

The World Inequality Conference is fast approaching. It will take place at the Paris School of Economics on **4–6 June 2026 in Paris**.

We received nearly **800 submissions** to our Call for Papers, making the selection process highly competitive. Authors came from **82 countries**, highlighting the truly global reach of inequality research. Despite growing threats to academic research in some countries, **the field of inequality studies continues to expand**.

Given the strong response to the Call for Papers, we have decided to extend the conference to **three days: Thursday 4, Friday 5, and Saturday 6 June 2026**.

Public registration will open on April, 15th. Save the date.

Alice F. on behalf of the team.



Energy and Inequality

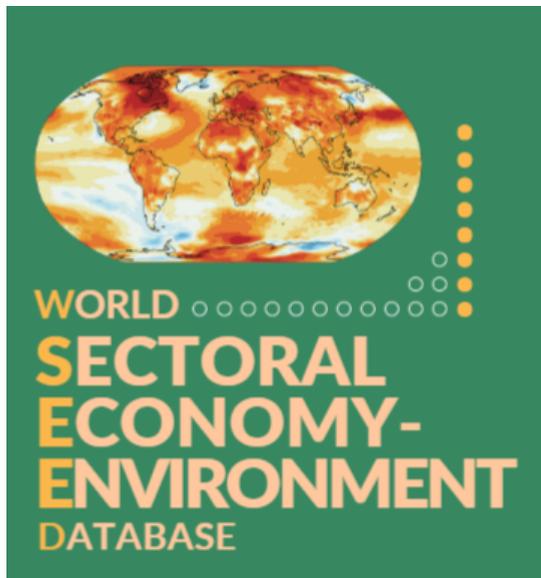
Energy lies at the heart of global power struggles. Recent geopolitical tensions - from military interventions in Venezuela to bombings in Iran raising fears of an oil shock - are a stark reminder of this reality. Those who control energy often shape the balance of power in the world. This is the central argument of the latest book by **Lucas Chancel**, ***Energie et Inégalités, Une Histoire Politique***, published in October 2025 in French and forthcoming in English. The book explores how the control, production, and distribution of energy have long shaped social hierarchies and global inequalities.



Lucas Chancel, co-director of the World Inequality Lab, presented the key findings and figures from his latest book in an Equality Debate organized at Paris School of Economics in October 2025 [video in french].

At the center of the discussion between Lucas Chancel and Anne Debrégeas, economist and spokesperson for the union Sud-Énergie, is the idea that the socialization of energy is essential to thinking about the future of the energy transition [video in French].

World Sectoral Economy-Environment Database

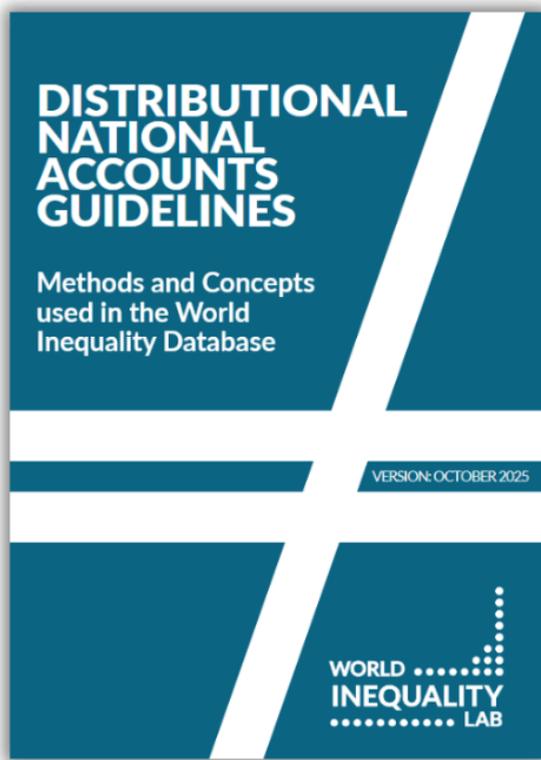


[Read the study](#)

"Global convergence to €60,000 per capita by 2100 is compatible with limiting warming to 2°C, but only under very strict conditions combining fast decarbonization with deep structural changes", found a [new study](#) by Lucas Chancel, Cornelia Mohren, Moritz Odersky, Thomas Piketty, and Anmol Somanchi.

The study is based on a [new multi-sector global database](#) covering 57 countries (1970–2100) and allowing to explore past and future trajectories for energy transition, sectoral change, and sobriety.

Updated guidelines and resources



The **DINA Guidelines** are the go-to methodological document for researchers who want to understand the concepts, data sources, and methods we use. After their initial publication in 2016 and major revision in 2020, this third edition of the DINA guidelines consolidates this progress by introducing:

- ◆ revised macroeconomic aggregates,
- ◆ updated income and wealth definitions,
- ◆ enhanced data-quality flags that capture changes over time and across series,
- ◆ new sections on wealth distribution and gender inequality.

[Check our methodological resources](#)

2025 Activity Report



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Our research efforts culminated last year with the publication of the [Climate Inequality Report](#) and [World Inequality Report](#). These flagship reports have received global media attention. We hope their findings will continue to inform the public debate, and inspire more research and collective action.

We are deeply grateful to our team and 200+ research fellows around the world helping us access better data and advance research on inequality, and to our funders and partner institutions, whose commitment enables and amplifies our research.

New working papers

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