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Economic inequality and academic freedom

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While the world grapples with the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on economies across the globe, there has been a focus on persisting disparities in our communities. Higher education is not immune to this.

This year's TB Davie Memorial Lecture, to be presented by Professor Ravi Kanbur, will explore the implications of rising economic inequality for academic freedom, a topic that is both timely and necessary given the current context.

Professor Kanbur researches and teaches in development economics, public economics and economic theory at Cornell University in the United States. He has served as chief economist for Africa at the World Bank and is well-known for his role in policy analysis and engagement in international development.

He is currently co-chair of the Food System Economics Commission – [a global non-profit dedicated to transforming the global food system into one that is fair and sustainable](#) – and co-chair of the Scientific Council of the International Panel on Social Progress – a group aimed at [developing research-based, multi-disciplinary, non-partisan, action-driven solutions to the most pressing challenges of our time](#).

The annual lecture, organised by the Academic Freedom Committee (AFC), is a space that recognises the expression of different points of view. The AFC invites distinguished speakers to address a theme related to academic and human freedom.

Please [register online](#) to attend the lecture.

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