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### Marketisation and Education: insights from Australia and Sweden

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School choice and competition, key elements of educational marketization, are prevalent in many countries. School choice is included in the UN Charter of Human Rights, but it can also exacerbate educational inequalities. In this talk I will examine why they are especially damaging in the Australian context.

Laura Perry is Professor of education policy and comparative education at Murdoch University School of Education in Perth, Western Australia. She conducts research about educational opportunities and inequalities, especially as they appear between schools and communities, and the systems, structures and policies that shape them. Specific interests include educational marketization, school stratification and segregation, and school funding.

Sweden's introduction of educational marketization was based on the idea that school choice, private schools, and a tax-financed voucher system could address long-standing issues of social differentiation and mitigate effects of residential segregation. However, instead of redeeming equity in education as initially presented, these measures have been associated with reproducing educational inequalities. The talk will cover some of the consequences for schools, staff and students.

Anna-Maria Fjellman is a senior lecturer at University of Gothenburg in Gothenburg, Sweden. Her research focuses on school choice, school markets and school segregation. Her expertise lies mainly in the combination of large-scale analyses and methodologies as applied in examinations of the geography of education.