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The workshop focuses on how to conceptualize and measure across countries the multiple dimensions of political inequality between individuals and societal groups. One goal of the workshop is to contribute to the debate surrounding the measurement process for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG #16.7 ("Ensuring responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels"). Another is to lay the groundwork for new empirical validation exercises into the extent of disparities in government responsiveness and representation between individuals/groups.

Towards these ends the workshop will gather together policy practitioners with experience in measuring good governance and bureaucratic performance and academics focusing on assessing disparities in political participation and political influence across Latin America, Africa, and Europe. Throughout the two days, sessions will be devoted to gauging the extent of inequality in political participation and citizen inputs, responsiveness of government authorities to citizen demands, or to showcasing novel ways of assessing inequality between groups. Each session will conclude with a small roundtable discussion on the way in which insights from papers presented could be incorporated in the planned validation exercise.

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## Dimensions of Political Inequality: Global Measurement Challenges

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Workshop

February 9-10, 2018

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## Program

Friday, February 9, 2018

9.30-10 am

### Welcome and Opening Remarks

Macartan Humphreys (WZB and Columbia University)

10 am-12 pm

### Policy Background

Inequalities in Political Voice: Evidence from the OECD "How's Life?" Report

Marco Mira d'Ercole (OECD, Household Statistics Division)

Methodological Development of Tier III Indicators 16.6.2 and 16.7.2: Recent Developments and Prospects

Marie Laberge (UNDP)

How Did We Get Here? The Political Economy of Negotiating SDG 16

Alexander Hamilton (UK, DfID)

### Discussion

12-1 pm Lunch

1-3 pm

### Input Inequality

Turnout Inequality across the World

Kimuli K. Kasara (Columbia University, Dept. of Political Science)

Measuring SDG Goal 16 and Political Equality with V-Dem Data

Valeriya Mechkova (University of Gothenburg, V-Dem Institute)

Information Technology and Political Engagement: Mixed Evidence from Uganda

Macartan Humphreys (WZB and Columbia University)

Discussant: Constantin Manuel Bosancianu (WZB)

3-3.30 pm Coffee Break

3.30-5.30 pm

### Mapping Inequality: Experimental and Survey-based Approaches

Bureaucratic Organization and Service Provision: Experimental Evidence from Colombia

Tara L. Slough (Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) and Columbia University)

Multiple Dimensions of Bureaucratic Discrimination: Evidence from German Welfare Offices

Anselm F. Rink (WZB and University of Konstanz)

Assessing Voter Pivotality in Weighted Voting Systems: The Case of the US

Constantin Manuel Bosancianu and Macartan Humphreys (WZB and Columbia University)

Discussant: Ruth K. Dittmann (WZB)

7 pm

Workshop Dinner (with Presenters and Organizers)

Saturday, February 10, 2018

9-10.30 am

### Output Inequality: New Measurement Strategies

Estimating Inequality from Space

Nils B. Weidmann (University of Konstanz)

The Local Governance Performance Index: A Survey-Based Measure of Local Governance

Ellen Lust (University of Gothenburg, Dept. of Political Science)

Discussant: Kimuli K. Kasara (Columbia University)

10.30-11 am Coffee Break

11 am-1 pm

### The Politics of Measuring Political Processes

Selective Control: The Political Economy of Censorship

Cristina Corduneanu-Huci (CEU Budapest, School of Public Policy)

Guardians of Accountability: A Field Experiment on Corruption & Inefficiency in Local Public Works

Paul F. Lagunes (Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs)

Clientelism and Social Policy Design in Mexico

Saskia P. Ruth (German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg)

Discussant: Staffan I. Lindberg (University of Gothenburg, V-Dem Institute)

1-2 pm Lunch

2-3 pm

Panel Discussion on Indices and Validation & Wrap-up

7 pm

Workshop Dinner (with Presenters and Organizers)

On both days the meetings will take place in room A 310, on the 3rd floor of the institute.

We look forward to welcoming you in Berlin!