The Road to Global Inequality, 1945-Present Day
New Historical Perspectives

Program

3-4 November 2016
Aarhus University
Program
Venue: Aarhus University, Conference Centre, Meeting room 2, Fredrik Nielsens Vej 2-4, 8000 Aarhus C

Thursday, November 3rd

8.30-9.00: Arrivals and registration
9.00-9.10: Christian Olaf Christiansen & Steven L.B. Jensen: Welcome & introduction

1. Intellectual histories of inequality and of neoliberalism (Chair: Steven L.B. Jensen)
9.10-10.00 Michael J. Thompson (keynote, open to the public): The Demise of the Radical Critique of Economic Inequality
10.00-10.15 Coffee break
10.15-10.45 Eli Cook: Historicizing Piketty: The Fall and Rise of Inequality in American Thought
11.15-11.30 Coffee break
11.30-12.00 Victor Pressfeldt: Hollowing out the Nordic Model? Mauricio Rojas and the second wave of Swedish neoliberalism
12.00-12.30 Christian Olaf Christiansen: From the ‘Washington Consensus’ to ‘Inclusive Capitalism’?
12.30-1.30 Lunch (Stakladen)

2. Multiple dimensions of inequality in history (Chair: Christian Olaf Christiansen)
1.30-2.30 Göran Therborn (keynote, open to the public): The Three Dimensions of Inequality and Their Modern Trajectories
2.30-2.45 Coffee break
2.45-3.45 Ravinder Kaur (keynote, open to the public): From Third World to Emerging Market: On Commodification and New Economic Frontiers
3.45-4.00 Coffee break
4.00-4.30 Paul van Trigt: The Concept of Socio-economic Inequality in Postcolonial State Practices
4.30-5.00 Nisha Poyyaprath Rayaroth: Balancing Borders: Law, Livelihood and Transnational Lives in Indian Circus
7.00 Conference Dinner in Downtown Aarhus. Venue: Pihlkjær Restaurant, Mejlgade 28, Baghuset, 8000 Aarhus C. (3-course menu with fish + 3 glasses of wine)
Friday, November 4th

3. Africa, development & decolonization (Chair: Steven L.B. Jensen)
9.00-10.00  Morten Jerven (keynote, open to the public): Africa and Global Inequality: Historical evidence and narratives
10.00-10.15 Coffee break
10.15-10.45 Muey Saeteurn: Brewing Inequalities: Kenya’s Smallholder Tea Farmers and the Developmentalist State in the era of Decolonization
10.45-11.15 Olusegun Adeyeri: Decolonization, Foreign Aid and Post-Independence Nigerian Underdevelopment
11.15-11.30 Coffee break
11.30-12.00 Senayon Olaoluwa: Nuances of Global Inequality in NoViolet Bulawayo’s We Need New Names
12.00-12.30 Daniel Nethery: The alibis of French-Algerian social policy: demography, development and decolonization
12.30-1.15 Lunch (Stakladen)

4. Governance, institutions and approaches to poverty and inequality (Chair: Christian Olaf Christiansen)
1.15-1.45 Martin Ottovay Jørgensen: How has the International System Been Connected to Inequalities, Vulnerabilities and Insecurities from 1900 to 1945?
2.15-2.30 Coffee break
2.30-3.00 Karen E. Andreasen & C. Ydesen: School Accountability, educational performance testing and inequalities in a global perspective 1945 to present
3.00-3.30 Peter van Dam: Defeating capitalism by its own means: How fair trade activists challenged global inequality through certification
3.30-3.45 Coffee break
3.45-4.15 Dennis Puoridme: Economic Reforms; Tracks of Poverty and Inequality in Africa since 1980: The evolution of anti-poverty programmes in Ghana
4.15-4.45 Rune Møller Stahl: The return of oligarchy: new threats to democracy in an age of inequality
4.45-5.00 Round-off (all): New historical perspectives on global inequality – what have we learned?
5.00-6.00 Closing reception and goodbyes. (After this there will be an optional dinner in downtown Aarhus at participants’ own expense).