“Who gets the top jobs and top pay?” – Prof. Anna Vignoles

Anna Vignoles, drawing on her work with Lindsey Macmillan and Claire Tyler, will present evidence to inform the current debate in policy circles about access to top jobs and top pay.

She will present research which explores the relationship between family background and early access to top occupations and top pay and suggests that privately educated graduates earn more and are a third more likely to enter into high status occupations than state educated graduates from similarly affluent families and neighbourhoods. She will ask, given this, what the role of universities is in helping students from more disadvantaged backgrounds navigate their entry into the labour market?

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