

#3 – Oxford Internet Institute Portal – Inequality

Short description

Type of object: Portal

Source (organisation): Oxford Internet Institute (OII)

Issues: Internet, equality, social justice, gender, young, etc.

Time span: Depending on data

Geographical coverage: Different geographical coverage (from global to local)

Link: <https://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/?s=inequality>

Note/Interpretations

OII is a multi-disciplinary department of social and computer science dedicated to the study of information, communication, and technology. The OII currently has the following research **clusters**: Digital Politics and Government; Information Governance, and Security; Social Data Science; Connectivity, Inclusion, and Inequality; Internet Economies; Digital Knowledge and Culture; Education, Digital Life, and Wellbeing; Ethics and Philosophy of Information.

Some projects:

[Geography of Digital Inequality](#)

This project combined OxlS and census data to produce the first detailed geographic estimates of Internet use across the UK.

[Tackling Digital Inequality Amongst Young People: The Home Internet Access Initiative](#)

This participatory research project explores a two year initiative that provides all year 10 students with a laptop and Internet connection if they require one at home in three secondary schools.

[AI, Gender, and Development in Africa](#)

This project explores African AI policy on a regional and continental level, to understand how it can address gender inequality.

[Fairwork United States](#)

This project will examine how the growth of gig work in the United States can contribute to growing inequalities, and develop a framework for understanding best practice for fairer work standards.

[DomesticAI: AI's Potential to transform unpaid domestic work in the UK and Japan](#)

This project explores the introduction of AI technologies to unpaid domestic work and the potential benefits and vulnerabilities related to this.

[GCRF Decent Work: FAIRWORK in the Platform Economy in the Global South](#)

This project aims to understand the contextual, contractual and practical nature of platform work, to identify its shortfall from decent work standards and to contribute to the development of its governance and regulation.

[Access Denied: A Qualitative Study of Inadequate Broadband Access in Rural Britain](#)

By using interviews and focus groups this project will focus on how people living and working in rural areas are affected by the unavailability of adequate Internet connections.

“Questions of equality and social justice are as important as ever in the information age. Do Internet technologies give rise to radical social change, or do they just reproduce existing social and economic divisions and relationships? By changing how people and organisations interact with each other, ICTs disrupt and reconfigure social networks, information and value flows, and geographic space: but who exactly profits?”

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