

**Seminar Series**

**2022/2023**

# **DIGCLASS Project**

## **Social Classes in the Digital Age**

Joint Research Centre  
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## The DIGCLASS Project

The [DIGCLASS project](#) is born out of increasing concern in Europe about the implications of the *digital revolution* for *social inequalities and democratic processes*. The project will revise and update the rich tradition of social class analysis in social sciences to apply it to current socioeconomic structures in Europe. It will propose new taxonomies and analytic tools for social class analysis and apply them to contemporary phenomena such as the decline of the middle class and job polarisation, the effects of digital technologies on inequalities and life chances or the emergence of new types of economic relations.

The objective is to provide a better understanding of how digital technologies alter the mechanisms that generate inequalities in the distribution of resources and life chances, which is crucial for social policies to respond to the challenges of the digital revolution.

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## Seminar Series

The DIGCLASS seminar series is expected to facilitate the exchange of cutting-edge ideas and debates between JRC researchers and social science academics from research institutions worldwide. With the DIGCLASS seminar series, we want to push this discussion beyond the boundaries of the JRC community by attracting external scholars, policy-makers and a general audience.

Areas of interest:

- ✓ Social inequality, social stratification
- ✓ Labour economics
- ✓ Political economy, political behaviour

Seminars take place once monthly on Tuesdays from 15.00 to 16.00 CET in a fully open-access online format. We will publish further details on sessions' access and contents on the [DIGCLASS seminar series website](#) and the [JRC EU Science Hub events](#) in due time.

If you want to subscribe to the DIGCLASS seminar series mailing list to stay tuned, please drop us an email to [JRC-CAS-DIGCLASS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JRC-CAS-DIGCLASS@ec.europa.eu)



Date / Access	Speaker	Topic
October 25 <sup>th</sup> 2022 <a href="#">Link to the session</a>	<b>Silja Häusermann</b> University of Zurich	Challenges to the welfare state
November 29 <sup>th</sup> 2022 <a href="#">Link to the session</a>	<b>Lucas Chancel</b> World Inequality Lab Paris School of Economics	Global carbon inequality
December 20 <sup>th</sup> 2022 <a href="#">Link to the session</a>	<b>Caterina Calsamiglia</b> Institute of Political Economy and Governance	School choice and segregation
January 24 <sup>th</sup> 2023 <a href="#">Link to the session</a>	<b>Michael Marmot</b> University College London	Health inequities
February 21 <sup>st</sup> 2023 <a href="#">Link to the session</a>	<b>Anna Salomons</b> Utrecht University and IZA	Technological change and new tasks
March 28 <sup>th</sup> 2023 <a href="#">Link to the session</a>	<b>Carl Frey</b> Oxford Martin School	Technological change and (un)employment
April 26 <sup>th</sup> 2023 <a href="#">Link to the session</a>	<b>Aída Ponce Del Castillo</b> European Trade Union Institute	Legal and ethical issues in AI and robots
May 30 <sup>th</sup> 2023 <a href="#">Link to the session</a>	<b>Fabian Pfeffer</b> University of Michigan	Wealth and opportunity
June 20 <sup>th</sup> 2023 <a href="#">Link to the session</a>	<b>Anne-Marie Jeannet</b> University of Milan	Deindustrialisation and political consequences

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