

Who's Home? : Topics on the Economics of Households

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For the majority of our lives, we live in households. It begins with the one we are born into: early family exposure shapes our educational and occupational decisions, as well as the gender norms that seep into many later-life outcomes. Then, we leave to form households of our own, and how these form, evolve, and dissolve carries economic consequences. In the years between, within households we make decisions about the timing of fertility and the division of labour within the home and on the labour market. And at every stage, gender, cultural norms, and institutions shape households and their decisions. In this seminar, we will explore how economists approach the key question of how households shape our lives.

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falls außerhalb: Kostenschätzung: <i>if out of Munich: estimated costs:</i>	€
Sprache: <i>Language:</i>	English
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: <i>Recommended courses:</i>	Empirische Ökonomie, Mikroökonomie
Methodischer Schwerpunkt: <i>Methodological background:</i>	Applied Micro Economics
*Grundlagenliteratur: <i>*Basic references:</i>	Lundberg, S., & Voena, A. (Eds.). (2023). Handbook of the economics of the family (Vol. 1). Elsevier. https://www.sciencedirect.com/handbook/handbook-of-the-economics-of-the-family/vol/1/issue/1
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