutions and relationships, and from dispossession itself. But there are important consequences for the non-poor as well, ranging from their degree of personal security to a host of ethical and political challenges, fiscal pressures, and political distortions. Thus it is important to conceptualize concentrated poverty within the larger canvas of inequality, and its implications for social integration and collective solidarity.

Speakers: **Cornelia Klinger**, Permanent Fellow, IWM; Professor of Philosophy, University of Tübingen
 Katherine Newman, Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs, Johns Hopkins University
 Paul Starr, Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs, Princeton University
Chair: **Kenneth Prewitt**

17:00-17:30 **Conclusions**
Alfred Gusenbauer, Former Federal Chancellor of Austria

Sunday, April 7

11:00-13:00 **Inequality and Social Solidarity**
Public Debate at Vienna's *Burgtheater*

Participants: **Elsa Fornero**, Italian Minister of Labor, Social Policies and Gender Equality, Rome; Professor of Political Economy, University of Turin
 Ira Katznelson, Professor of Political Science, Columbia University; Deputy Chair, IWM Academic Advisory Board
 Michael Sandel, Professor of Government, Harvard University; Member of the IWM Academic Advisory Board
 Andreas Treichl, CEO, Erste Bank, Vienna

Chair: **Alfred Gusenbauer**, Former Federal Chancellor of Austria

13:00-14:30 Lunch

End of Conference

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