

HDRO SEMINAR ON:
THE MULTI-DIMENSIONS OF APOROPHOBIA

LOGISTICS

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ABOUT THIS PRESENTATION

Aporophobia is a neologism formulated by the Spanish philosopher Adela Cortina that means "rejection of the poor". It is a global phenomenon, related to global poverty, international migration, the refugee crisis in Europe and North America and to the challenges faced by global inequality. It is a problem that has been ignored by human development and development policies. The presentation offers an analytical framework for Cortina's theory. It explores the possibilities of translating this framework into metrics for economic, social and legal policy-making. Moreover, it suggests that aporophobia is a necessary concept to understand the links between poverty and inequality phenomena. It employs some social choice measurement techniques, based on Amartya Sen's Capability Approach (such as partial and meta-rankings) as well as some psychometric tools, such as the ones introduced by Panteleimon Ekkekakis. It examines the use of secondary data (based on UNDP datasets and the European Social Survey) as a source for building aporophobia indicators. The talk is based on a paper written with Dr Mihály Borsi and Dr Octasiano Valério from the University Ramon Llull.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



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