



Inequality in the 21st Century

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What will you learn from this elective	<p>This module is about inequality, one of the most urgent problems of our time. Inequality can lead to social problems such as poor health, political polarisation, and less cooperation between people. The module will discuss both economic and social inequality. Economic inequality concerns the distribution of money in society, while social class will be used to talk about social inequality. The module will also address inequality from an intersectional perspective, highlighting how different characteristics such as gender, race, income, and social class can confer advantages and disadvantages.</p>
Student Workload	<p>11 lectures and 10 tutorials (face-to-face).</p> <p>Every week students will take part in a lecture and attend one tutorial. There are no tutorials in Week 1.</p> <p>Lectures will present the key theories and evidence in a variety of formats, while tutorials will be the main venue for discussion, feedback and peer learning and presentation.</p>
Assessment Components	<p>End-of-term assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online multiple choice test (40%)• Research essay (60%)
Indicative Reading List	<p>Salverda, Nolan and Smeeding (2009) <i>The Oxford Handbook of economic inequality</i>.</p> <p>Atkinson, T. (2015) <i>Inequality: What can be done?</i></p> <p>Grusky, D. and Hill, J. (2019) <i>Inequality in the 21st century</i></p> <p>Lister, R. (2021) <i>Poverty</i>, 2nd edition.</p>
Learning Outcomes	<p>On successful completion of the module, you will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distinguish between different forms of inequality in the 21st century.• Analyse the levels of economic and social inequality.• Identify the key causes and consequences of inequality.• Recognize the wider societal implications of inequality.• Reflect on different policy solutions to economic and social inequality.