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Inequality in the 21st Century 2018-05-15

this book provides selections from the seminal works of karl marx max weber w e b du bois and charlotte perkins gilman that reveal some of the reasons why class race and gender inequalities have proven very adaptive and can flourish even today in the 21st century

Economic Inequality in the United States 2015-12-22

originally published in 1984 this study explores multiple theoretical perspectives as well as critically analysing the most recent evidence at the time to try and find a full explanation for inequality in the united states arguments of neoclassical economists and marxist and institutional structuralists are considered by osberg as well as putting forward his own model osberg uses his findings to attempt a complete explanation of the issue and advises on policies which could be undertaken by the government to try and lessen the gap this title will be of interest to students of economics

Unequal We Stand 2010-10

the authors conducted a systematic empirical study of cross sectional inequality in the u s integrating data from various surveys the authors follow the mapping suggested by the household budget constraint from individual wages to individual earnings to household earnings to disposable income and ultimately to consumption and wealth they document a continuous and sizable increase in wage inequality over the sample period changes in the distribution of hours worked sharpen the rise in earnings inequality before 1982 but mitigate its increase thereafter taxes and transfers compress the level of income inequality especially at the bottom of the distribution but have little effect on the overall trend charts and tables this is a print on demand publication it is not an original

Divested 2020-01-06

finance is an inescapable part of american life from how one pursues an education buys a home runs a business or saves for retirement finance orders the lives of ordinary americans and as finance continues to expand inequality soars in divested ken hou lin and megan tobias neely demonstrate why widening inequality cannot be understood without examining the rise of big finance the growth of the financial sector has dramatically transformed the american

economy by redistributing resources from workers and families into the hands of owners executives and financial professionals the average american is now divested from a world driven by the maximization of financial profit and neatly provide systematic evidence to document how the ascendance of finance on wall street main street and among households is a fundamental cause of economic inequality they argue that finance has reshaped the economy in three important ways first the financial sector extracts resources from the economy at large without providing economic benefits to those outside the financial services industry second firms in other economic sectors have become increasingly involved in lending and investing which weakens the demand for labor and the bargaining power of workers and third the escalating consumption of financial products by households shifts risks and uncertainties once shouldered by unions corporations and governments onto families a clear comprehensive and convincing account of the forces driving economic inequality in america divested warns us that the most damaging consequence of the expanding financial system is not simply recurrent financial crises but a widening social divide between the have and have nots

Social Inequality in a Global Age 2010-04-28

worlds apart social inequality in a global age third edition is intended as the primary text for upper level undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in social stratification and inequality courses primarily taught in sociology departments this book focuses primarily on social inequalities in the american context however a trend in this course is how the global inequalities are effecting and affected by social stratification and inequality in america this edition reflects that trend

Paths of Inequality in Brazil 2018-07-04

this book presents multidisciplinary analyses of the historical trajectories of social and economic inequalities in brazil over the last 50 years as one of the most unequal countries in the world brazil has always been an important case study for scholars interested in inequality research but in the last few decades has brought a new phenomenon to renew researchers interest in the country while the majority of democracies in the developed world have witnessed an increase in income inequality from the 1970s on brazil has followed the opposite path registering a significant reduction of income inequality over the last 30 years bringing together studies carried out by experts from different areas such as economists sociologists demographers and political scientists this volume presents insights based on rigorous analyses of statistical data in an effort to

explain the long term changes in social and economic inequalities in brazil the book adopts a multidisciplinary approach analyzing the relations between income inequality and different dimensions of social life such as education health political participation public policies demographics and labor market all of this makes paths of inequality in brazil a half century of change a very valuable resource for social scientists interested in inequality research in general and especially for sociologists political scientists and economists interested in the social and economic changes that brazil went through over the last two decades

The Evolution and Determinants of Wealth Inequality in the North Atlantic Anglo-Sphere, 1668-2013 *2018-05-16*

this book focuses on wealth inequality trends in the north atlantic anglo sphere countries of canada the united kingdom and the united states over the period from 1668 to 2013 a wider perspective than generally used when wealth inequality is discussed this book demonstrates that it is important to put current dimensions of wealth inequality into historical context by looking at performance over the long run rather than simply a few decades moreover this contribution compiles a substantial amount of data on estimates of wealth inequality and provides a concise overview of trends as well as the drivers of inequality over the long term it serves as a short supplementary text for economics and sociology courses on economic inequality economic history and social change while remaining of interest to scholars and policymakers invested in equality debates of the past and present

