

Toward a middle-class society?

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Theoretical approach and the analysis

- Class theory (Wright)
- Scope logic of class analysis
- Theories of inequality (Thomas Piketty 2013 and Göran Therborn 2013)
- Theories of middle class
- Crises of capitalism

- *The data: ISSP-survey 2012 and ESR-survey 2010*

Finlands social structure in 1980 and 2010 (%)

Social group	1980	2010
Entrepreneurs	17	8
Managers	10	8
Other middle class	14	17
Working class	33	15
Unemployed	3	5
Students	6	12
Pensioners	12	31
Others	5	4
Total	100 (N=1425)	100 (N=1873)

Results I

- The declining of working class in 1980-2010
- The growth of economically non-active population, especially pensioners
- High identification of all class groups with middle classes
- The critique of the current society as too hierarchic and a hope for more egalitarian society

Results II

- Inequality inside middle classes, especially the separation of its small 2% upper part
- The general conception in Finland that the education and the hard work are means to success in life

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- The high global inequality in the world