



## Webinar Series on COVID-19 & Inequality

### Gender Inequalities during the Covid-19 Pandemic

with Marita Jacob, University of Cologne  
and Michèle Tertilt, University of Mannheim

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4:00pm (CET)

Virtual event

The COVID-19 outbreak led to a sharp decrease in economic activity, along with temporary closures of childcare facilities and schools. In some countries such as the United States, unemployment was higher among women, in contrast with former recessions. What are the implications for gender inequalities on the labour market?

In her [paper](#), Prof. Marita Jacob focuses on Germany in the early phase of the pandemic and during summer 2020. She observes a comparable reduction in working hours for both men and women during the spring lockdown. However, only the working hours of women recovered and returned to their pre-crisis level in summer 2020. Conversely, in her [paper](#) Prof. Michèle Tertilt argues that women have experienced sharp employment losses in the United States both because their employment is concentrated in heavily affected sectors. The quantitative analysis suggests that a pandemic recession will result in a widening of the gender wage gap throughout the recovery.

Marita Jacob is Professor of Sociology at University of Cologne, Germany. She studied social sciences, economics and mathematics in Gießen, London and Berlin, and obtained her Ph.D. in sociology while working at the Max-Planck-Institute for Human Development. Her publications deal with the influence of social origin on educational decisions and educational trajectories, and the education-fertility nexus.

Michèle Tertilt is a Professor of Economics at the University of Mannheim. Prior to joining the University of Mannheim, Michèle Tertilt was an Assistant Professor at Stanford University. She was awarded a Gottfried-Wilhelm Leibniz Award by the German Science Foundation in 2019 and won the Yrjö Jahnsson Award in 2017. Currently, she also is a Director of the Review of Economic Studies.

This webinar is organised jointly with the OECD Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, as part of a series of webinars that aim to explore the evidence base and carve a comprehensive overview of the COVID-inequality nexus in a number of areas including: income, migration, labour, gender, education, mental health, environment and more. The webinar is open to academics, statisticians, policy professionals and other experts interested or working on these topics.

For more information and to **register for the webinar**, visit: <https://oe.cd/covid-inequality>.

#### Agenda

4:00pm Welcome by Jens Stegmaier and Juliane Achatz, Institute for Employment Research (IAB)

4:05pm Presentation by Marita Jacob

4:30pm Presentation by Michèle Tertilt

4:55pm Discussion by Willem Adema, Senior Economist at the Employment, OECD Labour and Social Affairs Directorate

5:05pm Floor open for discussion

5:15pm End of meeting



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