

Online Discussion "Inequality and the Political Economy of Contemporary Crises"



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Discussants:



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Within a few years, the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine have sent two major shockwaves through the global economy: prices for basic food items and energy have skyrocketed, supply chains are disrupted, leading to millions of people, particularly children, missing out on routine immunizations, and people's mobility continues to be curtailed. People around the world are facing unprecedented risks to their health, standard of living, and even their own lives.

At the same time, the disastrous consequences of the pandemic and the ongoing war are ever more unequally distributed. While some reap massive profits from the new scarcities, others find themselves living at subsistence levels due to galloping prices.

The panel will focus on inequality in times of crisis and national and international policy responses to cushion the socioeconomic effects of contemporary crises.