

Multidimensional and Cumulative Inequalities

(20 h – 3 CFU)

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Aims of the lab

The objective of this lab is to explore and discuss the primary sources of inequalities experienced by individuals in contemporary societies and labour markets, influenced by factors such as social background, gender, age, migratory status, and geographical origin. These multiple dimensions of inequality often intersect, leading to an accumulation of disadvantages for certain social groups. Through an examination of recent empirical research, students will acquire key tools for understanding the multidimensional and cumulative nature of inequality and develop the ability to interpret and engage in critical discussions regarding findings on social inequalities as presented in both public discourse and academic literature.

Furthermore, the lab will equip students with the basic tools to conduct empirical research on topics related to inequalities, which can be beneficial for both their dissertation and future work within and beyond academia. Specifically, the lab will cover how to define a research topic and formulate a research question, how to outline hypotheses based on theory, and how to apply various methods, including both quantitative and qualitative approaches, to address these research questions.

Assessment

Students' assessment will be based on active participation and a final short paper. The short paper will begin with a research question centered on the topics covered in the course and should include a concise literature review and a research design. More information about the paper will be given during the lab.

Reference materials

Both mandatory and recommended readings will be assigned during the lab.

Schedule

The lab will take place in the following dates and rooms:

N	Day	Date	Time	Room
1	Friday	24/05/2024	8.30-10.30	Room E (via Pace)
2	Monday	27/05/2024	8.30-10.30	Room 22
3	Wednesday	29/05/2024	8.30-10.30	Room E (via Pace)
4	Friday	31/05/2024	8.30-10.30	Room E (via Pace)
5	Monday	03/06/2024	8.30-10.30	Room 22
6	Wednesday	05/06/2024	8.30-10.30	Room E (via Pace)
7	Monday	10/06/2024	8.30-10.30	Room 22
8	Wednesday	12/06/2024	8.30-10.30	Room E (via Pace)
9	Monday	17/06/2024	8.30-10.30	Room 22
10	Wednesday	19/06/2024	8.30-10.30	Room E (via Pace)