Inequality in America *2021-06-18*

this authoritative reference work explores the factors driving the much debated increase in economic inequality in u s society as well as the impact that this divide is having on u s culture politics families communities and institutions this reference work provides an authoritative and comprehensive resource for both students and scholars who are interested in learning more about the rich poor divide in the united states a divide regarded by many lawmakers researchers pundits and concerned citizens as one of the nation s most serious problems the book provides important historical background for understanding how the nation has grappled with or ignored this issue in the past examines specific causes of inequality identified by observers across the political spectrum and summarizes the potential consequences both present and future of economic inequality this

book examines more than 25 issues frequently cited as factors contributing to the rapidly widening gap between socioeconomic classes in the u s ranging from such demographic factors as race and gender to tax code provisions and differences in access to quality education and health care the book also provides both a retrospective and prospective look at government policies aimed at addressing inequality or assisting the poor finally the book looks ahead to survey the future of inequality in america

Inequality in America 2012-06-20

a bedrock american principle is the idea that all individuals should have the opportunity to succeed on the basis of their own effort skill and ingenuity federal reserve chairman ben bernanke income inequality has been on the rise since the late 1970s but the economic and financial crisis of 2008 instigated an unemployment epidemic that dramatically compounded this problem in the united states and catapulted the issue to the center of debate there is wide agreement across the political spectrum that high inequality is contributing to undesirable circumstances such as stagnant household income rising poverty rates and increased borrowing and debt though there is much less agreement on remedies inequality in america provides a snapshot of the issues posed by the growing concentrations of income focusing on the united states but drawing on international comparisons to help set the context the authors examine the economic technological and political drivers of inequality and identify worrying trends associated with its rise they demonstrate how specific factors have exacerbated income inequality including technological change international trade changes in labor market participation and the increasing role of the financial sector their clear and concise exposition makes the issues surrounding income distribution accessible to a wider public as they write in the conclusion we have argued that tackling the worst effects of inequality and re establishing a measure of equal opportunity requires increased investment in crucial public goods first education second a more progressive and simplified tax system and third increased international cooperation to avoid a race to the bottom education tax and other such policies are pursued by other highperforming advanced countries and can be shaped for the united states in a way that is fully consistent with an efficient and competitive american economy

The Undeserving Rich 2013-03-29

chapter one introduction thinking about income inequality in the past decade we have witnessed one sensational event after another connected in some way to rising income inequality as i write it is the occupy wall street movement which is

not only demanding greater economic and social equality for the bottom ninety nine against the top one percenters but coining a new set of class categories in the process almost a decade ago when i began research on american beliefs about rising inequality it was the scandals surrounding enron that were making front page news with the pension funds of workers and retirees evaporating into thin air as the coffers of executives mysteriously survived in between enron and occupy wall street there is no shortage of occasions to reflect on the state of income inequality in the u s the bush tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 the outsourcing of middle class jobs to ireland and india hurricane katrina the financial crisis and the great recession at each turn in the road reporters and commentators concerned about rising income inequality but dismayed by the lack of political attention given to the issue declared that finally it would be taken seriously and this says nothing of the events prior to the 2000s several of which pointed the finger at rising inequality just as vehemently as i show in my analysis of media coverage of income inequality in chapter 3 yet nothing has changed income inequality continues its rise to heights unfathomable just a few generations ago the late public intellectual and eminent harvard sociologist daniel bell wrote in 1973 that earnings inequality will be one of the most vexing questions in a post industrial society heconomies of the past

Economic Woman 2019-05-14

the author introduces the concept of economic woman and makes her visible in duality with and opposition to the exclusive model of economic man economic man has epitomized neo liberal capitalism which embraces competition and maximization of profit resulting in a steep increase in economic inequality the book demonstrates that women s inequality is a crucial factor in economic inequality which cannot be fully understood without relating to women s situation and that economic woman cannot thrive in the conditions of economic inequality created under global neo liberalism emphasising the international human rights guarantees of women s right to equality in all fields of life the author documents woman s increased participation in political public financial and corporate institutions employment and entrepreneurship with some women reaching high profile positions nevertheless using global data she reveals that economic woman lags behind with a severe economic power deficit an unfulfilled promise of equal employment opportunity a gendered impact of poverty and barriers to gender equality in the family the book analyses the trap of women s increased burden of breadwinning in the context of discriminatory laws and practices infrastructural failures and policy gaps which preempt achievement of gender equality in economic life the book is intended for the general reader academics students policy makers and ngos it shows economic woman at a global crossroads between a universal paradigm of gender equality and

pervasive barriers to equal economic opportunity the author demonstrates that tackling gender inequality restoring welfare priorities and reducing economic inequality are inextricably linked human rights and governments have a vital role to play in addressing them all to create a sustainable economic infrastructure for the lives of women and men

