



Why Wealth Inequality Matters: A Symposium

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Opening Remarks

1:00-1:10 PM

Speaker:	Richard M. Locke, John C Head III Dean, MIT Sloan School of Management
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Panel 1: Political Philosophy of Wealth Inequality

1:15-2:15 PM

Panelists:	Elizabeth Anderson, John Dewey University Professor of Philosophy, University of Michigan
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Oren Cass, Chief Economist, American Compass

Hélène Landemore, Damon Wells '58 Professor of Political Science, Yale University

Chair:	Katrina Forrester, John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Social Sciences, Government and Social Studies, Harvard University
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Panel 2: Wealth Inequality in the US

2:30-3:30 PM

Panelists:	<p>Ellora Derenoncourt, Assistant Professor of Economics, Princeton University</p> <p>Alexandra Killewald, Director, Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics and Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan</p> <p>Wojciech Kopczuk, Professor of Economics and International and Public Affairs, Columbia University</p>
Chair:	<p>Gary Gensler, Professor of the Practice, Global Economics and Management, and Professor of the Practice, Finance, MIT Sloan School of Management</p>

Panel 3: Authoritarianism and Wealth Inequality

3:45-4:45 PM

Panelists:	<p>Daron Acemoglu, Institute Professor, MIT; Director, James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Center on Inequality and Shaping the Future of Work</p> <p>Sheri Berman, Professor of Political Science and Chair, Barnard College, Columbia University</p> <p>David Yang, Yvonne P.L. Lui Professor of Economics, Harvard University</p>
Chair:	<p>Ya-Wen Lei, Professor of Sociology, Harvard University</p>

Closing Remarks

4:45-4:55 PM

Speaker:	<p>David Autor, Daniel (1972) and Gail Rubinfeld Professor, MIT Department of Economics; Co-Director, James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Center on Inequality and Shaping the Future of Work</p>
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