

The perspectives of behavioural economics can inform and enrich the measurement and analysis of inequality, and poverty. At the same time, the questions asked in inequality analysis, including on policy intervention, have the potential to challenge behavioural economics. With this background the time is right to take stock and look ahead to the theoretical, empirical and policy research agenda at the intersection of behavioural economics and the economics of inequality.



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Conference on

Behavioral Economics and the Economics of Inequality

Edinburgh, June 7-8, 2019

To be held in the Project Room located on the 1st floor in 50 George Square

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Friday June 7

8.45-9.00	Conference Opening
9.00-10.15	Session I
Karla Hoff	"Cultural impediments to learning to cooperate: An experimental study of high- and low-caste men in rural India"
Friederike Mengel	"Exposure to Inequality, Personal Relative Position and Belief in Meritocracy"
10.15-11.30	Session II
Oriana Bandiera	"Why Do Poor People Stay Poor?"
Frank Schilbach	"Does Financial Strain Lower Worker Productivity?"
11.30-12.00	Break
12.00-1.15	Session III
John Roemer	"International cooperation and the Trump phenomenon seen through the lens of Kantian equilibrium."
Roberto Veneziani	"Sufficientarianism"
1.15-2.00	Lunch
2.00-3.15	Session IV
Amrita Dhillon	"The role of networks in creating gender wage inequality"
Lise Vesterlund	"Gender differences in negotiation: Dialing up or down?"
3.15-3.45	Break
3.45-5.00	Session V
Garance Genicot	"Aspirations and Inequality"
Dean Karlan	"Experiments on Messaging to Save"
7.00 pm	Conference Dinner (By Invitation)

Saturday June 8

9.00-10.15	Session VI
Gilat Levy	"Correlation Neglect and Echo Chambers"
Robert Frank	"Exposure to Inequality, Personal Relative Position and Belief in Meritocracy"
10.15-11.30	Session VII
Dorothea Kuebler	"Inequality and Repugnance"
Marc Fleurbaey	"What preferences are respectable given behavioral patterns?"
12.00-1.15	Session VIII
Muriel Niederle	TBA
Ted O'Donohue	TBA
1.15-2.00	Closing Observations by Gary Gillespie, Chief Economist, Scottish Government; and Lunch
7.00 pm	Informal buffet dinner (By Invitation)

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Participants, including all speakers

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Bandiera	Oriana	LSE
Dhillon	Amrita	Kings College London
Fleurbaey	Marc	Princeton University
Frank	Robert	Cornell University
Genicot	Garance	Georgetown University
Gillespie	Gary	Scottish Government
Hopkins	Ed	University of Edinburgh
Hoff	Karla	World Bank
Kanbur	Ravi	Cornell University
Karlan	Dean	Yale
Kuebler	Dorothea	WZB
O'Donohue	Ted	Cornell University
Levy	Gilat	LSE
Mengel	Friederike	Essex
Niederle	Muriel	Stanford University
Roemer	John	Yale
Schilbach	Frank	MIT
Veneziani	Roberto	Queen Mary UL
Vesterlund	Lise	University of Pittsburgh

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