

## **The Deserving Rich - A Multi-Disciplinary Analysis of the (Re-)Production of (German) Wealth**

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Currently, more than half of the wealth in most OECD countries is not earned but inherited. The central question of the interdisciplinary research project is: How and in what way can the different narratives explain the (re)production of wealth in Germany? Building on the concept of the "deserving rich", the research project will identify discourses, instruments and institutional arrangements of wealth genesis and examine the arguments of "deserved" and "undeserved" wealth. In a historical perspective, the German inheritance tax law of recent German history will be analysed. The results will be used to draw conclusions about social and political transformation processes in the past, present and future.

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