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The Burch Center was established to promote research in tax policy and public finance, to disseminate this research to the academic and tax policy communities, and to stimulate informed discussion of tax policies of national significance. The Center is housed in the UC Berkeley Department of Economics and the School of Law.

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The O-Lab uses rigorous research based on empirical economics to address how poverty and inequality are affected by major thematic areas: climate change and environment; health; education and child development; taxation and inequality; the social safety net and employment; and crime and criminal justice policy. O-Lab affiliates hold faculty appointments in a range of departments across the campus.

Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (IRLE)

IRLE is an interdisciplinary institute at UC Berkeley that connects world-class research with policy to improve workers' lives, communities, and society. By partnering with faculty and experts at UC Berkeley and beyond to foster innovative analysis and research, the institute promotes a better understanding of the conditions, policies, and institutions that affect the well-being of workers and their families and communities.

Inequality in Life and Death: Policy and Prospect

Thursday, November 29th
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Banatao Auditorium
Sutardja Dai Hall
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Schedule

Speakers

8:30 – 9:00 Registration, Networking, and Coffee

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Introductions
Will Dow
Alan Auerbach

9:15 – 10:00 Peter Orszag
“New Dimensions of Inequality: Mortality,
Education, and Firms”

10:00 – 10:15 Networking and Coffee

10:15 – 12:15 Presentations by Berkeley Faculty

Alan Auerbach
Moderator and Discussant

Yuriy Gorodnichenko
“The Distributional Effects of Monetary Policy”

Hilary Hoynes
“How the Social Safety Net Reduces Inequality”

Ronald Lee
“How Growing Inequality in Lifespan Impacts the
Progressivity of Government Programs”

Gabriel Zucman
“Distributional National Accounts”

12:15 – 12:30 Closing Discussion

Peter Orszag

Peter Orszag is Head of North American M&A, Vice Chairman of Investment Banking, and Global Co-Head of Healthcare at Lazard Freres & Co LLC in New York. Dr. Orszag has previously served in government, as Director of the Office of Management and Budget in the Obama Administration and, during the Clinton Administration, as Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy. He has authored or edited a number of works on economic and health policy, particularly related to retirement and aging, including *Protecting the Homeland*, and *Aging Gracefully: Ideas to Improve Retirement Security in America*. Dr. Orszag is a member of the National Academy of Medicine.

Alan Auerbach

Alan Auerbach is the Robert D. Burch Professor of Economics and Law, Director of the Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance, and Chair of the Economics Department at the University of California, Berkeley. He is also a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research and previously taught at Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania, where he also served as Economics Department Chair.

Will Dow

Wil Dow is Interim Dean of the Berkeley School of Public Health, Kaiser Permanente Endowed Chair in Health Policy and Management, and Director of the Berkeley Center on the Economics and Demography of Aging. He is a celebrated scholar of the economic aspects of health Insurance, health behaviors, and health and demographic outcomes.

Yuriy Gorodnichenko

Yuriy Gorodnichenko is the Quantedge Presidential Professor of Economics at UC Berkeley. He is also Editor of the *Journal of Monetary Economics*, Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, and a fellow of the Institute for the Study of Labor and the Kiel Institute for the World Economy. His research encompasses monetary policy, pricing, business cycles, inequality, and differences in productivity at the micro- and macroeconomic levels.

Hilary Hoynes

Hilary Hoynes is Professor of Public Policy and Economics, Haas Distinguished Chair in Economic Disparities, and Co-Director of the Berkeley Opportunity Lab. She is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Fellow of the Society of Labor Economists, and currently serves on the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Building an Agenda to Reduce the Number of Children in Poverty. Her research focuses on poverty, inequality, food and nutrition programs, and the impacts of government tax and transfer programs on low income families.

Ronald Lee

Ronald Lee is Professor of the Graduate School in Economics and Demography, and an elected member of the Academy of Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Philosophical Society, and a corresponding member of the British Academy. He is the founding Director, now Associate Director, of the Berkeley Center on the Economics and Demography of Aging. His current research focuses on the macroeconomic consequences of changing population age distributions and on intergenerational transfers and population aging.

Gabriel Zucman

Gabriel Zucman is Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of California, Berkeley, and a Research Fellow of the National Bureau of Economic Research. Together with Thomas Piketty, Emmanuel Saez, and others, Professor Zucman co-directs the World Inequality Lab. His research examines tax policy, inequality, and globalization, and traces the extent and impacts of tax evasion and avoidance.