

“Perception of inequality and objective reality”

Abstract

During my performance an analysis was presented according to which there is a discrepancy between public perception of inequality and its objective level. There is a number of reasons for this state but the most fundamental are identification of inequality level with the level of poverty, the impact of myths and various ideologies and specific historical circumstances. I also put forward a thesis, that an imperfect perception of inequality may be of vital importance in the discourse around the issue of the influence of inequality on economic growth. It is because of the fact, that a popular *Median voter* model, which explains how inequality may harm economic growth, assumes that public opinion correctly perceive the changes in socio – economic reality.