



# **International seminar: 200 years of wealth inequality**

**18 September 2024**

**U-Residence**

**Boulevard Général Jacques 271**

**Brussels**

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# Programme

**9h-9h20:** welcome with coffee

**9h20-9h30:** Introduction by **Wouter Ryckbosch**

**9h30-10h45:** Keynote by **Jean-Laurent Rosenthal** (California School of Technology):  
*A Capital's Capital ABC: Wealth and Inequality in Paris 1807-2023*

**10h45-11h00:** coffee break

11h00-13h00: Ancestor's Tale project presentations:

**11h00-11h40 :** **Dennis De Vriese** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel):

*The Hads and the Had Nots? Using succession records for the history of wealth inequality in Belgium*

**11h40-12h20:** **Daan Van den bussche** (Universiteit Antwerpen, Vrije Universiteit Brussel):

*The difference a house makes: real estate and intergenerational wealth transmission*

**12h20-13h:** **Nicolas Brenninkmeijer** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

*Exploring Regional Wealth Inequality Dynamics: Belgium's industrial era 1810-1955*

**13h-14h:** lunch break

**14h-15h15:** Keynote by **Erik Bengtsson** (Lund University):

*Wealth inequality and material living standards in southern Sweden, 1670-1865: evidence from a new dataset*

**15h15-15h30:** coffee break

15h30-17h30: Ancestor's Tale project presentations

**15h30-16h10:** **Seorin Kim** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel):

*Is Intergenerational Elasticity (IGE) a Misleading Measure of Wealth Mobility?*

**16h10-16h50:** **Julie Winters** (KU Leuven):

*The Role of Family Formation in Wealth Accumulation and Distribution in 19th and 20th Century Belgium*

**16h50-17h30:** **Ellen Roelandts** (KU Leuven, Vrije Universiteit Brussel):

*The justification of a wealth tax throughout Belgian history and contemporary public attitudes.*