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# **SUMMER SCHOOL ON SOCIOECONOMIC INEQUALITY 2018**

BONN



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# WELCOME

Dear Students,

Welcome to the Bonn Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality at the Institute on Behavior & Inequality in Bonn. Our goal is to teach you the tools needed to study inequality and to communicate a sense of the research frontier on this topic. We also intend for SSSI Bonn 2018 to break down barriers between disciplines and between theoretical, econometric, and empirical work. We thank our funder – The Institute for New Economic Thinking – as well as briq and the Center for the Economics of Human Development for their support of the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group.

We are glad you are able to join us for this summer school and we hope you find it a valuable experience.

Best,

Armin Falk, Pia Pinger, and Steven Durlauf

# PROGRAM

## MONDAY, JULY 9

9:00-11:00	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>
11:00-12:30	<b>Lecture I</b> Armin Falk, briq and University of Bonn
12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30-15:00	<b>Lecture II</b> Armin Falk, briq and University of Bonn
15:00-15:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:30-16:15	<b>Poster Session I</b>
16:15-17:45	<b>Office Hours</b>
19:00	<b>Optional Informal Dinner</b> at Em Höttche (Markt 4, 53111 Bonn)

## TUESDAY, JULY 10

9:00-10:30	<b>Lecture I</b> Stefanie Stantcheva, Harvard University
10:30-11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00-12:30	<b>Lecture II</b> Stefanie Stantcheva, Harvard University
12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>

13:30-15:00	<b>Office Hours</b>
15:00-15:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:30	<b>Excursion to the Ahr Valley</b> Marienthal Monastery

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

9:00-10:30	<b>Lecture I</b> Flavio Cunha, Rice University
10:30-11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00-12:30	<b>Lecture II</b> Flavio Cunha, Rice University
12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30-15:00	<b>Lecture I</b> Steven Durlauf, The University of Chicago
15:00-15:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:30-16:15	<b>Poster Session II</b>
16:15-17:00	<b>Poster Session III</b>
17:00-18:30	<b>Office Hours</b>

## THURSDAY, JULY 12

- 9:00-10:30      **Lecture II**  
Steven Durlauf, The University of Chicago
- 10:30-11:00      **Coffee Break**
- 11:00-12:30      **Lecture I**  
Brent Roberts, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 12:30-13:30      **Lunch**
- 13:30-15:00      **Lecture II**  
Brent Roberts, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 15:00-15:30      **Coffee Break**
- 15:30-17:00      **Office Hours**
- 19:00      **All Participant Dinner**  
Godesburg (castle of Bad Godesberg)  
Auf dem Godesberg 5, 53177 Bonn

## FRIDAY, JULY 13

- 9:00-10:30      **Lecture I**  
Victor Lavy, The University of Warwick
- 10:30-11:00      **Coffee Break**
- 11:00-12:30      **Lecture II**  
Victor Lavy, The University of Warwick
- 12:30-13:30      **Lunch**
- 13:30-15:00      **Office Hours**

# BIOGRAPHIES



## Flavio Cunha

Rice University

Flavio Cunha is a Professor of Economics at Rice University. Cunha's research focuses on the causes and consequences of inequality and poverty. His interest is in the quantification of the degree to which labor income inequality is the result of the preexisting heterogeneity present across workers before they enter the labor market, and how much is due to labor market shocks. His findings suggest that at least 50% of lifetime labor inequality is determined by preexisting heterogeneity. He is also studying the importance of investments in cognitive and noncognitive skills in explaining the heterogeneity that determines labor market inequality. His research on human development estimates that earlier investments in human capital are very important in producing cognitive skills, while later investments in human capital are very important in producing noncognitive skills.

Cunha received his M.Sc. in Economics at Fundação Getúlio Vargas (Brazil) in 2000 and his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Chicago in 2007.



