

## Conference Location

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## Coping with Instability in Market Societies

Over the last forty years, the social organization of Western societies has become increasingly dependent on markets, cross-border financial flows and private actors providing services that were previously considered prerogatives of nation-states. Through greater volatility in the economic, social and political environment, this shift profoundly affects the lives of many. Ten years ago, we set out to study how individuals, organizations and political systems attempt to cope with the high degree of strategic uncertainty in market societies. How do social life, the economy and politics reorganize to provide stability in a context where relationships, institutions and policies are torn between their original missions and economic imperatives? The findings produced in six research groups focus on new classification systems, the concentration of economic power and changing business–government relations, the transformation of social inequality in response to financialization and the way in which market societies envision the future. The themes correspond to the research groups led by the successive co-directors of the Max Planck Sciences Po Center, Marion Fourcade, Cornelia Woll, Olivier Godechot, and Jenny Andersson.

The conference brings together the insights gathered on each of these topics over the last ten years. It marks both the anniversary and the conclusion of the joint research endeavour that brought together the Max Planck Society and its Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne with Sciences Po in Paris. In addition, the Max Planck Sciences Po Center has benefited from the generous support of the AXA Research Fund. It showcases findings by the different members of the research groups and engages discussions with scholars who work internationally on related questions and have benefitted from the research environment in Paris through short-term visits.



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of the  
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**PROGRAM**

9:00–9:10 Opening Remarks

**Mathias Vicherat**  
Director of Sciences Po

9:15–10:00 History of the Max Planck Sciences Po Center in Perspective

**Olivier Godechot**  
Chair  
**Jens Beckert**  
**Christine Musselin**

10:00–10:30 Coffee and poster presentation\*

10:30–12:00 Panel I  
Politics in Financial Times

**Matthias Thiemann**  
Chair  
**Cornelia Woll**  
Political Vulnerabilities in Interconnected Markets  
**Chase Foster**  
Competition and the State in the Neoliberal Era  
**Ben Clift**  
The Politics of Economic Expertise and Technocratic Economic Governance amidst Capitalist Instability and Pervasive Uncertainty  
**Troels Krarup**  
Money and the “Level Playing Field” in European Financial Market Integration

12:00–13:30 Lunch

13:30–15:00 Panel II  
Financialization and the Transformation of Economic Inequalities

**Leon Wansleben**  
Chair  
**Olivier Godechot**  
Finance and Inequality: Is It Over?  
**Elsa Clara Massoc**  
The State–Bank Nexus in the International Political Economy: The Geo-Economic Foundations of Large Banks’ Power  
**Megan Tobias Neely**  
Hedged Out: Inequality and Insecurity on Wall Street  
**H. Lukas R. Arndt**  
Linking Wealth and Power: Political Action of Corporate Elites and the Global Wealthiest Capitalist Families in the U.S. and Germany

15:00–15:15 Coffee

15:15–16:45 Panel III  
Neoliberalism and the Power of the Future

**Florence Faucher**  
Chair  
**Jenny Andersson**  
Neoliberalism: Between Intellectual and Social History  
**Denys Gorbach**  
The Politics of Post-Socialist Neo-Liberalism: The Moral Economy of the Working Class in Ukraine  
**Ariane Leendertz**  
Transforming the Present: Neoliberalism in Action in 1980s America  
**Apolline Taillandier**  
Liberal Posthuman Futures: Technological Visions and Political Justifications in Contemporary Transhumanism

16:45–17:45 Round Table: Closing Remarks

**Cornelia Woll**  
Chair  
**Lucio Baccaro**  
**Marion Fourcade**  
**Wolfgang Streeck**

18:00–20:00 Cocktail dînatoire

In the cloister of Sciences Po,  
1 Place Saint-Thomas d’Aquin

\* The poster display of work by doctoral researchers can be viewed during the breaks.



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