

Thomas Piketty Curriculum vitae - May 2020

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Short bio

Thomas Piketty is Professor at [EHESS](#) and at the [Paris School of Economics](#). He is the author of numerous articles published in journals such as the Quarterly Journal of Economics, the Journal of Political Economy, the American Economic Review, the Review of Economic Studies, Explorations in Economic History, Annales: Histoire, Sciences Sociales, and of a dozen books. He has done major historical and theoretical work on the interplay between economic development, the distribution of income and wealth, and political conflict. These works have led to emphasize the role of political, social and fiscal institutions in the historical evolution of income and wealth distribution. Thomas Piketty is also co-director of the [World Inequality Lab](#) and the [World Inequality Database](#), and one of initiators of the [Manifesto for the democratization of Europe](#). He is the author of the international best-seller [Capital in the 21st century](#) (2014) and of [Capital and ideology](#) (2020).

Current position

Professor at [EHESS](#) and at the [Paris School of Economics](#)
Co-director, [World Inequality Lab/World Inequality Database](#)

Training and positions

1989-1990 : M.Sc. in Mathematics at Ecole normale supérieure ([ENS](#), Paris, France)
1990-1993 : PhD in Economics at [EHESS](#) and at [LSE](#) (European Doctoral Programme in Economics)
1993-1995 : Assistant Professor at [MIT Economics Department](#)
1995-2000 : Research Fellow at CNRS (Paris, France)
2000- : Professor (*directeur d'études*) at [EHESS](#) (Paris, France)
2007- : Professor at the [Paris School of Economics](#)

Other positions

1996-2012 : Co-editor of the [Journal Public Economics](#)
2000-2001 : Visiting Professor at [MIT Economics Department](#)
2002-2013 : Co-director of the Public Policy Programme at [CEPR](#) (London, UK)
2004-2006 : Director of the [Department of social sciences](#) at ENS
2004-2006 : Head of graduate programme "Analyse et politique économiques ([APE](#))"
2005-2007 : Director of the [Paris School of Economics](#)
2011-2015 : Co-Director, [World Top Incomes Database](#) (WTID)

2013 : Prize "Yrjö Jahnsson" awarded by the [European Economic Association](#)
 2015-2016 : Visiting Centennial Professor at the [London School of Economics](#) (part-time visiting position)
 2015- : Co-Director, [World Inequality Database](#) (WID.world) and [World Inequality Lab](#) (WIL)
 2016- : Member of [Centre de Recherches Historiques](#) (EHESS-CNRS) and [Centre d'Histoire Economique et Sociale François-Simian](#)

A. Teaching and research supervision

[Introduction to Economic History](#)
[Advanced Economic History](#)
[Public Economics](#)
[List of Master Thesis](#)
[List of Phd Dissertations](#)
[Applied Economics Lunch Seminar](#)
[Economic History Seminar](#)

B. Publications

1. Livres/Books

1.1. Livres principaux/Main books

[Les Hauts revenus en France au 20e siècle : inégalités et redistribution, 1901-1998](#), Ed. Grasset, 2001, 807 p.

Autres éditions : Hachette Pluriel (2006). Grasset (2014). [Points Histoire](#) (2016). [Annexes \(pdf\)](#). [Database \(xls\)](#).

[Top Incomes in France in the 20th century: inequality and redistribution, 1901-1998](#), Harvard University Press, 2018, 1280p.

[Le capital au 21^e siècle](#), Ed. du Seuil, 2013, 970p. [Annexe technique](#).

Autres éditions: [Points Histoire](#) (2019).

[Capital in the 21st century](#), Harvard University Press 2014, 698p. [Technical appendix](#). [Other translations \(40 languages\)](#). [Debates](#).

[Capital et idéologie](#), Ed. du Seuil, 2019, 1232p. [Données, graphiques et annexes](#).

[Capital and ideology](#), Harvard University Press, 2020, 1093p. [Data, figures and appendices](#).

1.2. Ouvrages collectifs/Collective volumes

[Top incomes over the twentieth century : a contrast between continental european and english-speaking countries](#), co-edited with A.B. Atkinson Oxford university press, 2007, 604 p. [Data files \(xls\)](#).

[Top incomes: a global perspective](#), co-edited with A.B. Atkinson, Oxford university press, 2010, 776 p.

