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## Webinar "Why does inequality matter?"

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We tend to think about the Middle Ages or Ancient Egypt as regrettable because of their high levels of inequality. Economic inequality, however, is at an all-time high. Moreover, it is still growing. In fact, although currently, global inequalities dwarf local inequalities, long-standing trends reveal that domestic inequalities will outgrow global inequalities. So the sort of inequalities we now see only internationally will become inequalities between co-nationals. Now, there are two types of reasons why we may want to combat this trend.

The first group of reasons focuses on the causes of inequality. Is it fair that somebody will have much better prospects in life than another just because this person is born in a certain class or region? What sort of origin could justify the enormous inequalities that are emerging?

The second group of reasons focuses on the consequences of inequality on a wide range of factors we care

about. This includes mental and physical health, life expectancy, drug addiction, crime, teenage pregnancy, or sustainability. Even individuals with no egalitarian inclinations may become concerned with inequality, for example, because of increasing evidence that living with high rates of inequality makes us unhappy or shortens our lives.

In this webinar, Paula Casal, professor at Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona and ICREA researcher (Catalan Institution for Research and Advanced Studies), will discuss the different kinds of reasons to care about inequality. This will be the 3rd webinar of the cycle "Fight Inequality" organized by the Fundació Catalunya-Europa with Metropolis.

Metropolis and the Catalonia - Europe Foundation are pleased to invite you to our **third webinar that will take place on Wednesday 4th December 2019, at 4 pm CET.**

### Learning Objectives:

1. To understand the difference between kinds of reasons to care about equality.
2. To become aware of the wide range of consequences that inequality has.
3. To see how different inequalities can be connected as well as difficult to be reduced.

### Format

- Opening remarks by Gina Abelló from Catalunya-Europe Foundation
- Lecture by Paula Casal,
- Questions and comments (through chat)

### Language:

The webinar will be conducted in English only.

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