Inequality in the 21st Century 2017

why are so many types of inequality suddenly increasing should we be worried that we re moving into a second gilded age with unprecedented levels of income inequality in this new collection david b grusky and jasmine hill present readings that lay bare the main changes in play what s driving these changes and what might be done to reverse them this reader delivers the latest and most influential contributions on economic inequality social mobility educational inequality racial and ethnic relations and gender inequality readers will encounter pieces from top scholars in a variety of fields including emmanuel saez economist uc berkeley kathryn edin sociologist johns hopkins raj chetty economist harvard florencia torche sociologist nyu and lucien bebchuk law harvard the readings spanning these fields are expertly excerpted to get readers quickly and immediately to the heart of the scholarship in each area grusky and hill also provide a concise introduction to the key questions allowing readers to quickly understand the main forces at work the debates still in play and what s still unknown the resulting collection is pitch perfect introduction for undergraduates or anyone interested in learning why we re entering a new era of inequality and what can be done to change the tide

Putting Inequality in Context 2017-07-10

thinking about political inequality context and inequality in american politics context and political participation class politics and american public opinion political inequality in the united states understanding economic biases in representation political inequality over time putting inequality in context

Inequality in Education 2010-10-22

inequality in education comparative and international perspectives is a compilation of conceptual chapters and national case studies that includes a series of methods for measuring education inequalities the book provides up to date scholarly research on global trends in the distribution of formal schooling in national populations it also offers a strategic comparative and international education policy statement on recent shifts in education inequality and new

approaches to explore develop and improve comparative education and policy research globally contributing authors examine how education as a process interacts with government finance policy to form patterns of access to education services in addition to case perspectives from 18 countries across six geographic regions the volume includes six conceptual chapters on topics that influence education inequality such as gender disability language and economics and a summary chapter that presents new evidence on the pernicious consequences of inequality in the distribution of education the book offers 1 a better and more holistic understanding of ways to measure education inequalities and 2 strategies for facing the challenge of inequality in education in the processes of policy formation planning and implementation at the local regional national and global levels

Rent-Seekers, Profits, Wages and Inequality **2018-12-29**

mihályi and szelényi provide a timely contribution to contemporary debates about inequality of incomes and wealth offering a careful examination of various sources of rent in contemporary societies and considering several policy options to reduce inequality in order to preserve the meritocratic nature of liberal democracies while rent seekers profits wages and inequality acknowledges the rapid and disturbing increase of incomes and wealth in the top 1 or 0 1 it focuses on the increasing rent component of incomes and wealth in the top 20 as even more consequential the attention to cutting edge issues on inequality in macroeconomics political science and sociology will appeal to social scientists interested in income distribution and wealth accumulation

Income Inequality in the United States, 1947-1985 1990

using u s current population survey data from 1947 to 1985 maxwell presents the results of a comprehensive study of the causes and consequences of the upturn in income inequality that took place during this period by examining the impact of changing industrial and occupational employment population age structure household structure female labor force participation and government spending on social insurance she systematically estimates and compares the influences on the inequality upturn the book s findings reveal that the predominant influence on increasing income inequality is the changing economy which has resulted in increased income at the top of the distribution and reduced income at the bottom more specifically the book shows that economic

and demographic factors influenced income inequality by 1 altering the composition of income receiving units in other words the shift toward female headed and unrelated individual units 2 altering the income distribution within each income receiving unit type or within each race and 3 altering the relative income between income receiving units and race

