

# Amory Gethin – Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

### **2020-Present – PhD in Economics, Paris School of Economics**

Thesis Title: Political Change and Inequality.

Thesis Supervisor: Thomas Piketty.

### **2018 – Master’s degree: Analysis and Policy in Economics**

*Paris School of Economics, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales.*

Dissertation: Cleavage Structures and Distributive Politics [[pdf](#)].

Supervisor: Thomas Piketty. Referee: Abhijit V. Banerjee.

Results: highest distinction.

### **2016 – Cycle Pluridisciplinaire d’Études Supérieures (Multidisciplinary Degree)**

*Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University / Université Paris Dauphine.*

Dissertation: Time Use and Subjective Well-Being in the United States.

Results: highest distinction.

## BOOK

**Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities. A Study of 50 Democracies, 1948-2020.**

Co-edited with Clara Martínez-Toledano and Thomas Piketty.

Harvard University Press, November 2021, 656 pages. Website: [wpid.world](http://wpid.world).

Translations: [French](#) (EHESS/Gallimard/Seuil, April 2021), [Dutch](#) (De Geus, January 2022), Spanish (forthcoming), Portuguese (forthcoming).

## PUBLICATIONS

**Brahmin Left versus Merchant Right: Changing Political Cleavages in 21 Western Democracies, 1948-2020** (with C. Martínez-Toledano & T. Piketty)

*Quarterly Journal of Economics* 137, no. 1 (2022): 1–48. Editor’s choice. [[pdf](#)] [[appendix](#)]

**Why is Europe More Equal than the United States?** (with T. Blanchet & L. Chancel)

*American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, forthcoming. [[pdf](#)] [[appendix](#)]

**Wealth Inequality in South Africa, 1993-2017** (with A. Chatterjee & L. Czajka)

*World Bank Economic Review*, 36, no. 1 (2022): 19-36. [[pdf](#)] [[appendix](#)]

**Growing Cleavages in India? Evidence from the Changing Structure of Electorates, 1962-2014** (with A. Banerjee & T. Piketty)

*Economic and Political Weekly* 54, no. 11 (2019): 34-44. [[pdf](#)]

## WORKING PAPERS

**Can Redistribution Keep Up with Inequality? Evidence from South Africa, 1993-2019** (with Aroop Chatterjee and Léo Czajka).

World Inequality Lab Working Paper 2021/20, September 2021. [[pdf](#)] [[slides](#)]

**How Large are African Inequalities? Towards Distributional National Accounts in Africa, 1990-2017** (with Lucas Chancel, Denis Cogneau and Alix Myczkowski)

World Inequality Lab Working Paper 2019/13, October 2019. [[pdf](#)]

## BOOK CHAPTERS

**Political Cleavages, Class Structures, and the Politics of Old and New Minorities in Australia, Canada, and New Zealand, 1963-2019**, in A. Gethin, C. Martínez-Toledano, and T. Piketty (ed.), *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities: A Study of Fifty Democracies, 1948-2020* (Harvard University Press, 2021). [[working paper](#)]

**Historical Political Cleavages and Post-Crisis Transformations in Italy, Spain, Portugal and Ireland, 1953-2020** (with Luis Bauluz, Clara Martínez-Toledano, and Marc Morgan), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)] [[appendix](#)]

**Party System Transformation and the Structure of Political Cleavages in Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland, 1967-2019** (with Carmen Durrer de la Sota and Clara Martínez-Toledano), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)] [[appendix](#)]

**Caste, Class, and the Changing Political Representation of Social Inequalities in India, 1962-2019** (with Abhijit Banerjee and Thomas Piketty), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

**Democracy and the Politicization of Inequality in Brazil, 1989-2018** (with Marc Morgan), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)] [[appendix](#)]

**Extreme Inequality and the Structure of Political Cleavages in South Africa, 1994-2019**, in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

**Political Cleavages and the Representation of Social Inequalities in Japan, 1953-2017**, in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

**Social Inequality and the Dynamics of Political and Ethnolinguistic Divides in Pakistan, 1970-2018** (with Sultan Mehmood and Thomas Piketty), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

**Democratization and the Construction of Class Cleavages in Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia, 1992-2019** (with Thanasak Jenmana), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

**Inequality, Identity, and the Structure of Political Cleavages in South Korea, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, 1996-2016** (with Carmen Durrer de la Sota), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

**Social Inequalities and the Politicization of Ethnic Cleavages in Botswana, Ghana, Nigeria, and Senegal, 1999-2019** (with Jules Baleyte, Yajna Govind, and Thomas Piketty), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

**Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities in Algeria, Iraq, and Turkey, 1990-2019** (with Lydia Assouad, Thomas Piketty, Juliet-Nil Uraz), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

**La fiscalité peut-elle contrecarrer la hausse des inégalités ? Le cas français, 1990-2018**, *Regards Croisés sur l'Economie* 2020/1.

