

Fabian Kindermann



Academic career

2006 - 2007	Academic Visit, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain
2008	Diploma in Econometrics, University of Würzburg
2012	Dr. rer. pol. (Economics), University of Würzburg
2012 - 2013	Postdoc Visiting Scholar, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA
2013 - 2014	Assistant Professor, University of Würzburg
2014 - 2015	Postdoc, Macroeconomics, and HCM, University of Bonn
Since 2008	Junior Research Fellow, Netspar, Tilburg University, Netherlands
Since 2013	Member, Markets Network, HCEO Working Group, University of Chicago, IL, USA
Since 2015	Junior Professor of Macroeconomics and Public Finance, University of Bonn
Since 2016	Member, Finanzwissenschaftlicher Ausschuss, Verein für Socialpolitik (German Economic Association)
Since 2017	Member, Bevölkerungsökonomischer Ausschuss, Verein für Socialpolitik (German Economic Association)

Honours

2012 - 2013	“Growth, Fertility and the Distribution of Income”, 1-year Visiting Scholar research grant at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, by the German Research Foundation (DFG, KI 1757/1-1)
2013	Best Dissertation Award, Cultural Award of the Bayernwerk AG and the Bavarian Ministry of Education, Science and Art

Research profile

Fabian Kindermann's research interests are in macroeconomics and public economics. He studies questions of optimal public policy design using large-scale numerical simulation models of individual economic behavior and the macroeconomy. In doing so, Kindermann investigates issues of both inequality across and within households. His research plans include analyzing the determinants of an optimal income tax system in very unequal societies. To this end he wants to study how well households can self-insure against fluctuations in income over the life cycle and to which degree the government should provide such insurance. Next to inequality in income, Kindermann also has an interest in studying the distribution of wealth. Specifically, he wants to investigate the sources of differences in wealth inequality between Euro area countries. Another part of his research focuses on inequality within the family. In particular, he wants to evaluate how differences between partners in their preferences for children influence the fertility outcome of a partnership, what drives these differences in the desire to have children for different partners and to which degree optimal pro-fertility policy should explicitly target certain types of partners or couples.

Editorships

- Public Finance Review (Associate Editor, since 2017)

Research Area H A large part of Fabian Kindermann's research within Research Area A has been concerned with the question of how efficient social security systems should look like. Kindermann has studied the optimal size of old-age pension systems [9, 8, 1], whether pensions systems should be privately or publicly organized and whether they should contain some redistributive components [6, 5]. He has also worked on the optimal design of education financing systems, where he has analyzed the economic costs associated with privatizing public education systems [7] and the benefits of income contingent financing schemes for educational loans [2].

Selected publications

- [1] Hans Fehr, Manuel Kallweit, and Fabian Kindermann. Families and social security. *European Economic Review*, 91(Supplement C):30 – 56, 2017.
- [2] Ben J. Heijdra, Fabian Kindermann, and Laurie S.M. Reijnders. Life in shackles? the quantitative implications of reforming the educational financing system. *Review of Economic Dynamics*, 25(Supplement C):37 – 57, 2017. Special Issue on Human Capital and Inequality.
- [3] Hans Fehr, Manuel Kallweit, and Fabian Kindermann. Household formation, female labor supply, and savings. *The Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, 118(4):868–911, 2016.
- [4] Hans Fehr and Fabian Kindermann. Taxing capital along the transition—not a bad idea after all? *J. Econom. Dynam. Control*, 51:64–77, 2015.
- [5] Fabian Kindermann. Earnings related pension schemes and human capital formation. *Journal of Pension Economics and Finance*, 14(1):19–54, 1 2015.
- [6] Hans Fehr, Manuel Kallweit, and Fabian Kindermann. Should pensions be progressive? *European Economic Review*, 63:94–116, 2013.
- [7] Fabian Kindermann. Welfare effects of privatizing public education when human capital investments are risky. *Journal of Human Capital*, 6(2):87–123, 2012.
- [8] Hans Fehr and Fabian Kindermann. Pension funding and individual accounts in economies with life-cyclers and myopes. *CESifo Economic Studies*, 56(3):404–443, 2010.
- [9] Hans Fehr, Christian Habermann, and Fabian Kindermann. Social security with rational and hyperbolic consumers. *Review of Economic Dynamics*, 11(4):884–903, 2008.
- [10] Christian Habermann and Fabian Kindermann. Multidimensional spline interpolation: Theory and applications. *Computational Economics*, 30(2):153–169, 2007.