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Shaping the standards, incentives and practices that advance business respect for human rights

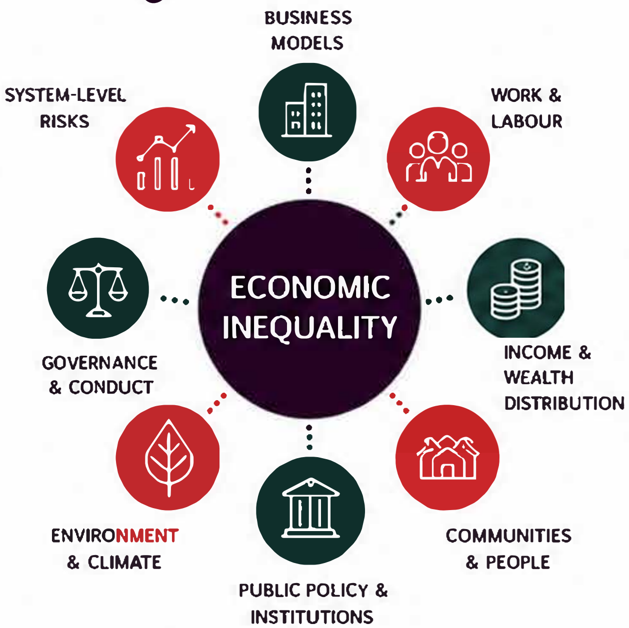
Economic Inequality Clinic

For Investors

2026-27

Join Shift for a Financial Inequality Clinic that will explore the practical steps for how investors can include a lens of inequality in investment processes.

Rising inequality is increasingly recognised as a material, system-level risk for financial institutions—affecting economic resilience, societal stability, and long-term portfolio performance. As disparities in income, opportunity, and wealth widen, this places strain on the systems that underpin steady investment returns. The clinic will explore the drivers of economic inequality and the ways investors can incorporate a lens of inequality into investment processes.



OUTCOMES

- Understand evidence for the impacts of economic inequality on affect returns.
- Lay foundations to incorporate risks from inequality into investment processes.
- Gain insight into how peers are responding to economic inequality.
- Be a named contributor to a Shift report outlining leading practice for investors.

Interactive. Practical. Peer-to-peer.

Strengthen your strategy and drive meaningful impact.

THE SESSIONS

SEP '26

Session 1: Inequality as a driver of system-level risk

- Review evidence of how economic inequality contributes to macroeconomic effects such as aggregate demand and financial system stability.
- Learn how these macroeconomic effects put investment returns at risk.

OCT '26

Session 2: Corporate drivers of inequality

- Learn to identify the features of a company's business model that could contribute to economic inequalities.
- Trace the linkages between corporate social performance and inequality.
- Use AI as a case study to explore how new and emerging technologies can contribute to inequalities.

NOV '26

Session 3: The role of investors – risk, return and influence

- Discuss how investors can use their leverage over investees to promote behaviors and practices that lessen economic inequality.
- Explore potential tensions between taking action to tackle inequality and meeting other short term objectives.
- Hear from the Taskforce on Inequality and Social-related Financial Disclosures (TISFD) to understand how reporting standards can help companies respond to inequality.
- Consider how scenario analysis could be applied to inequality in investment processes.

JAN '27

Session 4: Putting it into practice

- Consider examples of how peer investors are already taking steps to tackle inequality, deepening understanding of what leading practice looks like.
- Co-develop parameters for public-facing guide for how investors incorporate inequality in investment management.

FEES

$15,000

PER COMPANY

Up to three participants from each company may attend.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

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