



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

Panel 1: Political Philosophy of Wealth Inequality

1:15-2:15 PM

Panelists:

Elizabeth Anderson, John Dewey University Professor of Philosophy,
University of Michigan

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

Panel 2: Wealth Inequality in the US

2:30-3:30 PM

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

Panel 3: Authoritarianism and Wealth Inequality

3:45-4:45 PM

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

Closing Remarks

4:45-4:55 PM

Speaker:	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
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