Now is the time for multidisciplinary engagement with the problematic of social inequalities in health, given that cutting-edge social epidemiology points toward “upstream” factors like social policy, citizenship and migration, labour markets, cultural configurations, and historical transformations and reproductions as the fundamental causes of long-documented differences between societies and social groups in the distribution of disease. This one-day event, a combined effort by leading researchers from two continents, brings together academics, practitioners and policy-makers concerned about understanding the politics of health inequalities and revitalising efforts to eliminate them.

Breakfast keynote address, 08:00 - 09:00 (pending final confirmation)

Saskia Sassen, Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology, Columbia University:
‘A Massive Loss of Habitat: New Drivers for Migration’

Panel 1. Current controversies on health inequalities in Europe, 09:00 - 10:45

Chair: Julia Lynch, University of Pennsylvania
Panelists:
Alba Llop Gironés, Health Inequalities Research Group at Universidad Pompeu Fabra
Meri Koivusalo, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland
Ted Schrecker, Durham University; co-editor, Journal of Public Health
Discussant: Paulette Kurzer, University of Arizona

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Panel 2. What should the Council for European Studies and social epidemiology learn from one another? 11:00 – 12:45

Chair: Sigrun Olafsdottir, University of Iceland
Panelists:
Clare Bambra, Newcastle University
Jason Beckfield, Harvard University
Julia Lynch, University of Pennsylvania
David Stuckler, Bocconi University
Discussant: TBD

Noon-hour reception and question-and-answer session, 13:00 – 14:00 (pending final confirmation) with:

Saskia Sassen, Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology, Columbia University

Workshop: Neoliberal epidemics: How neoliberalism threatens health, and how to fight back, 14:00 – 15:45

Chair and introductory remarks: Ted Schrecker, Durham University
Panelists:
Lisa Garnham, Glasgow Centre for Population Health
Katherine Smith, University of Edinburgh; Series Editor, Palgrave Studies in Science, Knowledge & Policy
Jennie Popay, University of Lancaster

Roundtable: But seriously ... What can we do to reduce health inequalities? 16:00 – 17:45

Chair: Jason Beckfield
Panelists:
Monika Kosinska, World Health Organization - Europe
Thierry Lang, Professeur Université Toulouse III et CHU Toulouse
Katherine Smith, University of Edinburgh
Discussant: Julia Lynch

Follow-up: Informal discussion of building a research network for cross-national comparative studies of the politics of health inequalities (morning of 15 July for those able to attend)

Special day registration rate: University-based researchers, US$120; Practitioners, research users, students and policy makers, US$50. Please register directly via events@ces-europe.org. For further information: Prof. Ted Schrecker, School of Medicine, Pharmacy & Health, Durham University (theodore.schrecker@durham.ac.uk) or Dr. Nicole Shea, Council for European Studies (ns3091@columbia.edu).