

## Virtual Special Issue on Social Inequalities in the 21st Century

The *European Sociological Review* has a long legacy of publishing cutting-edge, theoretically driven empirical research on social inequalities. With this 2015 virtual special issue, we would like to bring attention to a number of recent contributions that extend previous approaches and shed light on social inequalities in the twenty-first century.

Our virtual special issue consists of a number of articles that take on different perspectives on contemporary social inequalities, ranging from the consequences of income inequality over migration, education, health, and poverty, to trust. They also cover a range of methodological approaches and research designs that not only include cross-national comparisons, but also panel data analyses and natural experiments.

It is our hope that this selection of recent articles provides readers with a glimpse into the breadth of methodological advances and substantive contributions featured in every issue of the *European Sociological Review*. We anticipate that it will generate further curiosity about the additional high-quality articles published in our regular issues. We hope you enjoy this selection.

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*30(2):218-229.*

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*30(4):525-535*

**Helbling, Marc, and Hanspeter Kriesi (2014)**

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