Women and Inequality in the 21st Century ***2019-05-17***

recent books have drawn attention to an unfinished gender revolution and the reversal of gender progress however this literature primarily focuses on gender inequality in the family and its effect on women s career and family choices while an important topic these works are critiqued for being particularly attentive to the concerns of middle class heterosexual white women and ignoring or erasing the issues and experiences of the vast majority of women throughout the united states and other countries women and inequality in the 21st century is an edited collection that addresses this dearth in the current literature this book examines the continued inequities navigated by women occupying marginalized social positions within a nexus of power relations it addresses the experiences of immigrant women of color aging women normative gender constraints faced by lesbian and gender non conforming individuals assigned the female gender at birth religious constraints on women s sexual expression and religious and ethnic barriers impeding access to equality for women across the globe contributors to this collection reflect varying fields of inquiry including sociology psychology theology history and anthropology their works employ empirical research methods hermeneutic analysis and narrative to capture the unique gender experiences and negotiations of diverse 21 st century women

Income Inequality in America: An Analysis of Trends ***2015-05-20***

what is income inequality how is it measured is the middle class really declining how does it relate to poverty how long has inequality been rising in the us have there been other periods in history when income differences were as large as they are today what are the causes of growing income and wage inequality the author addresses these and other conceptual issues in eight carefully reasoned and clearly presented chapters concluding with an analysis and comparison of trends in wage inequality in other developed countries he asks the final speculative question how much more growth in inequality can our society

withstand

Super Rich 2008-08-04

in the past 25 years the distribution of income and wealth in Britain and the US has grown enormously unequal far more so than in other advanced countries the book which is aimed at both an academic and a general audience examines how this happened starting with the economic shocks of the 1970s and the neo liberal policies first applied under Thatcher and Reagan in essence growing inequality and economic instability is seen as driven by a US style model of free market capitalism that is increasingly deregulated and dominated by the financial sector using a wealth of examples and empirical data the book explores the social costs entailed by relative deprivation and widespread income insecurity costs which affect not just the poor but now reach well into the middle classes uniquely the author shows how inequality changing consumption patterns and global financial turbulence are interlinked the view that growing inequality is an inevitable consequence of globalisation and that public finances must be squeezed is firmly rejected instead it is argued that advanced economies need more progressive taxation to dampen fluctuations and to fund higher levels of social provision taking the Nordic countries as exemplary the broad political goal should be to return within a generation to the lower degree of income inequality which prevailed in Britain and the US during the years of post war prosperity

The Wages of Motherhood 1995

entering the vigorous debate about the nature of the American welfare state the wages of motherhood illuminates ways in which a maternalist social policy emerged from the crucible of gender and racial politics between the world wars Gwendolyn Mink here examines the cultural dynamics of maternalist social policy which have often been overlooked by institutional and class analyses of the welfare state Mink maintains that the movement for welfare provisions while resulting in important gains reinforced existing patterns of gender and racial inequality she explores how Anglo-American women reformers as they gained increasing political recognition promoted an ideology of domesticity that became the core of maternalist social policy focusing on reformers such as Jane Addams Grace Abbott Katherine Lenroot and Frances Perkins Mink shows how they helped shape a social policy premised on moral character and cultural conformity rather than universal entitlement according to Mink commitments to a gendered and racialized ideology of virtuous citizenship led women's reform organizations in the United States to support welfare policies that were designed to uplift and

regulate motherhood and thus to reform the cultural character of citizens the upshot was a welfare agenda that linked maternity with dependency poverty with cultural weakness and need with moral failing relegating poor women and racial minorities to dependent status maternalist policy had the effect of strengthening ideological and institutional forms of subordination in mind's view the legacy of this benevolent and invidious policy continues to inflect thinking about welfare reform today

Social Inequality in Post-Growth Japan

2016-09-13

in recent decades japan has changed from a strongly growing economically successful nation regarded as prime example of social equality and inclusion to a nation with a stagnating economy a shrinking population and a very high proportion of elderly people within this new forms of inequality are emerging and deepening and a new model of japan as gap society kakusa shakai has become common sense these new forms of inequality are complex are caused in different ways by a variety of factors and require deep seated reforms in order to remedy them this book provides a comprehensive overview of inequality in contemporary japan it examines inequality in labour and employment in welfare and family in education and social mobility in the urban rural divide and concerning immigration ethnic minorities and gender the book also considers the widespread anxiety effect of the fear of inequality and discusses how far these developments in japan represent a new form of social problem for the wider world

Declining Inequality in Latin America

2010-08-01

latin america is often singled out for its high and persistent income inequality toward the end of the 1990s however income concentration began to fall across the region of the seventeen countries for which comparable data are available twelve have experienced a decline particularly since 2000 this book is among the first efforts to understand what happened in these countries and why led by editors felipe lópez calva and nora lustig a panel of distinguished economists undertakes in depth analyses of argentina brazil mexico and peru in addition they provide essential background in the form of overviews of the relationship between markets and inequality the political economy of redistribution and the evolution of income inequality in the advanced industrialized economies two factors account for much of the decline in inequality a decrease in the wage gap

between skilled and low skilled labor and an increase in government transfers targeted to the poor thanks to the timeliness and sophistication of these essays declining inequality in latin america is likely to become a standard reference in its field

Understanding Society 2022-03-14

this poignant book examines poverty wealth and inequality in the uk and provides insight into its history its present day forms and possible routes to its eradication the book demonstrates how poverty wealth and inequality are constructed in the uk noting that it is not an innate part of the human experience but a phenomenon which is constructed by economic and social circumstances using work ranging from malthus interrogation of the natural right of the poor to full support in society to more contemporary approaches including thomas picketty s capitalism in the twenty first century the authors examine various forms of poverty wealth and inequality in the uk using the uk household longitudinal study understanding society dataset to ground their findings in quantitative evidence the book concludes with an assessment of what is required to potentially end poverty in the uk and a call to apply evidence based research to the reshaping of social policy in the uk this book is an excellent resource for students policy makers and lecturers seeking a greater understanding of poverty wealth and inequality in the uk it will be of particular interest to those working in or studying the fields of human geography economics and social policy

Class Inequality in the Global City 2016-04-29

in striving to become cosmopolitan global cities aim to attract highly skilled workers while relying on a vast underbelly of low waged low status migrants this book tells the story of one such city revealing how national development produces both aspirations to be cosmopolitan and to improve one s class standing along with limitations in achieving such aims through the analysis of three different groups of workers in singapore ye shows that cosmopolitanism is an exclusive and aspirational construct created through global and national development strategies transnational migration and individual senses of identity this dialectic relationship between class and cosmopolitanism is never free from power and is constituted through material and symbolic conditions struggles and violence class is also constituted through the self and lies at the very heart of different constructions of personhood as they intersect with gender race sexuality ethnicity and nationality

Income Inequality in Singapore 2014-03-26

the world bank 1993 conferred on singapore the status of tiger economy because of its two miraculous characteristics high growth and reduced income inequality expansion of educational provision is one of the major policies the government of singapore followed since 1975 particularly to enrich the human capital endowment of the country which has been crucial to the success of singapore this book made a coherent study of these extremely important issues to examine the trend and pattern of income inequality in singapore the book delves further into the trend and pattern of income inequality in singapore and their implications for the future it attempts to analyse the links between social welfare and inequality in the light of rapid economic growth phase and adduced important policy implications the concepts and methodologies used in this book as well as the novelty of analyses and policy implications make this a coherent and in depth study of extremely important issues with most up to date observations in the last three decades no such book on singapore has been written and this book fills the gap in existing literature it is a must read for anyone who is interested to learn more about the tiger economy of singapore

Origins of Inequality in Human Societies 2016-07-28

since the beginning of social life human societies have faced the problem how to distribute the results of collaborative activities among the participants the solutions they found ranged from egalitarian to unequal but caused more dissension and conflict than just about any other social structure in human history social inequality also dominated the agenda of the new field of sociology in the 19th century the theories developed during that time still inform academic and public debates and inequality continues to be the subject of much current controversy origins of inequality begins with a critical assessment of classical explanations of inequality in the social sciences and the political and economic environment in which they arose the book then offers a new theory of the evolution of distributive structures in human societies it examines the interaction of chance intent and unforeseen consequences in the emergence of social inequality traces its irregular historical path in different societies and analyses processes of social control which consolidated inequality even when it was costly or harmful for most participants because the evolution of distributive structures is an open process the book also explores issues of distributive justice and options for greater equality in modern societies along with its focus on social inequality the book covers topics in cultural evolution social and economic history and social theory this book will appeal to scholars and advanced students

of sociology economics and anthropology in particular sociological theory and social inequality

