

Peer Review

# Review of: "Inequality Emerges from Networks"

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This paper presents a compelling and timely argument that significant economic inequality can emerge purely from the structure of social or economic networks, rather than from inherent differences in individuals' productivity, preferences, or endowments. The authors construct a model in which identical agents interact via a network (or networks) of connections and show that simple patterns of transaction, influence, or exchange can lead to highly skewed outcomes over time — ones that resemble real-world distributions of income or wealth. The strength of the work is its clear demonstration of how network topology alone can generate inequality, challenging more conventional narratives that locate inequality chiefly in individual differences or institutional biases.

## Declarations

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