

## Desigualdad y cohesión social: una perspectiva global

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Dr. Jennifer Sheehy-Skeffington completed her undergraduate degree in Psychology & Philosophy at Trinity College Dublin and Masters in Social Psychology at the LSE. She then joined the UK civil service as a social psychologist, applying behavioural insights to the understanding of conflict and terrorism, rising to the role of Senior Strategic Analyst. Jennifer moved to the

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Her research currently investigates the psychological impact of experiencing of low socioeconomic status at times of rising inequality. This project brings together insights from behavioural economics, social psychology and evolutionary psychology to develop a theoretical model of decision-making under socioeconomic threat. Jennifer is also elaborating on the implications of her work for poverty alleviation in domestic and international domains, working with the United Nations Development Programme, the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, and the Tobin Project, among others.