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Title: Social inequality and social justice in the early modern world

Wouter Ryckbosch' research is concerned with inequality in the early modern period (1500-1800), and focuses in particular on the interaction between economic, social and cultural dimensions of hierarchy and inequality. He has previously published on long-term trends of income and wealth inequality), and is currently working on a project that contrasts the literature on global consumer change in the early modern period, with the evidence of growing social polarisation. Other projects being developed are related to the study of popular ideas of social justice and social policy from the sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries across Europe. To this end he will study - among other things - new archival data on popular protests and revolts, and fiscal reform initiatives. The prime focus of his research has thus far been on the Low Countries, but opportunities for comparative study are very welcome (cf. Alfani & Ryckbosch 2016).

Researchers interested in an advanced project on inequality, social justice or social policy from the late medieval world until the nineteenth century are welcome to discuss ideas in the context of a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship submission. Researchers interested in working on the global exchange of consumer goods and its impact on social relations are equally invited to get into contact.

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