[World Inequality Report 2018](#), co-edited with F. Alvaredo, L. Chancel, E. Saez, G. Zucman, WIL, 2017, 300p. ([Online version, Appendix](#)) (HUP, 2018, 332p.) ([Rapport sur les inégalités mondiales 2018](#), Seuil, 2018, 510p.) (Various translations)

[World Inequality Database \(WID.world\)](#), 2011-2019

1.3. Autres livres/Other books

[Introduction à la théorie de la redistribution des richesses](#), Economica, 1994, 124 p.

[L'économie des inégalités](#), Ed. la Découverte, 1997, 122 p.

Autre édition : 7e éd. (2015). [English translation](#): Harvard University Press (2015).

[L'impact de la taille des classes sur la réussite scolaire dans les écoles, collèges et lycées français. Estimations à partir du panel primaire 1997 et du panel secondaire 1995](#), co-écrit avec M. Valdenaire, Ministère de l'éducation nationale, 2006, 153 p.

[Pour un nouveau système de retraite. Des comptes individuels de cotisations financés par répartition](#), co-écrit avec A. Bozio, Ed. rue d'Ulm, 2008, 98p.

[On the long-run evolution of inheritance: France 1820-2050](#), PSE, 2010, 424p. ([short version & appendix](#))

[Pour une révolution fiscale. Un impôt sur le revenu pour le 21e siècle](#), co-écrit avec C. Landais et E. Saez, Ed. du Seuil, 2011, 133 p. [Couverture](#). www.revolution-fiscale.fr.

[Capital is back: wealth-income ratios in rich countries, 1700-2010](#), co-written with G. Zucman, PSE, 2013, 978p. ([short version & appendix](#))

[Pour un traité de démocratisation de l'Europe](#), co-écrit avec S. Hennette, G. Sacriste et A. Vauchez, Ed. du Seuil, 2017, 96p. How to Democratize Europe (HUP, 2019) (various other translations)

[Manifeste pour la démocratisation de l'Europe](#), co-écrit avec M. Bouju, L. Chancel, A.L. Delatte, S. Hennette, G. Sacriste, A. Vauchez, 2018, 52p. (translations in English, German, Spanish, Italian, etc. available at www.tdem.eu)

[Changer l'Europe, c'est possible](#), co-écrit avec M. Bouju, L. Chancel, A.L. Delatte, S. Hennette, G. Sacriste, A. Vauchez, Ed. du Seuil, Points Essai, 2019, 93p.

1.4. Recueils de chroniques/Chronicles

[Vive la gauche américaine ! Chroniques 1998-2004](#), Éd. de l'Aube, 2004, 194p.

[Peut-on sauver l'Europe? Chroniques 2004-2012](#), Ed. LLL, 2012, 271p. [[livre \(pdf\)](#)]

[Aux urnes, citoyens! Chroniques 2012-2016](#), Ed. LLL, 2016, 268p.

2. Academic articles/articles universitaires

2.1. Main academic articles in english (refereed journals and collective volumes)

[Implementation of first-best allocations via generalized tax schedules](#), Journal of economic theory, vol. 61, no 1, 1993, p. 23-41

[Existence of fair allocations in economies with production](#), Journal of public economics, vol. 55, no 3, 1994, p. 391-405

[Social mobility and redistributive politics](#), Quarterly journal of economics, vol. 110, no 3, 1995, p. 551-584

[A Federal voting mechanism to solve the fiscal-externality problem](#), European economic review, vol. 40, no 1, 1996, p. 3-17

[The Dynamics of the wealth distribution and the interest rate with credit-rationing](#), Review of economic studies, vol. 64, no 2, 1997, p. 173-189

[Self-fulfilling beliefs about social status](#), Journal of public economics, vol. 70, no 1, 1998, p. 115-132.

[Dualism and macroeconomic volatility](#), Quarterly journal of economics, vol. 114, no 4, 1999, p. 1359-1397 (with P. Aghion, A. Banerjee)

[Can fiscal redistribution undo skill-biased technical progress ? Evidence from the French experience](#), European economic review, vol. 43, no 4-6, 1999, p. 839-851.

[The Information-aggregation approach to political institutions](#), European economic review, vol. 43, no 4-6, 1999, p. 791-800.

[Voting as communicating](#), Review of economic studies, vol. 67, no 1, 2000, p. 169-191

[Theories of persistent inequality and intergenerational mobility](#), Handbook of income distribution, vol.1, North-Holland, 2000, p. 429-476.

