



The Department of Economics Distinguished Lecture

“On The Mechanics of Top Wealth Inequality”

A Lecture by Dr. Fatih Guvenen

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Fatih Guvenen is the Carlson Professor of Economics at the University of Minnesota, a research consultant for the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research. His research on income and wealth dynamics has emphasized the origins and implications of inequality and has provided new insights on the role of persistent differences in income between individuals, the role of firms in shaping the degree of income inequality in a country, and the importance of different sources of heterogeneity for explaining wealth inequality. Professor Guvenen is also the founding director of the Minnesota Economics Big Data Institute, whose core mission is to produce and support applied research in economics and other social sciences that harnesses the power of big data under the guidance of economic theory. His leadership has led to the publication of the Global Income Dynamics Database, a freely available database describing measures of income inequality drawn from administrative datasets from over 13 countries (including Canada).

