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The workshop focuses on how to conceptualize and measure across countries the multiple dimensions of political inequality between individuals and societal groups. One goal of the workshop is to contribute to the debate surrounding the measurement process for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG #16.7 ("Ensuring responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels"). Another is to lay the groundwork for new empirical validation exercises into the extent of disparities in government responsiveness and representation between individuals/groups.

Towards these ends the workshop will gather together policy practitioners with experience in measuring good governance and bureaucratic performance and academics focusing on assessing disparities in political participation and political influence across Latin America, Africa, and Europe. Throughout the two days, sessions will be devoted to gauging the extent of inequality in political participation and citizen inputs, responsiveness of government authorities to citizen demands, or to showcasing novel ways of assessing inequality between groups. Each session will conclude with a small round-table discussion on the way in which insights from papers presented could be incorporated in the planned validation exercise.
Program
Friday, February 9, 2018
9.30-10 am
Welcome and Opening Remarks
Macartan Humphreys (WZB and Columbia University)

10 am-12 pm
Policy Background
Marco Mira d’Ercole (OECD, Household Statistics Division)
Methodological Development of Tier III Indicators 16.6.2 and 16.7.2: Recent Developments and Prospects
Marie Laberge (UNDP)
How Did We Get Here? The Political Economy of Negotiating SDG 16
Alexander Hamilton (UK, DfID)
Discussion

12-1 pm Lunch
1-3 pm
Input Inequality
Turnout Inequality across the World
Kimuli K. Kasara (Columbia University, Dept. of Political Science)
Measuring SDG Goal 16 and Political Equality with V-Dem Data
Valeriya Mechkova (University of Gothenburg, V-Dem Institute)
Information Technology and Political Engagement: Mixed Evidence from Uganda
Macartan Humphreys (WZB and Columbia University)
Discussant: Constantin Manuel Bosancianu (WZB)

3-3.30 pm Coffee Break

3.30-5.30 pm
Mapping Inequality: Experimental and Survey-based Approaches
Bureaucratic Organization and Service Provision: Experimental Evidence from Colombia
Tara L. Slough (Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) and Columbia University)
Multiple Dimensions of Bureaucratic Discrimination: Evidence from German Welfare Offices
Anselm F. Rink (WZB and University of Konstanz)
Assessing Voter Pivotality in Weighted Voting Systems: The Case of the US
Constantin Manuel Bosancianu and Macartan Humphreys (WZB and Columbia University)
Discussant: Ruth K. Ditlmann (WZB)

7 pm
Workshop Dinner (with Presenters and Organizers)

Saturday, February 10, 2018
9-10.30 am
Output Inequality: New Measurement Strategies
Estimating Inequality from Space
Nils B. Weidmann (University of Konstanz)
The Local Governance Performance Index: A Survey-Based Measure of Local Governance
Ellen Lust (University of Gothenburg, Dept. of Political Science)
Discussant: Kimuli K. Kasara (Columbia University)

10.30-11 am Coffee Break

11 am-1 pm
The Politics of Measuring Political Processes
Selective Control: The Political Economy of Censorship
Cristina Corduneanu-Huci (CEU Budapest, School of Public Policy)
Guardians of Accountability: A Field Experiment on Corruption & Inefficiency in Local Public Works
Paul F. Lagunes (Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs)
Clientelism and Social Policy Design in Mexico
Saskia P. Ruth (German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg)
Discussant: Staffan I. Lindberg (University of Gothenburg, V-Dem Institute)

1-2 pm Lunch
2-3 pm
Panel Discussion on Indices and Validation & Wrap-up
7 pm
Workshop Dinner (with Presenters and Organizers)

On both days the meetings will take place in room A 310, on the 3rd floor of the institute.
We look forward to welcoming you in Berlin!