[Income inequality in France, 1901-1998](#), Journal of political economy, vol. 111, no 5, 2003, p. 1004-1042. [[working paper \(pdf\)](#)] [[data files \(xls\)](#)]

[Income inequality in the United States, 1913-1998](#), Quarterly journal of economics, vol. 118, no 1, 2003, p. 1-39 (with E. Saez) [[working paper \(pdf\)](#)] [[data files \(xls\)](#)] [[updated series](#)] (with E. Saez)

[Top income shares in the long run: an overview](#) , Journal of the European economic association, vol. 3-4, no 3, 2005, p. 1-11.

[Top indian incomes, 1922-2000](#), World bank economic review, no 19, 2005, p. 1-20. (with A. Banerjee) [[working paper \(pdf\)](#)] [[data files \(xls\)](#)]

[Wealth concentration in a developing economy: Paris and France, 1807-1994](#), American economic review, vol.96, no 1, 2006, p. 236-256 (with G. Postel-Vinay, J.L. Rosenthal) [[working paper \(pdf\)](#)] [[data files \(zip\)](#)] [[data files \(xls\)](#)]

[The evolution of top incomes : a historical and international perspective](#), American economic review, vol.96, no 2, 2006, p. 200-205 (with E. Saez) [[data files \(xls\)](#)]

[How progressive is the U.S. federal tax system ? A historical and international perspective](#), Journal of economic perspectives, vol. 21, no 1, 2007, p. 1-24 (with E. Saez) [[data files \(xls\)](#)]

[Income inequality and progressive income taxation in China and India: 1986-2015](#), American economic journal: applied economics, vol. 1, no 2, 2009, p. 53-63 (with N. Qian) [[working paper \(pdf\)](#)] [[data files \(xls\)](#)]

[Top incomes in the long run of history](#), Journal of economic literature, vol. 49, no 1, 2011, p. 3-71 (with A.B. Atkinson, E. Saez) [[data files \(xls\)](#)] [[World Top Incomes Database](#)]

[On the long-run evolution of inheritance: France 1820-2050](#), Quarterly journal of economics, vol. 126, no 3, 2011, p. 1071-1131 [[working paper \(pdf\)](#)] [[data appendix](#)]

[A theory of optimal inheritance taxation](#), Econometrica, vol.81, n.5, 2013, p.1851-1886 (with E. Saez) [[supp. \(pdf\)](#)] [[data files \(zip\)](#)] [[long version: "A theory of optimal capital taxation"](#)] [[xls](#)]

[Optimal taxation of labor income](#), Handbook of public economics, North-Holland, 2013, vol.5, chap.7, p.391-474 (with E. Saez) [[working paper](#)]

[The top 1% in international and historical perspective](#), Journal of economic perspectives, vol.27, n.3, 2013, p.1-21 (with F. Alvaredo, A.B. Atkinson, E. Saez) [[data files \(xls\)](#)]

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[Inequality in the long run](#), Science, vol.344, no.6186, 2014, p.838-844 (with E. Saez) [[supp. material](#)] [[data files \(xls\)](#)] [[slides \(ted talk\) \(xls\)](#)]

[Wealth and inheritance in the long run](#), Handbook of Income Distribution, vol.2B, chapter 15, p.1303-1368, North-Holland, 2015 (with G. Zucman) [[data appendix](#)]

[Putting the study of the distribution back at the center of economics](#), Journal of Economic perspectives, vol.29, no.1, 2015, p.67-88

[About Capital in the 21st century](#), American economic review, vol.105, no.5, 2015, p.48-53 [[data appendix](#)]

[Toward a Political and Historical Economics](#), Annales: histoire, sciences sociales, janvier-mars 2015, n.1, p.125-138

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[On the share of inheritance in aggregate wealth: Europe and the USA, 1900-2010](#), Economica, vol.84, 2017, p.237-260 (with F. Alvaredo, B. Garbinti) [[data \(zip\)](#)]

[Global Inequality Dynamics: New Evidence from WID.world](#), American Economic Review, vol.107(5), 2017, p.404-409 (with F. Alvaredo, L. Chancel, E. Saez, G. Zucman). [Working Paper Version](#). [Data Files](#). [Slides](#)

[Distributional National Accounts: Methods and Estimates for the United States](#), Quarterly Journal of Economics, vol.133(2), 2018, p.553-609 (with E. Saez, G. Zucman) ([WID.world Working Paper](#), [Slides](#), [Data Appendix and Data Files](#))

