

## REDISTRIBUTION IN UNIVERSAL WELFARE SYSTEMS. TIME FOR BETTER TARGETTING?

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Income inequality is bound to have major relevance in public policy design. For the Spanish case is even more important to account for wealth inequality, as it is much more unequal distributed compared to income. Consequently, income mobility is low.

Policy makers have different instrument to tackle these facts, which in turn minimize Gini coefficient. In particular, *Proportional Universalism Criteria* incorporate double-check needs test (or tags, when mean-testing is unfeasible) so as to ensure prius benefits to those more needed. On the expenditure side this strategy is a must when (1) we observe a dual treatment between capital and labour earnings, between direct and indirect taxes, and (2) welfare rather than workfare benefits are prevalent. Long Term Care coverage offers a natural arena for the purpose to rethink our welfare states under these new premises.