

Citation for ESA Young Economist Award 2021: Professor Stefanie Schurer

The Women in Economics Network nominates **Professor Stefanie Schurer** for this honour.

Professor Stefanie Schurer is a Professor of Economics in the School of Economics, University of Sydney. She was appointed to this position in 2020. She also leads the Economics of Human Development research node at the Charles Perkins Centre. She is a Visiting Scholar at the University of Chicago, a Research Fellow at the IZA Bonn, and a Fellow of ARC Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course, among her many appointments.

Professor Schurer is an internationally recognised expert in the field of the economics of human development. She produced some of the first insights in the economic field on the stability and determinants of non-cognitive skills and personality traits. Her more recent research projects tackle key social and economic challenges. Among these projects, she is using administrative data to study the consequences of Australia's key family, welfare and medical policies for children, including specifically Indigenous children.

Professor Schurer's work ranks in the top 3% of all 55,346 registered economists worldwide with the IDEAS/RePeC network, which is the largest international bibliographic database dedicated to economics, for publications in the past ten years, and in the top 1% of all 13,934 registered female economists. Her bibliography of publications includes 25 academic publications and four book chapters.

She serves as Associate Editor of the *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* and as a Board Member of the Association for Economic Research of Indigenous Peoples.

Professor Schurer received an Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Award in 2014 and is the co-recipient of \$5.9 million worth of Category 1 grants. Among these, she is a Lead Investigator of a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Targeted Research Grant which aims to understand the factors influencing wellbeing among Indigenous youth in the Northern Territory.

Alongside her research contributions, Professor Schurer has maintained ongoing service to her teaching and supervising students.

Professor Schurer holds a Ph.D. Economics from the Ruhr Graduate School in Economics, Germany, Master of Science in Economics from the University of York, a Certificate in Economics from the University of York, and a Bachelor Arts in Political Science from the University of Potsdam.

Professor Schurer has served the economics profession in Australia through her contributions to ESA and WEN initiatives, including serving on the ESA National Economic Panel, as a Senior Mentor at WEN Mentoring Retreats, and as a contributor to various WEN panel discussions. Many of our WEN members, including the early career women participating at mentoring retreats, attest that Professor Schurer is a supportive, collegial and inspiring role model for women in the profession.

Relevant to the candidate's eligibility for this award, throughout the course of her career, Professor Schurer has taken periods of maternity leave on the birth of her son as well as carer's leave to care for her mother.