## Steven Durlauf

The University of Chicago

Steven N. Durlauf is Steans Professor in Educational Policy at the Harris School, University of Chicago. He is a Fellow of the Econometric Society, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research. For two years, he served as Program Director for the Economics Program of the Santa Fe Institute. Durlauf has worked extensively on theoretical and econometric issues involving the analysis of inequality, social determinants of behavior, economic growth, and policy evaluation. He was general editor of *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, 2nd ed. and coedited the *Handbook of Economic Growth*.

Durlauf earned a B.A. in Economics from Harvard University in 1980 and a M.Phil., M.A., and Ph.D. in Economics from Yale University in 1986.



## Armin Falk

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Armin Falk is Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Bonn and Chief Executive Officer of briq, the Institute on Behavior and Inequality. He is affiliated with several networks: He is Program Director at the Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy (CEPR), Fellow at the Center for Economic Studies (CESifo) and Research Professor at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW). Falk's research generally aims at increasing the explanatory power of economics by providing it with a more realistic psychological and biological foundation. One of his interests concerns how "non-economic" aspects of human motivation, such as social norms, fairness and reciprocity affect labor markets and labor relations.

Falk received a B.A. in Philosophy and History and an M.A. in Economics from the University of Cologne in 1991 and 1994 respectively, and a Ph.D. and Habilitation, Venia legendi both in Economics from the University of Zurich in 1999 and 2003 respectively.



## Victor Lavy

**The University of Warwick**

Victor Lavy has continuously worked at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, first as a Lecturer in Economics (1979-84), then as a Senior Lecturer (1985-89), before becoming a Professor in 1990 and being made the William Haber Professor of Economics in 1997. In parallel, Lavy worked and continues to work in the United Kingdom, where he was a Chaired Professor of Economics first at Royal Holloway, University of London (2006-11) and has been holding the same position at the University of Warwick since 2011. Additionally, Lavy has held visiting appointments at the University of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Centre for Economic Performance (LSE), Stanford University and the Hoover Institution.

Lavy earned a B.A. in Economics from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1974, followed by a M.A. and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Chicago in 1977 and 1979, respectively.



## **Pia Pinger**

**briq & University of  
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Pia Pinger is an Assistant Professor at the University of Bonn, briq and an IZA Research Fellow. Her main fields of research are education economics, labor economics, health economics, and applied microeconometrics.

The common theme of her research program is human capital and the generation of inequality. She has written papers on educational decision making, early childhood health, personality and economics, and on the effect of macroeconomic shocks on education and health outcomes.

Pinger received her M.A. in Economics from Maastricht University (in the Netherlands) and her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Mannheim in 2013.



## **Brent Roberts**

**University of Illinois  
Urbana-Champaign**

Brent Roberts worked at the University of Tulsa until 1999 when he joined the faculty at the University of Illinois, where he is a Richard and Margaret Romano Professorial Scholar. His primary line of research is dedicated to understanding the patterns of continuity and change in personality in adulthood and the mechanisms that affect these patterns, with a particular focus on the development of conscientiousness. His second line of research focuses on personality assessment. This includes studies focusing on the meaning and scope of conscientiousness, the relationship between conscientiousness and the health process, the utility of contextualized assessments of personality, and the use of IRT in personality assessment.

Roberts received a B.A. in Psychology from the University of California at San Diego in 1986, and a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of California, Berkeley in 1994.



## Stefanie Stantcheva

Harvard University

Stefanie Stantcheva is an Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at Harvard University. Her research focuses on the optimal design of the tax system, taking into account important labor market features, social preferences, and long-term effects such as human capital acquisition and innovation by people and firms. She is also interested in the empirical effects of taxation on inequality, top incomes, migration, human capital, and innovation.

Stancheva received a Bachelor of Arts (Honors) from University of Cambridge, UK in 2007, a Master Quantitative Economics and Finance from L'Ecole Polytechnique in Paris in 2008, a Master in Economic Analysis and Policy from the Paris School of Economics and ENSAE in 2009, and her Ph.D. in Economics from MIT in 2014.

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