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**CHANGING MIDDLE CLASSES: COMPARATIVE AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES**

*Presented by the Weatherhead Research Cluster on Comparative Inequality and Inclusion*  
September 21–22, 2018

Belfer Case Study Room (S020)  
CGIS South Building, Harvard University.  
1730 Cambridge Street,  
Cambridge, MA 02138

**Friday, September 21**

9:00–9:15

**Welcome**

**Michèle Lamont**, *Director, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. Robert I. Goldman Professor of European Studies; Professor of Sociology and of African and African American Studies, Departments of Sociology and African and African American Studies, Harvard University.*

9:15–11:00

**Session I: Middle Class Formation: State Capacity, Expertise, and Labor Markets in the Global South**

Chair: **Jacob Olupona**, *Faculty Associate; Chair, Weatherhead Research Cluster on Religion in Public Life in Africa and the African Diaspora. Professor of African Religious Traditions, Harvard Divinity School; Professor of African and African American Studies, Department of African and African American Studies, Harvard University.*

“Fearing Such a Lady: University Expansion, Economic Precarity, and the Hypergamy Ideal in Kampala, Uganda”

**Margaret Frye**, *Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan. (Uganda)*

“Renegotiating the Boundaries of Middle Class: First-Generation Black College Graduates in Brazil and South Africa”

**Graziella Moraes Silva**, *Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. (Brazil and South Africa)*

“Urban Kenya’s Diverse ‘Middle Class’: Middle-Income Milieus and Symbolic Boundaries in Nairobi”

**Florian Stoll**, *Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Development Sociology, Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies, Germany. (Kenya)*

Discussant: **Alejandro de la Fuente**, *Faculty Associate; Chair, Weatherhead Initiative on Afro-Latin American Studies. Robert Woods Bliss Professor of Latin-American History and Economics, Department of History; Director, Afro-Latin American Research Institute, Hutchins Center; Professor of African and African American Studies, Department of African and African American Studies, Harvard University.*

11:00–11:15

**Coffee Break** (*provided*)

11:15–1:00

## **Session II: Spatial Segregation, Homophily, and Social and Symbolic Boundaries**

Chair: **Joscha Legewie**, *Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Harvard University.*

“Work in London, Love in Paris”

**Patrick Le Galès**, *Research Professor, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique; Center for European Studies and Comparative Politics, Sciences Po, Paris.*

**Christine Barwick**, *Postdoctoral Researcher, Sociology, Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin.* (France and the United Kingdom)

“Elite Sociability, Segregated Inclusion, and Power Games in Delhi”

**Jules Naudet**, *Research Fellow, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Centre d'Études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris.* (India and France)

“Relocated Ethnicities: How Do National-Cultural Repertoires Shape the Ethnic Identities of Socially and Spatially Mobile Migrants? Evidence from Israeli Mizrahim Living in Germany, Israel, and the United States”

**Avihu Shoshana**, *Senior Lecturer, Department of Counseling and Human Development; Department of Leadership and Policy in Education, Faculty of Education, University of Haifa.* (Israel)

Discussant: **Diane Davis**, *Faculty Associate. Charles Dyer Norton Professor of Regional Planning and Urbanism; Chair, Department of Urban Planning and Design, Graduate School of Design, Harvard University.*

1:00–2:15

## **Lunch Break**

2:15–4:00

## **Session III: Class Consolidation: Identity, Distinction, and Cultural Practices**

Chair: **Matthias Koenig**, *Visiting Scholar, Weatherhead Scholars Program. Professor, Department of Sociology, Göttingen University.*

“Transnational Human Capital and Social Class: How German Upper-Middle-Class Parents Prepare Their Children for Globalization”

**Jürgen Gerhards**, *Chair of Macrosociology, Institute for Sociology, Freie Universität, Berlin.* (Germany)

“One or Two Type(s) of ‘Concerted Cultivation’? The Educational Practices of (Upper-) Middle-Class French Parents”

**Agnès van Zanten**, *Senior Researcher, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Observatoire Sociologique du Changement, Sciences Po, Paris.* (France)

“Upper Middle Class Social Reproduction: Wealth, Schooling, and Residential Choice in Chile”

**María Luisa Méndez**, *Director, School of Sociology, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile.*

**Modesto Gayo**, *Professor, School of Sociology, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile.* (Chile)

Discussant: **Natasha Warikoo**, *Faculty Associate. Associate Professor of Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education.*

4:00–4:30

## **Coffee Break** (provided)

4:30–5:45

## **Keynote Address**

“The Geopolitics of Inequality: The Remaking of Elites and Middle Classes”

**Mike Savage**, *Martin White Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, London School of Economics.*

5:45

## **Open Reception**

**Saturday, September 22**

9:00–10:45

**Session IV: Class Trajectories and Mobility**

Chair: **Jessica Welburn Paige**, *Sheila Biddle Ford Foundation Fellow, Hutchins Center for African & African American Research, Harvard University; Assistant Professor, Sociology and African American Studies, University of Iowa.*

“Paris’ Refounded Neighborhoods and the Refusal of Socio-Spatial Integration”

**Bruno Cousin**, *Assistant Professor, Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics, Sciences Po, Paris.* (France)

“Class and Inequality in the Shadow of Law in China”

**Ya-Wen Lei**, *Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Harvard University.* (China)

“Global Security Strategies across the Pacific: Professional-Middle-Class Chinese Parents in Taiwan and the US”

**Pei-Chia Lan**, *Distinguished Professor, Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University.* (Taiwan and the United States)

Discussant: **Jason Beckfield**, *Faculty Associate; Chair, Weatherhead Initiative on Gender Inequality. Chair; Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Harvard University.*

10:45–11:00

**Coffee Break** (*provided*)

11:00–12:45

**Session V: Politics and Social Movements**

Chair: **Jennifer Hochschild**, *Faculty Associate. Henry LaBarre Jayne Professor of Government; Chair, Department of Government; Professor of African and African American Studies, Department of African and African American Studies, Harvard University; Harvard College Professor.*

“Becoming Gay-friendly: ‘Coming Out’ and the Production of Gay-friendly Attitudes amongst the Straight Upper Middle Classes in France and in the US”

**Sylvie Tissot**, *Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Université de Paris 8.* (France and the United States)

“Middle Class Under Increasing Economic Risk in Russia and China”

**Chunling Li**, *Professor, Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing.* (China and Russia)

“How We Became Black: Racial Activism in Contemporary France”

**Abdoulaye Gueye**, *Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ottawa.* (Senegal and France)

Discussant: **Ellis Monk**, *Faculty Associate. Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Harvard University.*

12:45–2:00

**Lunch** (*provided*)

2:00–3:00

**Concluding Session: What We Have Learned**