



# Call for Papers

## Young Economists Conference 2020

### Inequalities in space and time

**Coronavirus update:** Our primary concern is the health and safety of the attendees. Given the current situation, we might restrict participation at the conference to presenters only. We continuously monitor the developments and may come up with another solution in case of improving circumstances.

Following the rapid spread of the coronavirus, the world is currently in a severe social and economic crisis. The disruption of global value chains, a sharp decline in economic activity and rising unemployment pose major challenges for our societies. Moreover, this crisis and countermeasures for coping with it, reveal and highlight the presence of social inequalities and unequal opportunities. In order to develop policies for a just transition to a more resilient and sustainable future, it is of utmost importance to understand the origins and consequences of inequalities in space and time.

We are convinced that the collaboration of different disciplines and research fields is the most promising approach for both, the identification of the causes and consequences of inequalities, and the development of policies for its remedies. As Thomas Piketty argues in his new book “Capital and Ideology”, inequalities are not an inevitable fate, rather are they rooted in ideology and politics. We invite young scholars from all subfields of the social sciences, for instance economic geography, economics of distribution, health economics, and political sociology, to present their research on the spatial and temporal evolution of multidimensional inequality.

The **Chamber of Labour Vienna** and the **Society for Pluralism in Economics Vienna** host the **Ninth Young Economists Conference on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2020** and invite researchers at the beginning of their career (Master, prae- or post-doc) to submit their work. On the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Austrian Chamber of Labour, we are particularly looking forward to submissions on the dimensions and perceptions of social justice and fairness. Female contributors and researchers of color are especially encouraged to present and participate in the conference.

This year's keynote speakers are:

**Isabel Z. Martinez**, Economist at the KOF Swiss Economic Institute at the ETH Zürich and fellow at the World Inequality Database (*WID.world*).

**Miriam Rehm**, Junior Professor of Socio-Economics at the Institute for Socioeconomics (*IfSO*) at the University of Duisburg-Essen.

**Mathias Moser**, Assistant Professor at the Institute for Economic Geography and GIScience and at the Research Institute *INEQ* at the Vienna University of Economics and Business.

The **deadline for abstracts** (max. 1 page) is the **31<sup>st</sup> of May 2020**. The workshop language is English. Participants will be notified of acceptance by mid-June. The deadline for the submission of (working) papers is the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2020. The conference is free of charge. Presenting participants will be reimbursed for train travel cost within Austria, and may apply for accommodation subsidies. An outstanding contribution will be awarded the **Eduard März Prize** of €1,000.

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