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# Analytical panel: evaluation of methods and findings

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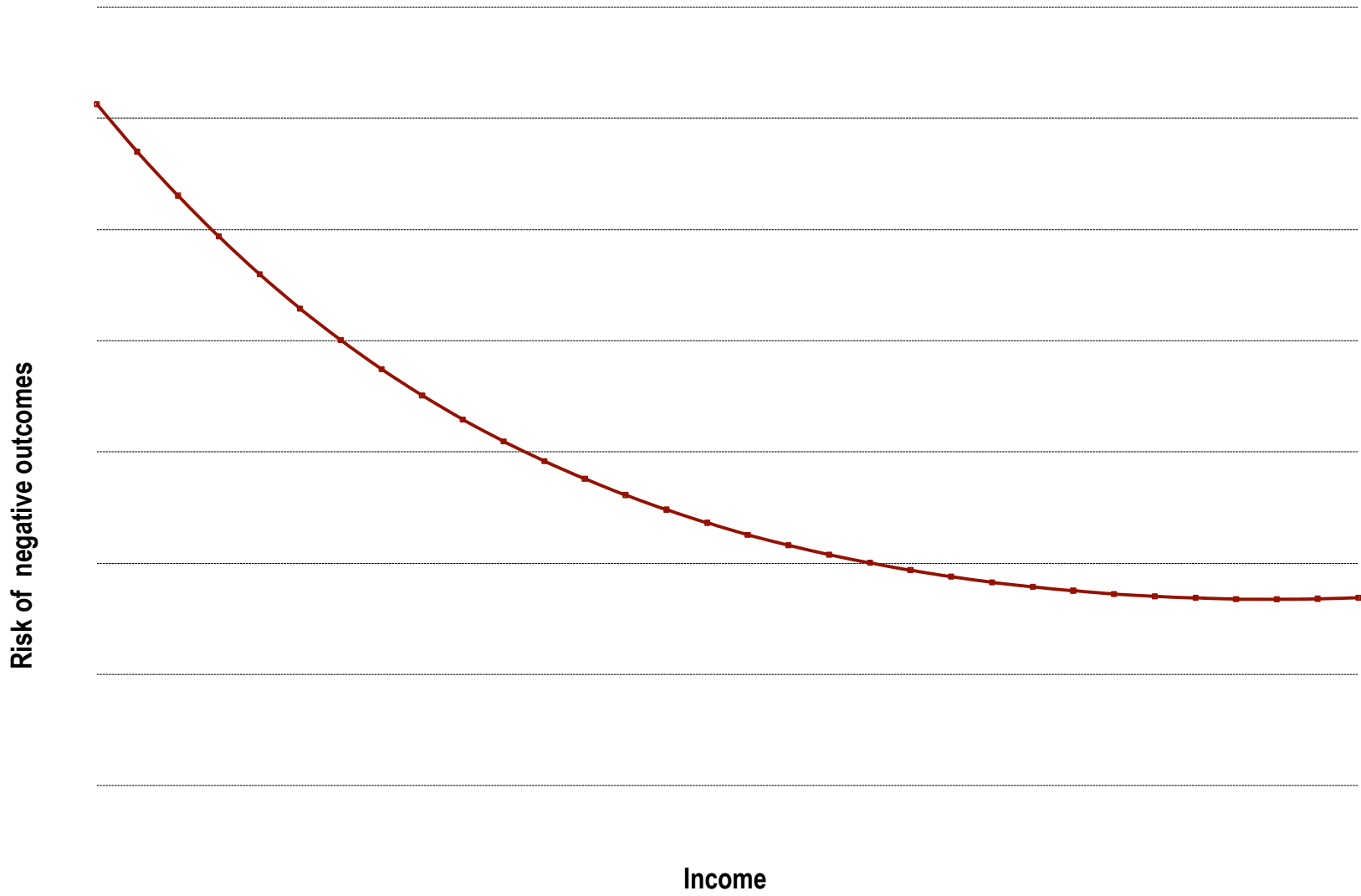
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# Policy relevance: On Income inequality and Social outcomes



# Policy relevance of a curvilinear association

- If the curvilinear association between income and a social outcome is, at least partly, causal:
- -> an unequal distribution of income has negative effects on social outcomes.
- This remains true irrespective of any 'direct' effect income inequality.

# On the use of welfare regimes/country clusters

- Good for descriptive purposes
- Less good from an analytical perspectives
- If context matters, try to measure it directly, e.g. policy instruments

# (Some) GINI accomplishments

- Comparative perspective
- Data gathering of high quality
  - Building an infrastructure for future research
  - Country reports give in-depth knowledge of trends
- New insights from the broad perspective
  - Not all results go hand in hand – context dependent causality
  - Stress the need for theory-driven analysis
- Example of important results
  - Inequality often leads to larger gradients in social outcomes (health, political participation)
  - Policy responses as important, if not more, as external forces
  - Social investment and/☹ Social protection