

## Research Colloquium in Sociology

**Organizers:** Benita Combet, Axel Franzen, Ben Jann,  
Wojtek Przepiorka  
**Time:** Wednesday, 16:15 – 17:45  
**Place:** Room B 202, Fabrikstrasse 8

### Fall Semester 2026

- 16 September **Valeria Pizzini** (Alumnus at European University Institute)  
“Mafias, no land for women?”
- 23 September [Introductory session for students; not open to the public]
- 30 September **Wesley Stubenbord** (University of Bern)  
“Silver Spoons, Bootstraps, and Billionaires: The Social Origins of the Contemporary American Economic Elite”
- 7 October **Barbara Körner** (University of Bern)  
“Enabling Responsive Leadership Behavior: How Leaders Construe and Respond to Follower Cues”
- 14 October **Emily Chua** (National University of Singapore)  
“Trust in Money – Fintech and its Futurisms in Singapore”
- 21 October **Bernhard Kittel** (University of Vienna)  
“Justice attitudes and perceptions of inheritance taxation in Austria”
- 28 October [Student presentation session; not open to the public]
- 4 November **Arnout van de Rijt** (European University Institute)  
“Why some advantages grow and others fade”
- 11 November **Stephanie Steinmetz** (University of Lausanne)  
“The Consequences of Involuntary On-Site Work: Evidence from Worker Satisfaction, Engagement, and Health Outcomes”
- 18 November **Enrico Nichelatti** (University of Luxembourg)  
“Mangrove Ecosystems as Nature-Based Protection against the Early-Life Mortality Effects of Floods”
- 25 November **Benedikt Herrmann** (Joint Research Centre of the European Commission)  
“An age of destruction”
- 2 December [Student presentation session; not open to the public]
- 9 December **Marco Giesselmann** (University of Zurich)  
“Identifying the gender equality paradox”
- 16 December **Petra Sauer** (University of Fribourg)  
“Reproduction of inequality through higher education – The role of applied universities in Austria”