

Alumni Conference: Weatherhead Research Cluster on Comparative Inequality and Inclusion

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University

Chair: Michèle Lamont

Saturday, February 10, 2024

[William James Hall 1550](#)
and [Virtual](#)

8:30–9:10 am: Welcome and Breakfast

9:10–9:25 am: Introductions

[Michèle Lamont](#) (Harvard University)

9:25–11:00am: Panel 1: Taming unpredictability

Chair: [Luuc Brans](#) (KU Leuven University), In-Person

[Lorenza Antonucci](#) (University of Birmingham), In-Person

"I have to thank whoever invented this – can I say that?" Examining the ambivalent effect of platform work on precarity and its role in reproducing inequality.

[Ioana Sendroiu](#) (University of Hong Kong), On Zoom

"An exciting future is one click away": Environmental entrepreneurship and climate crisis action

[Elena Ayala-Hurtado](#) (Harvard University), In-Person

The Projected Futures of Insecure College Graduates in Spain and the United States

11:00–11:20 am: Coffee Break

11:20–12:25 pm: Panel 2: Meritocracy and inequality

Chair: [Luca Carbone](#) (KU Leuven), In-person

[Elke Winter](#) (University of Ottawa), In-person

Middle Class Nation Building Through Immigration?

[Jonathan Mijs](#) (Boston University), In-person

The Social Life of Inequality: Why Unequal Countries Stay That Way

12:25–1:25 pm Lunch

1:25–3:00 pm: Panel 3: Classifying outsiders – immigrants and others

Chair: [Riva Kastoryano](#) (National Center for Scientific Research and SciencesPO, Paris),

In-person

[Talia Shiff](#) (Tel-Aviv University), On Zoom

Asylum Decision-Making under Trump: Shared Aspirations for Moral Realignment as Mechanisms of Moral Boundary Work in Times of Crisis.

[Anna Skarpelis](#) (CUNY, Queens College), In-person

The Moral Pixel: Troubling Genealogies of Composite Person Classification, from 19th Century Eugenics to Computer Vision

[Derek Robey](#) (Harvard University), In-Person

Memory Politics and the Struggle for Recognition

3:00–3:20 pm: Coffee Break

3:20–5:25 pm: Panel 4: Boundary management

Chair: [Maha Shehade Switat](#) (Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard),
In-person

[Gökce Yurdakul](#) (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), In-person

Undoing one-dimensional immigrant: Revisiting difference through postmigrant paradigm in Germany

[Matias López](#) (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva),
On Zoom

Democracy and land inequality: Urban elites in the making of agrarian politics in Brazil and beyond

[Yuval Feinstein](#) (University of Haifa) and [Ameer Fakhoury](#) (Polonsky Academy, The Van Leer
Jerusalem Institute), On Zoom

How are political boundaries drawn in countries with trapped minorities? A new triangular approach based on the case of Arab-Palestinians in Israel

[Yossi Harpaz](#) (Tel-Aviv University), On Zoom

War and Solidarity: A Natural Experiment Following the October 7th Attack on Israel

5:25–5:55 pm: Closing

[Michèle Lamont](#) (Harvard University)