

School/Department:	Institute of Social Studies
Project Title:	Beyond social capital: the effects of inequality and social exclusion on economic growth and wellbeing
Abstract:	<p>This PhD project will be related to the Indices of Social Development database of the International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam (www.IndSocDev.org). The unique ISD database consists of six indices, each consisting of 10-35 underlying indicators, for almost every country in the world. It covers every 5 years in the period 1990-2015. The six indices are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civic Activism - Clubs & Associations - Intergroup Cohesion - Interpersonal Safety & Trust - Inclusion of Minorities - Gender Equality <p>The PhD project will focus on several of the above listed indices, which reflect social exclusion and social inequality. The ISD data allow for testing hypotheses about the influence of 'soft' factors on growth, in relation to recent literature about social capital and institutions. In particular, the project will look at the mechanisms through which social factors, such as polarization, discrimination, and trust have an impact on growth and wellbeing.</p> <p>Additionally, World Bank data will be used for other important variables, in particular control variables and the dependent variables. The analysis will use cross-country panel data and use advanced regression analyses.</p> <p>An example of a publication related to this project is: Irene van Staveren and Zahid Pervaiz (2017) 'Is it Ethnic Fractionalization or Social Exclusion, Which Affects Social Cohesion?', <i>Social Indicators Research</i>, 130 (2), pp. 711-731. Open Access: http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11205-015-1205-1</p>
Requirements of candidate:	<p>Background: MA in economics or in quantitative social sciences or development studies. Good skills in the use of STATA or similar software. Interest in social issues and social indicators of wellbeing.</p> <p>Master's degree: Yes</p>

	<p>EUR requirement: IELTS: 7.0 (min. 6.0 for all subs.)</p> <p>Or, TOEFL: 100 (min. 20 for all subs.)</p>
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	<p>159-177.</p> <p>Elissaios Papyrakis and Pak Hung Mo, 'Fractionalization, Polarization, and Economic Growth: Identifying the Transmission Channels', <i>Economic Inquiry</i>, 52 (3), 2014, pp. 1204-1218.</p> <p>Elissaios Papyrakis, Arlette Covarrubias and Arjan Verschoor, 'Gender and Trade Aspects of Labour Markets', <i>Journal of Development Studies</i>, 48 (1), 2012, pp. 81-98.</p>
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