**Apports et limites de la théorie des jeux**, *Regards Croisés sur l'Economie* 2019/1. [[url](#)]

**Qu'apportent les théories économiques à la compréhension du commerce international?** (with E. Mien), *Regards Croisés sur l'Economie* 2017/2. [[url](#)]

## POLICY AND RESEARCH NOTES

**A Wealth Tax for South Africa: A Proposal to Help Finance COVID-19 Pandemic Measures** (with Aroop Chatterjee and Léo Czajka), in *Wealth tax: Perspectives in a post-pandemic world*, United Nations International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth, Policy in Focus 19(3), December 2021. [[pdf](#)]

**A Wealth Tax for South Africa** (with Aroop Chatterjee and Léo Czajka), World Inequality Lab Working Paper 2021/02, January 2021. [[pdf](#)]

**Building the World Political Cleavages and Inequality Database: A New Dataset on Electoral Behaviors in 50 Democracies, 1948-2020** (with Clara Martínez-Toledano and Thomas Piketty), World Inequality Lab Technical Note 2021/01. [[pdf](#)]

**Has the European Model Withstood the Rise in Inequalities? Inequalities and Redistribution in Europe, 1980-2017** (with Thomas Blanchet & Lucas Chancel), World Inequality Lab Issue Brief 2019/3, April 2019. [[english](#)] [[français](#)] [[deutsch](#)]

**Rising Inequalities and Political Cleavages in Spain** (with Clara Martínez-Toledano and Marc Morgan), World Inequality Lab Issue Brief 2019/4, April 2019. [[pdf](#)]

**Extreme Inequality, Democratisation and Class Struggles in Thailand** (with Thanasak Jenmana), World Inequality Lab Issue Brief 2019/1, March 2019. [[pdf](#)]

**Brazil Divided: Hintsights on the Growing Politicization of Inequality** (with Marc Morgan), World Inequality Lab Issue Brief 2018/3, October 2018. [[english](#)] [[french](#)]

**Foreign Income and Assets in Comparative Perspective: Highlights from the World Inequality Database**, World Inequality Lab Issue Brief 2018/1, June 2018. [[pdf](#)]

**Building a Global Income Distribution Brick by Brick** (with L. Chancel). World Inequality Lab Technical Note 2017/5, December 2017. [[pdf](#)]

**Confiance et Anticipations au Lendemain de l'Élection Présidentielle de 2017**, CEPREMAP Observatoire du bien-être, October 2017. [[pdf](#)]

**Du Mal-Être au Vote Extrême** (with Thanasak Jenmana), CEPREMAP Observatoire du bien-être, September 2017. [[pdf](#)]

**Google: Espace Politique, Espace de Préoccupations** (with T. Jenmana, Y. Algan, E. Beasley and C. Senik), CEPREMAP Observatoire du bien-être, June 2017. [[pdf](#)]

## OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO COLLECTIVE WORKS

Translator of *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities: A Study of 50 Democracies (1948-2020)* from English to French (≈ 600 pages).

Member of the *World Inequality Report 2018* research team. [[url](#)]

Contributor to Y. Algan, E. Beasley, and C. Senik, *Les Français, le bonheur et l'argent*, Collection du CEPREMAP n. 46, 2018. [[url](#)]

Best research project award at École des Mines de Paris (2015) for “A socio-technical analysis of the French écotaxe” (with M. Fresnel, D. Futscher-Pereira, E. Raineau-Rispal, and C. Wren), presented on a dedicated website. [[url](#)]

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**2022-2023** – Visiting Fellow, Berkeley (invited by Emmanuel Saez).

**2022 (spring)** – Visiting Fellow, MIT (invited by Abhijit Banerjee).

**2021 (fall)** – Visiting Fellow, Harvard University (invited by Vincent Pons).

**2020-2023** – PhD Candidate, Paris School of Economics.

**2020** – Visiting Fellow, Southern Centre for Inequality Studies, Johannesburg.

**2018-2020** – Research Economist, World Inequality Lab, Paris School of Economics.

**2017-2018** – Research Assistant to Prof. Facundo Alvaredo, Lucas Chancel, and Thomas Piketty, World Inequality Lab, Paris School of Economics.