[Income Inequality in France 1900-2014: Evidence from Distributional National Accounts \(DINA\)](#), Journal of Public Economics, vol.162, 2018, p.63-77 (with B. Garbinti, J. Goupille-Lebret) ([WID.world WP](#)) ([Slides](#), [Appendix](#), [Data files](#))

[From Soviets to Oligarchs: Inequality and Property in Russia 1905-2016](#), Journal of Economic Inequality, vol.16, 2018, p.189-223, (with F. Novokmet, G. Zucman, 2017) ([WID.world WP](#)) ([Appendix](#), [Data Files](#))

[The Elephant Curve of Global Inequality and Growth](#), AEA Papers and Proceedings, vol.108, 2018, p.103-108 (with F. Alvaredo, L. Chancel, E. Saez, G. Zucman) ([WID.world WP](#))

[From Communism to Capitalism: Private vs Public Property and Inequality in China and Russia](#), AEA Papers and Proceedings, vol.108, 2018, p.109-113 (with F. Novokmet, L. Yang, G. Zucman, 2018) ([WID.world WP](#))

[Measuring Inequality in the Middle East: the World's Most Unequal Region?](#), Review of Income and Wealth, vol.65, 2019, p.685-711 (with F. Alvaredo, L. Assouad) ([WID.world WP](#)) ([Appendix](#), [Data](#))

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[Capital Accumulation, Private Property and Rising Inequality in China, 1978-2015](#), American Economic Review, vol.109, 2019, p.2469-2496 (with L. Yang, G. Zucman) ([WID.world WP](#)) ([Slides](#), [Appendix](#), [Main Data Files](#), [Full Data Files](#))

[Indian Income Inequality, 1922-2015: from British Raj to Billionaire Raj?](#), Review of Income and Wealth, vol.65, 2019, p.S33-S62 (with L. Chancel) ([WID.world WP](#))

[Growing Cleavages in India? Evidence from the Changing Structure of Electorates 1962-2014](#), Economic and Political Weekly, 2019, vol.104(11), p.34-44 (with A. Banerjee, A. Gethin) ([WID.world WP 2019/05](#)) ([Data Appendix](#))

2.2. Other academic articles in english

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[Are the rich growing richer? Evidence from indian tax data](#), *In* : DEATON A., KOZEL V. (Eds) : Data and dogma : the great indian poverty debate, S.I. : McMillan press, 2004, p. 598-611 (with A. Banerjee)

[The Kuznets' curve, yesterday and tomorrow](#), *In* : BANERJEE A., BENABOU R., MOOKERHEE D. (Eds) : Understanding poverty, Oxford : Oxford university press, 2006, 21 p.

[Top incomes over the twentieth century : a summary of main findings](#) [chap. 1], *In* : Top incomes over the twentieth century : a contrast between continental european and english-speaking countries, Oxford : Oxford university press, 2007, p. 1-17

[Income and wealth concentration in Switzerland over the twentieth century](#) [chap. 11], *In* : Top incomes over the twentieth century : a contrast between continental european and english-speaking countries, Oxford: Oxford university press, 2007, p. 472-500. [[data series](#)] (with F; Dell, E. Saez)

[Towards a unified data set on top incomes](#) [chap. 13], *In* : Top incomes over the twentieth century : a contrast between continental european and english-speaking countries, Oxford: Oxford university press, 2007, p. 531-565. (with A. B. Atkinson)

[Wealth taxation in the 21st century: a personal view](#), *In* : Dimensions of Tax Design: The Mirrlees Review, London : Institute for Fiscal Studies; Oxford : Oxford university press, 2010, 10 p.

[The Dynamics of Income Concentration over the Twentieth Century. The Case of Advanced Economies](#), *In* : Markets, the State and the Dynamics of Inequality, ouvrage coordonné par Luis Felipe Lopez-Calva et Nora Lustig, Washington, D.C. : Brookings Institution Press, 2010, 43 p. (with F. Alvaredo)

[Top incomes in the long run of history](#), in Top Incomes: A Global Perspective, Oxford: Oxford university press, 2010, chapter 13, 92 p. [\[data series\]](#) (with A.B. Atkinson, E. Saez)

[Should We Make the Richest Pay to Meet Fiscal Adjustment Needs?](#), in The Role of Tax Policy in Times of Fiscal Consolidation, European Commission, 2013, p.99-103.

