

Reading list for the talk “*Inequality and Polarization: Measurement and Empirical Evidence*” at the 17th Winter School on Inequality and Social Welfare Theory

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**The lecture is built upon the following papers:**

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- Jorda, V., Sarabia, J. M., & Jäntti, M. (2021). Inequality measurement with grouped data: Parametric and non-parametric methods. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A: Statistics in Society*, 184(3), 964-984.

**Additional reading**

For a comprehensive review of various polarization concepts, refer to Duclos and Taptué (2015). If you are interested in comparing relative and absolute measures, relevant applications can be found in Bosmans et al. (2013) and Niño-Zarazúa et al. (2017). A review of methods addressing under-coverage and underreporting issues at the top of the income distribution is available in Brunori et al. (2022). Additionally, you can explore interesting applications in Burkhauser et al. (2012), Jenkins (2017), and Blanchet et al. (2022). For the estimation of income distributions with limited information, consult Chen (2018) and Hajargasht and Griffiths (2020).

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