**2017** – Research Assistant to Prof. Yann Algan, Elizabeth Beasley, and Claudia Senik, CEPREMAP, Paris School of Economics – Sciences Po Paris.

**2017-2020** – Member of the editorial board of *Regards croisés sur l'économie*.

#### SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

**2022** – American Economic Association Annual Meeting; Harvard Labor and Public Finance Workshop.

**2021** – Workshop on Political Inequality and Representation, Bergen; World Inequality Conference, Paris; Paris School of Economics Informal Seminar; Harvard Growth Lab General Seminar; National Tax Association's Annual Conference on Taxation, Detroit; Applied Young Economist Webinar, Monash/Warwick; International Conference on the Shadow Economy, Tax Behaviour and Institutions; Annual Conference of the Research Federation on the Theory and Evaluation of Public Policies, Évry Paris-Saclay University; SA-TIED Policy Dialogue on Economic Inequality in South Africa; CE-VIPOF General Seminar, Paris; Virtual Lunch Seminar, Stellenbosch University; Applied Economics Lunch Seminar, Paris School of Economics; Virtual Inequality Brownbag, Center for Inequality Dynamics; International Macro History Seminar, Graduate

Institute Geneva; Debates on Equality, World Inequality Lab; CUNY Comparative Politics Workshop, New York.

2020 – University of Cape Town – Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit; Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, Johannesburg; Faculty of Economics, Wits University, Johannesburg; Southern Centre for Inequality Studies, Johannesburg.

2019 – École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales Workshop on Inequality and Preferences for Redistribution; University of Bergen Workshop on the Roots of Political Inequality and the Working of Democratic Representation; European Union Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Brussels; United Nations Workshop on the 2019 Human Development Report, New York; Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality, Paris School of Economics.

#### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2020-2023 – Paris School of Economics and Paris 1 University full doctoral fellowship.

2021 – Paris School of Economics International mobility grant.

2020 – Southern Centre for Inequality Studies research fellowship.

2020 – National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences Innovative Research Papers Award for “A Wealth Tax for South Africa” (with A. Chatterjee and L. Czajka).

#### REFEREEING

American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, International Tax and Public Finance, Structural Change and Economic Dynamics.

#### SELECTED MEDIA INTERVENTIONS

“How Culture War KILLS Class Politics,” *Breaking Points*, 12/2021. [[video](#)]

“Not so black and white: Unpicking inequality in South Africa,” *The Economist*, 09/2021. [[url](#)]

“How politics became a contest dominated by two kinds of elite” (with C. Martínez-Toledano & T. Piketty), *The Guardian*, 08/2021. [[url](#)]

“Educated voters’ leftward shift is surprisingly old”, *The Economist*, 05/2021. [[url](#)]

“La librairie de l’éco”, *BFM Business*, 05/2021. [[video](#)]

“Débats de l’égalité”, *World Inequality Lab*, 04/2021. [[video](#)]

"Taxing wealth in a context of extreme inequality legacy: The case of South Africa" (with A. Chatterjee & L. Czajka), *VoxEU*, 04/2021. [[url](#)]

"Coronavirus: why South Africa needs a wealth tax now" (with A. Chatterjee & L. Czajka), *The Conversation*, 04/2020. [[url](#)]

"Can Indian Democracy Tackle Social Inequalities?" (with A. Banerjee & T. Piketty), *Paris School of Economics 5 papers in 5 minutes*, 03/2020. [[url](#)]

"Why US inequality is higher than Europe's" (with T. Blanchet & L. Chancel), *Project Syndicate*, 11/2019. [[url](#)]

"How did Europe do on SDG 10.1?" (with T. Blanchet & L. Chancel), *United Nations Development Program*, 05/2019. [[url](#)]

"Forty years of inequality in Europe: Evidence from distributional national accounts" (with T. Blanchet & L. Chancel), *VoxEU*, 04/2019. [[url](#)]

"Thailand's democratic foundations remain weak" (with T. Jenmana), *Bangkok Post*.

"A quem interessa aumentar a desigualdade?" (with T. Piketty, P.P. Zahluth Bastos, M. Morgan), *Valor Econômico*, 2019. [[url](#)]

"Classe média espremida pesou na eleição" (with M. Morgan), *Valor Econômico*. [[url](#)]