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This talk will provide an overview of research on public spending on the arts and culture, building more broadly on the areas of cultural consumption, stratification, and social inequality with a strong comparative emphasis. Dr. Katz-Gerro will discuss various cultural policy models and will bring statistical evidence on public spending on the arts in various European countries. Cultural policy is a significant societal issue, having tremendous impact on social forces such as cultural diversity, multiculturalism, and cultural capital. The theoretical framework and motivation of the talk will be more generally embedded in promoting the view that culture is a merit good. Dr. Katz-Gerro will discuss the role of the welfare state in designing and ensuring access to art and culture and the relationship between cultural policy and cultural stratification.

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