

Call for Abstracts:
Workshop “Environmental Inequality in Europe and Beyond:
Current Data and Results”

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Description

Environmental inequality has mostly been studied in the US. Much less is known about the extends and patterns of environmental inequality in Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Oceania. Where do ethnic, sociodemographic or other groups face environmental disadvantages? How pronounced are these disadvantages? The answers might depend on economic inequality, ethnic composition, spatial segregation, and prevalent forms of discrimination in a society.

Environmental inequality might not only differ descriptively from the US but also regarding the mechanisms leading to environmental inequality. Selective siting of sources of pollution like industrial facilities or major roads close to neighbourhoods of disadvantaged communities might depend on other forms of inequality and discrimination, the political system, and the level of corruption. Selective migration – residential sorting of disadvantaged persons out of attractive and into highly polluted areas – might for instance depend on discrimination and power structures in the housing market.

What do we know about environmental inequality across borders and between countries? Air and water pollution as well as depletion of natural resources do not stop at national borders. Economic interconnectedness and global production chains separate the locations of profits and pollution.

Efforts to improve environmental conditions in specific previously deteriorated neighbourhoods often lead to increasing property values and rents, resulting not in greater environmental equality but in green gentrification. Does this process depend on economic and political conditions? How can it be prevented?

Much is to be explored in this field! We welcome scientific contributions on all topics related to environmental inequality, including empirical as well as theoretical papers.

Organisation

We would like to bring together researchers working on the topic of environmental inequality and related topics. The meeting is organised like a two-day conference, and participants will present and discuss their research. We will also organise some social gatherings to encourage an informal exchange between people working in the field.

We are looking forward to receiving your abstract of up to 500 words **until 15th June 2022** at felix.bader@sowi.uni-kl.de. Active participation without giving a talk is also appreciated. The workshop will be held in person.

We look forward to your contribution and hope to see you in Kaiserslautern!