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**Thriving in an unequal world:
How inequalities shape well-being and fuel well-being inequality.**

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Abstract: The talk aims to give an overview of subjective well-being in the light of different types of inequality. Starting with the individual, I will present how subjective well-being is socially structured – and how (and if) that relates to inequality. Since inequality can, ultimately, only exist between people and thus only on aggregate level, I will then move on to macro-level. I will review the more popular arguments in the social science literature on why inequality is detrimental to a society's overall level of subjective well-being and contrast these arguments with empirical evidence. In addition to economic inequality, which is (mostly due to availability and comparability) most widely used in research, I will also explore measures of social and environmental inequality. In the final part, I will then move on to inequality in well-being itself – which has not been extensively researched yet – looking at antecedents as well as consequences.

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