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## Special Session Proposal

### Income distribution and individuals' perceptions of inequality

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### Abstract

Over the last decades income inequality has grown both between and within countries. Traditionally, the researchers have measured income inequality using objective indicators, although there is a growing body of literature on subjective or perceived inequality. The latter is strongly linked to the demand for redistribution unlike the objective measures of inequality. Moreover, the perceived and objective inequality levels normally diverge, and there might be different inequality perceptions across countries with the same level of objective inequality.

The aim of this special session is to offer a platform for presenting papers on perceived inequality by placing emphasis on its relationship with socio-economic and political issues. The special session also aims to provide the opportunity to discuss the policy actions able to mitigate objective and perceived inequality, and the (mis)match between them.

The potential contributions to this session include:

- Measuring perceived inequality
- Identifying patterns and determinants of perceived inequality across regions
- Identifying the relationship between perceived inequality and socio-economic variables
- Assessing the relationship between perceived inequality and social discontent with political institutions.