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‘On the Measurement of Opportunity Inequality’

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Outline

1. Outcome inequality and opportunity inequality
2. Reward *versus* compensation (see Fleurbaey 2008, ch.9)
3. Ex ante *versus* ex post (see Goux D. and E. Maurin 2002, Peragine 2004b)
4. Opportunity egalitarian rankings of income distributions: dominance conditions (see Lefranc et al. 2006a,b, Ooghe E et al. 2007, Peragine 2002, 2004b)
5. The decomposition of income inequality into opportunity inequality and effort inequality (see Checchi and Peragine 2005, Ferreira and Gignoux, 2008, Lefranc et al. 2007)
6. Equality of educational opportunities (see Peragine and Serlenga 2008, Waltenberg 2006)

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