

# A PECULIAR BLIND SPOT:

WHY DID “RADICAL” POLITICAL AND SOCIAL  
THEORY IGNORE THE RAMPANT RISE IN  
INEQUALITY OVER THE PAST THIRTY YEARS



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