

Living in Squeezed Britain: Attitudes to Wealth and Economic Inequality in the New Age of Austerity

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Even in the most optimistic economic projections, the UK will remain squeezed for at least ten years. At the same time, the large growth in income inequalities experienced since the 1970s has not been reversed. Attitudes to wealth and economic inequalities are cast in a new light in this era of austerity. Consumer behaviours and attitudes to money which were fostered by the boom of the Eighties and Nineties are obsolete - and, worse, they will create growing resentment if unchecked. Ideas about wealth, earnings, consumption and happiness have undergone seismic shifts before. We can learn to live in Squeezed Britain - indeed, we have to - and this conference offers the opportunity to find out how.

Speakers confirmed to date:

John Bird, Co-founder, The Big Issue

Naomi Eisenstadt, University of Oxford

Sir John Gieve, Chairman of Vocalink

Professor John Hills, LSE

Professor John Holmwood, University of Nottingham

Paul Johnson, Director, IFS

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