[France: how taxation can increase inequality](#), in Changing Inequalities and societal impacts in rich countries, Oxford University Press, 2014, chapter 11, p.248-270 (with N. Frémeaux)

2.3. Articles universitaires en français

Inégalités et redistribution : développements théoriques récents, *Revue d'économie politique*, no 34, 1994, p. 769-800.

[Les Créations d'emploi en France et aux Etats-Unis. Services de proximité contre petits boulots?](#), *Les Notes de la Fondation Saint-Simon*, no 93, 1997, 55 p. *Article également publié dans Les Notes de la Fondation Saint-Simon Une expérience intellectuelle (1983-1999), Calmann-Lévy, 1999, p. 195-257, ainsi que dans La Revue de la CFDT n°4 (1997), p. 3-39*

[Immigration et justice sociale](#), *Revue économique*, vol. 45, no 8, 1997, p. 1291-1309

[La Redistribution fiscale contre le chômage](#), *Revue française d'économie*, vol. 12, no 1, 1997, p. 157-203

[L'Impact des incitations financières au travail sur les comportements individuels : une estimation pour le cas français](#), *Economie et prévision*, no 132-133, 1998, p. 1-35

[Individualisme méthodologique et économie de l'information](#), *In* : SAINT-SERNIN B., PICAUVET E, FILLIEULE R., [et al.] : *Les Modèles de l'action*, Paris : Presses universitaires de France, 1998, p. 117-125

L'Emploi dans les services en France et aux Etats-Unis : une analyse structurelle sur longue période, *Economie et statistique*, no 318, 1998, p. 73-99.

[Les Hauts revenus face aux modifications des taux marginaux supérieurs de l'impôt sur le revenu en France, 1970-1996](#), *Economie et prévision*, no 138-139, 1999, p. 25-60 [\[document de travail \(version longue\)\]](#)

[Les Inégalités dans le long terme](#), *In* : Conseil d'analyse économique : Inégalités économiques, Paris : la Documentation française, 2001, p. 137-204.

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[Attitudes vis-à-vis des inégalités en France : existerait-il un consensus ?](#), *Comprendre*, no 4, 2003, p. 209-241. [[série de données](#)]

[L'impact de l'allocation parentale d'éducation sur l'activité féminine et la fécondité en France, 1982-2002](#), *In* : LEFEVRE C. (Ed.): *Histoires de familles, histoires familiales*, Les Cahiers de l'INED no 156, 2005, p. 79-109. [[document de travail \(version longue\)](#)]

[Fiscalité et redistribution sociale dans la France du 20e siècle](#), *In* : LEVY-LEBOYER M., LESCURE M., PLESSIS A. (Eds) : *L'Impôt en France aux XIXe et XXe siècles*, Paris : Comité pour l'histoire économique et financière de la France, 2006, pp.109-116

[De beaux lendemains](#), *Rencontres de Pétrarque*, France Culture Papiers, hiver 2014, p.114-121

[Vers une économie politique et historique](#), *Annales: histoire, sciences sociales*, janvier-mars 2015, n.1, p.125-138 [[couv. \(pdf\)](#)] [[sommaire \(pdf\)](#)] ▶ [[résumés \(pdf\)](#)]

[Les métamorphoses du capital](#), *Revue de l'OFCE*, mars 2015, n.137, p.9-29

2.4. Autres articles/Other articles

[Information aggregation through voting and vote-trading](#), 1994, 14 p.

[Mobilité économique et attitudes politiques face à la redistribution](#), 1996, 57 p.

[The Politics of redistribution : recent developments and research perspectives](#), 1996, 22 p.

[Attitudes toward income inequality in France : do people really disagree ?](#), 1999, 27 p. [[série de données](#)]

[The Impact of divorce on school performance : evidence from France, 1968-2002](#), CEPR discussion paper series no 4146, 2003, 47 p.

[L'Impact de la taille des classes et de la ségrégation sociale sur la réussite scolaire dans les écoles françaises : une estimation à partir du panel primaire 1997](#), 2004, 71 p. [[document de travail \(diapositives\)](#)] [[ouvrage en format pdf](#)]

[Rapport sur la faisabilité d'un impôt sur le capital](#), 2005, 49 p. (avec A. Bozio, F. Dell)

[Rethinking Capital and Wealth Taxation](#), 2013, 20p. (with E. Saez, G. Zucman)

[Carbon and Inequality: from Kyoto to Paris](#) (with L. Chancel, WID.world Working Paper 2015/7)

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