

Globalisation and inequality

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Two important trend reversals have taken place in global inequality over the last 25 years: the inequality between countries has started to decrease after two centuries of steady increase and the inequality within many countries has started to rise after a long period of stability, in particular in developed countries.

After documenting this evolution, Francois Bourguignon, former Chief Economist at the World Bank, will focus on two sets of questions. First, is globalisation the main cause behind this paradoxical change in global inequality? Second, if it is the case, what should be done to prevent further rises in within-country inequality that could derail

the process of globalisation and, at the same time, the progress towards less unequal standards of living across countries?

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