



# INEQUALITIES IN THE EUROPEAN SEMESTER

**Online Roundtable | Thursday 8 October 2020**

**14.00 – 16.30**

SOLIDAR, FEPS, Kalevi Sorsa Foundation, Progresiva and Fondazione Pietro Nenni are proud to present *Inequalities and the European Semester*, a publication by Dr Lorenza Antonucci and Dr Francesco Corti. Join us to discuss the outcomes of this research and to explore ways to better address socioeconomic inequalities in European economic governance.

14:00 – 14:05

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS: Why focusing on Inequality and the Semester?**

**Mikael Leyi**, Secretary General, SOLIDAR

14:05 – 14:20

**KEYNOTE SPEECH: The Political Value of Addressing Inequality**

**Nicolas Schmit**, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

14:20 – 14:45

**PRESENTATION OF THE STUDY: Inequality and the European Semester**

Presentation of research findings and policy recommendations by

- **Lorenza Antonucci**, Associate Professor, School of Social Policy of the University of Birmingham
- **Francesco Corti**, Postdoctoral researcher, Università degli Studi di Milano and Associate researcher, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)



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## DISCUSSION AND IMPLICATIONS FOR POLICY & POLITICS

Panel discussion with:

- **Antton Rönholm**, Secretary General, Social Democratic Party of Finland
- **Katia Berti**, Head of unit, DG EMPL - Employment and Social Aspects of the European Semester
- **Bart Vanhercke**, Director, European Social Observatory

Chair: **Laura de Bonfils**, SDG Watch Europe

Q&A with the audience and the researchers

15:35 – 16:20

## NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES FOR THE REFORM OF THE SEMESTER

Panel discussion with:

- **Miguel Costa Matos**, Member of the Portuguese Parliament and President of the Juventude Socialista of Lisbon Urban Area
- **Chiara Gribaudo**, Member of the Italian Parliament (tbc)
- **Markus Seppelin**, Finnish Ministerial Counsellor for Social Affairs
- **Julie Rosenkilde**, Director of Nyt Europa, Denmark

Chair: **László Andor**, Secretary General, FEPS

Q&A with the audience

16:20 – 16:30

## PERSPECTIVE AHEAD: Revising EU Governance for Better Social Outcomes

**Maria Joao Rodrigues**, President, FEPS