Going Nowhere Fast 2020-08-06

rising levels of global inequality and migrant flows are both critical global challenges set within the southeast asian nation of cambodia going nowhere fast sets out to answer a question of global importance how does inequality persist in our increasingly mobile world inequality is often referred to as the greatest threat to democracy society and economy and yet opportunity has apparently never been more accessible long and short distance transport from motorbikes to aeroplanes are available to more people than ever before and telecommunications have transformed our lives ushering in an era of translocality in which the behaviour of people and communities is influenced from hundreds or even thousands of miles apart yet amidst these complex flows of people ideas and capital persistent inequality cuts a jarringly static figure going nowhere fast brings together a decade of research to examine this uneven development in cambodia making a case for inequality as a total social fact rather than an economic phenomenon in which stories stigma obligation and assets combine to lock social structures in place going nowhere fast inequality in the age of translocality speaks from an in depth perspective to an issue of global relevance how inequality persists in our hypermobile world focusing on pressing issues in cambodia that resonate beyond it investigates how human movement within and across the nation s borders are intertwined with societal threats and challenges including of precarious labour and agricultural livelihoods climate and environmental change the phenomenon of land grabbing and the rise of popular nationalism

Social and Economic Inequality in the Soviet Union 1977

this title was first published in 1977

Socioeconomic Inequality in Israel 2016-04-29

this volume addresses different aspects and areas of inequality in israel a country characterized by high levels of economic inequality poverty and social diversity the book expands on the mechanisms that produce and maintain inequality and the role of state policies in influencing those mechanisms

Unequal We Stand 2009

we conduct a systematic empirical study of cross sectional inequality in the united states integrating data from the current population survey the panel study of income dynamics the consumer expenditure survey and the survey of consumer finances in order to understand how different dimensions of inequality are related via choices markets and institutions we follow the mapping suggested by the household budget constraint from individual wages to individual earnings to household earnings to disposable income and ultimately to consumption and wealth we document a continuous and sizable increase in wage inequality over the sample period changes in the distribution of hours worked sharpen the rise in earnings inequality before 1982 but mitigate its increase thereafter taxes and transfers compress the level of income inequality especially at the bottom of the distribution but have little effect on the overall trend finally access to financial markets has limited both the level and growth of consumption inequality

Gender Inequality in the Labour Market in the UK 2014

the book addresses one of the most topical and pressing areas of inequality experienced by women in the uk inequality in the labour market despite the changed and changing position of women in society there remain substantial gender differences in the labour market the book offers a coherent account of gender inequality in the labour market includes an introduction with the wider context the basic facts on various relevant labour market outcomes international comparisons and the legislative framework chapters focus on the key issues offering analysis of the way inequality in the labour market is related to the wider macroeconomic dynamics factors that explain the gender pay gap the transition from education to the labour market the dimensions of occupational segregation and the division of labour within the household

Divested 2020

divested documents how the ascendance of finance on wall street main street and in households is a fundamental cause of economic inequality in the united states this wide ranging and comprehensive account demonstrates the many ways financial sector has reshaped the economy leaving the average american adrift in a world driven by the logic of finance and the maximisation of profit

The Political Economy of Inequality 2000

a literature survey of books and articles with summaries of 70 90 selections and introductory essays by the editors

Reducing Inequality in Latin America 2016-09-13

this book examines the role of tax policy in the incidence of socio economic inequality with a focus on latin american the author demonstrates that while inequality has decreased remarkably in the last decade during the very period in which inequality was increasing almost everywhere else in the world this reduction cannot be attributed to a better use of tax policy offering both quantitative and qualitative reviews of tax policies pursued by argentina chile colombia mexico and peru over the last two decades reducing inequality in latin america contends that these countries continue to make insufficient use taxation measures in combating startlingly high levels of inequality drawing on legal texts interviews with researchers and experts in the field and official monetary statistics to obtain a complete picture of how discretionary tax policy has been pursued in the region this volume engages with a range of recent economic theories to argue for the importance of using the tax system to reduce inequalities whilst also offering new methods for measuring tax policy in subsequent research as such it will appeal both to scholars of social science and policy makers with interests in economics social inequality public policy and international political economy

Uneven Tides 1993

inequality has been on the rise in america for more than two decades this socially divisive trend began in the economic doldrums of the 1970s and continued through the booming 1980s when surging economic tides clearly failed to lift all ships instead escalating inequality in both individual earnings and family income widened the gulf between rich and poor and led to the much publicized decline of the middle class uneven tides brings together a distinguished group of economists to confront the crucial questions about this unprecedented rise in inequality just how large and pervasive was it what were its principal causes and why did it continue in the 1980s when previous periods of national economic growth have generally reduced inequality reviewing the best current evidence the essays in uneven tides show that rising inequality is a complex phenomenon the result of a web of circumstances inherent in the nation

