



WEATHERHEAD RESEARCH CLUSTER
ON COMPARATIVE INEQUALITY AND INCLUSION

Alumni Reunion: “Timely Questions”

March 6, 2020 | CGIS South So20 Belfer Case Study Room

8:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Opening Remarks & Introductions – **Charlotte Lloyd**

9:30 a.m. **Alexander Horn**: “Equality of What? Comparing the Equality Concepts of Parties”

10:15 a.m. **Antoinette Hetzler**: “Public Identity and Public Protest”

11:00 a.m. Morning Coffee Break

11:15 a.m. **Derek Robey**: “What’s in a Name? Public Naming Disputes and the Contested Construction of Racial History in the United States and Canada”

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. **Sandra Portocarrero**: “The Shame of It!: How National Scholarship Recipients Became Ashamed of What They Were Most Proud of”

1:45 p.m. **Gökçe Yurdakul**: “Jews, Muslims and the Challenges to the European Institutions: The Headscarf and Ritual Male Circumcision Debates in Germany”

2:30 p.m. Afternoon Coffee Break

2:45 p.m. **Yuki Asahina**: “Merit or Inheritance?: Subjective Inequality and the Sense of Injustice among Young Adults in Japan and Korea”

3:30 p.m. **Merih Angin**: “Finders Keepers, Losers Weepers? The Distributional Effects of Privatization in IMF Programs”

4:15 p.m. Closing Remarks – **Michèle Lamont**

6:30 p.m. Dinner at Henrietta’s Table (1 Bennett Street, Cambridge)

Speaker Bios



Alexander Horn is an assistant professor of political science at Aarhus University. Previously, he took part in the Ph.D. programs of the Berlin Graduate School and Duke University and defended his dissertation at Humboldt University of Berlin. His research interests include welfare states, parties and election pledges, and the politics of inequality.



Antoinette Hetzler is professor emerita, Department of Sociology, Lund University, Sweden. Her research interests are social policy and the welfare state. She is chairperson of the research group, “Public Sector Research – Rights, Regulation, Care and Security” at Lund University. Her current research includes conflict at work, changing employment relationships in women dominated professions, and guaranteeing rights while regulating the public sector.



Derek Robey is PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology at Harvard University. At the University of Minnesota, Derek primarily focused on social stratification (especially about race, class, and gender) and religion in the United States. His undergraduate thesis examined the ways in which gender and race affect the discourse and dynamics of a group of religious “nones” (atheists, agnostics, humanists, etc.).



Sandra Portocarrero is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology at Columbia University. She was a 2018-2019 visiting doctoral student in the department of Sociology at Harvard University and is currently a visiting fellow at the Merage School of Business at the University of California, Irvine. Sandra studies issues related to diversity and inclusion.



Gökçe Yurdakul is Georg Simmel Professor of Diversity and Social Conflict at the Humboldt University and the Chair in the Department of Foundations of Migration Research at the Berlin Institute of Migration and Integration Research. She has published books and articles on immigrant integration, citizenship, Islam in Europe and issues of Muslim women in Western Europe and North America.



Yuki Asahina is a postdoctoral fellow at Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies. He received his PhD in Sociology from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in 2019. His work seeks to understand why we experience inequality and insecurity in the ways we do at different times and places.



Merih Angin is an Assistant Professor of International Relations at Koç University, and she was a postdoctoral fellow at the Weatherhead Scholars Program during the 2018-2019 academic year. She holds a PhD in International Relations/Political Science from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) in Geneva.