This research assistantship offers a Harvard College student the opportunity to work with a John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow on the following research project.

Project Overview

Political and social implications of rising inequality have received increasing attention not only in the public debate, but also in academic research in political science, sociology and economics. One of the major concerns is that rising economic differences threaten social cohesion and nourish support for radical and populist political movements. Can we, over the long-run of modern history, identify systematic shifts in voting behavior in high-inequality regions after financial crises?

Research Tasks:

- Categorize new and existing research papers on inequality and voting
- Collect historical voting outcomes in Germany and the United States; prepare the data for the statistical analysis
- Conduct basic data analysis such as descriptive statistics and simple regressions
- Visualize data including maps from German and US regions (with Stata).

Requirements:

- Experience with statistical software like Stata, Python, and/or R.
- Experience in Microsoft Excel (required).
- Experience producing reproducible code with LaTeX (preferred, but not required).
- Basic knowledge of German (preferred, but not required).

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