The recent increase in income and wealth inequality, led by an extraordinary concentration among the very richest swath of households, has focused policy attention on the superrich. Politicians in many countries have called for increasing the tax burden on these households, in the form of both higher top rates for existing income taxes as well as new tax levies targeting the superrich. In his inaugural lecture, Florian Scheuer will discuss his research that aims at illuminating whether such proposals constitute good policy.

Florian Scheuer was appointed to the Professorship of Economics of Institutions, endowed by the UBS Center, in 2017. His work in public finance focuses on inequality and tax policy.

Professor Scheuer’s inaugural lecture will be open to the public and will be followed by a cocktail reception in the Lichthof.