s current industrial social and political situation once attributed to the rising supply of inexperienced workers as baby boomers new immigrants and women entered the labor market the growing inequality in individual earnings is revealed in uneven tides to be the direct result of the economy s increasing demand for skilled workers the authors explore many of the possible causes of this trend including the employment shift from manufacturing to the service sector the heightened importance of technology in the workplace the decline of unionization and the intensified efforts to compete in a global marketplace uneven tides also examines the equally dramatic growth in the inequality of family income and reviews the effects of family size the age and education of household heads and the transition to both two earner and single parent families although these demographic shifts played a role what emerges most clearly is an understanding of the powerful influence of public policy as increasingly regressive taxes declining welfare benefits and a stagnant minimum wage continue to amplify the effects of market forces on income with the rise in inequality now much in the headlines it is clear that our nation s ability to reverse these shifting currents requires deeper understanding of their causes and consequences uneven tides is the first book to get beyond the news stories to a clear analysis of the changing fortunes of america s families it should be required reading for anyone with a serious interest in the economic underpinnings of the country s social problems

Two Nations, Indivisible 2016-10-17

as this book will show economic inequality has been a persistent detrimental feature in the united states since its founding although the extent of the exploitation has changed over time at the same time a critique of inequality has also been ubiquitous growing louder during some periods the depression years for example and more muted in others cyclically the topic of inequality in the united states has emerged again in the twenty first century the new york times in 2005 ran a series of articles on class pointing out for its readership that contrary to popular belief the united states is not the most upwardly mobile country in the world introduction

Social Inequality 2004-06-18

inequality in income earnings and wealth has risen dramatically in the united states over the past three decades most research into this issue has focused on the causes global trade new technology and economic policy rather than the consequences of inequality in social inequality a group of the nation s leading social scientists opens a wide ranging inquiry into the social implications of

rising economic inequality beginning with a critical evaluation of the existing research they assess whether the recent run up in economic inequality has been accompanied by rising inequality in social domains such as the quality of family and neighborhood life equal access to education and health care job satisfaction and political participation marcia meyers and colleagues find that many low income mothers cannot afford market based child care which contributes to inequality both at the present time by reducing maternal employment and family income and through the long term consequences of informal or low quality care on children s educational achievement at the other end of the educational spectrum thomas kane links the growing inequality in college attendance to rising tuition and cuts in financial aid neil fligstein and taek jin shin show how both job security and job satisfaction have decreased for low wage workers compared with their higher paid counterparts those who fall behind economically may also suffer diminished access to essential social resources like health care john mullahy stephanie robert and barbara wolfe discuss why higher inequality may lead to poorer health wider inequality might mean increased stress related ailments for the poor and it might also be associated with public health care policies that favor the privileged on the political front richard freeman concludes that political participation has become more stratified as incomes have become more unequal workers at the bottom of the income scale may simply be too hard pressed or too demoralized to care about political participation social inequality concludes with a comprehensive section on the methodological problems involved in disentangling the effects of inequality from other economic factors which will be of great benefit to future investigators while today s widening inequality may be a temporary episode the danger is that the current economic divisions may set in motion a self perpetuating cycle of social disadvantage the most comprehensive review of this quandary to date social inequality maps out a new agenda for research on inequality in america with important implications for public policy

Risk, Power, and Inequality in the 21st Century **2016-04-04**

risk power and inequality in the 21st century provides a groundbreaking new analysis of the increasingly important relationship between risk and widening inequalities the massive and often unequal impacts of contemporary risks are recognized widely in popular discussions be it the fall out from the 2008 financial crisis or hurricane katrina yet there is a distinct neglect in social science of the overall systemic impacts of these risks for increasing inequalities this book moves beyond this lacuna to identify novel intersections of risk and inequalities it shows how key processes associated with risk society the social

production and distribution of risks as side effects are intensifying inequalities in fundamental ways in articulating how risk is intensifying both the social sources of suffering of the least advantaged and the power of the most advantaged this book realizes a significant rethinking of risk power and inequalities in contemporary society

Structured Inequality in the United States 2008

combined text reader for one semester quarter racial and ethnic relations or social stratification courses this edited volume focuses on the consequences of structured social inequality for racial and ethnic groups within united states society it examines the relationship between access to valued resources and the social position of racial and ethnic minorities today the goal of this work is to show students how oppression due to race ethnicity or gender still exists today and how it is relevant to their every day lives

Inequality in China - Trends, Drivers and Policy Remedies 2018-06-05

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