

Economic and Intergenerational Decision-Making in Families

Simon Schürz

Simon Schürz | Economic and Intergenerational Decision-Making in Families

This thesis studies economic decision-making and preferences within the family, household and close social environment. Within these social units, individuals often make decisions on the use and allocation of resources that involve multiple generations, such as educational investments, bequests or other transfers. The intergenerational nature of these choices implies a high relevance for public policy for both low- and high-income contexts, because it can shape important outcomes such as social mobility and inequality over time.

In Chapter 1, I study strategic interactions between spouses when they invest in their children's education and document the implications for school inputs and outcomes. Chapter 2 models and estimates multiple behavioral responses to an intergenerational wealth tax using the case of the Swedish inheritance taxation. In Chapter 3, we study distributional preferences in adolescent peer networks.



SIMON SCHÜRZ

holds a MSc in Economics from the University of Bologna and a BSc in Economics and a BA in International Development from the University of Vienna.

ISBN 978-91-88199-45-4 (PRINTED)
ISBN 978-91-88199-46-1 (PDF)
ISSN 1651-4289



243

**DEPARTMENT
OF ECONOMICS**



UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND LAW