



50 Years WZB

Berlin Social Science Center

# A day to celebrate the social sciences

5 Nov 2019

**A.SK Social Science Award Ceremony**  
**WZB Distinguished Lectures Anniversary Symposium****Tuesday, 5 November 2019, 11.00 – 21.00**

WZB Berlin Social Science Center

Reichpietschufer 50, 10785 Berlin

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After Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier's visit to the WZB in March and the cultural event in the Pierre Boulez Saal in June, the WZB continues its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities on November 5, 2019 with a day-long scientific program set during the Berlin Science Week.

The event will start off with the presentation ceremony of the A.SK Social Science Award endowed with 200,000 US-Dollars. The 2019 recipient is Raj Chetty, economist at Harvard University. He receives the award for his research on social mobility and appropriate political reform instruments.

Raj Chetty's Opportunity Atlas is built using anonymized data on 20 million Americans who are in their mid-thirties today. The map on the front illustrates the mean household income for children in Los Angeles with parents earning \$27,000 (25<sup>th</sup> percentile). It shows that children who grow up a few miles apart in families with comparable incomes have very different life outcomes. The darkest blue indicates a yearly income of > \$60,000; the darkest gold an income of > \$10,000. Credit: Opportunity Insights and US Census Bureau. Detail with modified colors.

The second part of the event is comprised of three WZB Distinguished Lectures with presentations by Jennifer Hochschild (Harvard University), Charles Manski (Northwestern University), and Margaret Levi (Stanford University). Introductions will be given by WZB Directors Macartan Humphreys, Dorothea Kübler, and Wolfgang Merkel. After each lecture there will be opportunity for discussion between the presenters and the audience.

A reception will conclude the anniversary event.



# Program

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11.00 – 11.15      *Registration*

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**11.15 – 13.00      **A.SK Social Science Award Ceremony****

Welcome by Jutta Allmendinger, WZB President

Address by A.SK founder Shu Kai Chan

Laudation by Sonia Mikich, former Editor-in-Chief of WDR TV

Award presentation by Dorothea Kübler, Head of A.SK Commission and WZB Director

Acceptance speech by Raj Chetty, A.SK Award winner 2019

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13.00 – 14.00      *Lunch Reception*

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**14.00 – 19.30      **WZB Distinguished Lectures Anniversary Symposium****

14.00 – 15.30      *Ethnicity, Class, and Geography in the Trajectory of American Politics*

Jennifer Hochschild, Harvard University

Introduction by Macartan Humphreys, WZB Director

16.00 – 17.30      *Communicating Uncertainty in Policy Analysis*

Charles Manski, Northwestern University

Introduction by Dorothea Kübler, WZB Director

18.00 – 19.30      *Citizen Confidence in Government: Why They Lose It and How They Regain It*

Margaret Levi, Stanford University

Introduction by Wolfgang Merkel, WZB Director

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19.30                  *Closing Reception*

RSVP 15 October to [events@wzb.eu](mailto:events@wzb.eu). Please let us know in case you will be attending only parts of the program.

Please note that the event will be held in English with no translation into German.

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