



## Masterclass 4: Inequality: Why is it happening and where is it going?

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**Dr Aaron Reeves'** research is focused on understanding the causes and consequences of social, economic, and cultural inequality across countries. He is a sociologist with interests in public health, culture, and political economy; examining inequality through a number of different lenses and using a variety of methods. To date, his work has broadly been in three areas: 1) the political economy of health, 2) the political and cultural consequences of the mass media, and 3) the cultural politics of class. His research on the political economy of health has used natural experiments to understand whether poverty reduction policies affect health and alter health inequalities. Relatedly, he has published on the influence of the Great Recession and austerity policies on health in Europe and North America. His research on the media has begun tracing the economic, social, and political factors linked with attitudes toward people in poverty and the welfare state, with a specific focus on how the media shapes these narratives. Finally, Aaron has used interview data, small-scale experiments, and large-scale surveys, to explore the cultural politics of class, examining how social inequalities are linked with economic inequalities. Prior to joining the LSE III, Aaron was Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Sociology at Oxford University – where he was also a research fellow at Nuffield college – and has worked briefly at the University of Cambridge. He completed his PhD (2013) in Applied Social & Economic Research with the Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex.