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## CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Professor of Economics, School of Economics, University of Sydney, 2020-  
Co-Editor Labour Economics (Elsevier Journal), 2024-  
Member, National Economic Panel of the Economic Society of Australia, 2020-  
Co-Organiser, Australasian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics, 2023-  
Affiliate, Telethon Kids Institute, Honorary Research Associate, 2024-  
Affiliate of the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group, 2016-  
Fellow of ARC Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course, 2014-  
CESifo Research Network Affiliate, 2014-  
IZA Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn, 2012-

## PAST ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Honours Coordinator, University of Sydney, 2022-2025  
Visiting Scholar, University of Chicago, 2015, 2016, 2017  
Charles Perkins Centre, leader *Economics of Human Development* research node 2016-2024  
Secretary & Board Member, Association for Economic Research of Indigenous Peoples, 2020-2025

## GRADUATE STUDIES

Ph.D. Economics	Ruhr Graduate School in Economics, Germany	2008
Visiting	University of York, United Kingdom	2006, 2007
M.Sc. Economics	University of York, United Kingdom	2004
Grad. Cert. Economics	University of York, United Kingdom	2003

## FIELD

Human development, Health, Welfare, Behavioural, Lifecycle dynamics, Policy evaluation, Paternalism.

## COMPLETED WORK UNDER REVIEW

de Gendre, A. Lynch, J., Meunier, A., Pilkington, R., **Schurer, S.** (2023). Child Health and Parental Responses to an Unconditional Cash Transfer at Birth.

Revise & Resubmit *Review of Economics & Statistics*

Doyle, M.A., Guthridge, S., **Schurer, S.** (2025). Income and immunity: The consequences of a pre- and neo-natal income shock on childhood infection risk.

Revise & Resubmit *Journal of Health Economics*

**Schurer, S., Tymula, A., Wang, W., Fuller, N., Caterson, I. (2025).** Impatience and present bias do not predict weight loss in obesity: Evidence from lab-in-field and nationally representative data.

Revise & Resubmit *Health Economics*

Guthridge, S., **Schurer, S.**, Taylor, S. (2025). Minimum unit pricing, alcohol consumption and infant health: Evidence from the Alice Springs Liquor Supply Plan.

Under review *Journal of Public Economics*.

Nguyen, H., **Schurer, S.**, Mitrou, F. (2025). The instability of locus of control: New insights from distributional effects of major life events.

Under review *Journal of Applied Econometrics*.

Guthridge, S., Schnepel, K., **Schurer, S.** (2025). Neonatal care improves human capital development by age five for moderate-risk infants: Causal evidence from Australia's Northern Territory.

Awaiting approval from data custodians.

Cameron, L., Coulter, D., Kalb, G., **Schurer, S.**, Dudgeon, P., Hirvonen, T., Chang, E.P., Vaithianathan, R., Guthridge, S. (2025). Learning about adversity in the lives of First Nations youth through the lens of high-quality linked administrative data.

Awaiting approval from data custodians.

**Schurer, S.**, Wright, A. C., Cashmore, J., Mallos, A., Luu, B., Wardle, I. (2025). Youth who go missing from care: Characteristics and risk profiles. Australian Public Policy Insights Paper. Draft

Awaiting approval from data custodians.

## CURRENTLY PRPERARING FOR SUBMISSION

**Schurer, S.**, Wright, A., Cashmore, J., MacMillan, E., Luu, B., Wardle, I. (2025). The cooling down effect of the Family Group Conference: Behavioural responses to small but scalable interventions in the child protection system.

**Schurer, S.**, Wright, A.C., Ciftci, S., Luu, B., Pope, S., Pritchard, B., O'Flaherty, L., Witbreuk, N. & Kendall, Z. (2025). Understanding the child safety consequences of an early investment program: Evidence from the New South Wales Family Connect Service.

Farmer, A., Jayasinghe, M., Mitrou, F., **Schurer, S.**, Shaw, R., Toka, C., Wardle, I. (2025). Breaking the Great Australian Silence: Forced Removal Eroded Trust and Wellbeing of the Stolen Generations.

Glozier, N., Naehrig, D. N., **Schurer, S.** (2025). Evaluating job satisfaction trade-offs general practitioners make by ensuring service accessibility: Longitudinal evidence from Australia's mixed payment system. Currently revised.

de Gendre, A., **Schurer, S.**, Zhang, A. (2021). Two decades of welfare reforms in Australia How did they affect single mothers and their children? IZA Discussion Paper Nr. 14752 (27 September 2021).

## PUBLICATIONS

- Cobb-Clark, D., Kettlewell, N., **Schurer**, S., Silburn, S. (2023). The Effect of Quarantining Welfare on School Attendance in Indigenous Communities. *The Journal of Human Resources* 58 (6) 2072-2110.
- Pastore, C., **Schurer**, S., Tymula, A., Fuller, N., Caterson, I. (2023). Economic Preferences and Obesity: Evidence from a Clinical Lab-in-Field Experiment. *Health Economics* 32(9), 1885-2170.
- Schurer**, S., Atalay, K., Glozier, N., Vera-Toscano, E., Wooden, M. (2023). Quantifying the human impact of Melbourne's 111-day hard lockdown experiment on the adult population. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 7, 1652–1666
- De New, S., **Schurer**, S. (2023). Survey response behavior as a proxy for unobserved ability: Theory and evidence. *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, 41(1), 197-212.
- Moreno-Betancur, M., Lynch, J., Pilkington, R., Schuch, H., Gialamas, A., Sawyer, M., Chittleborough, C., **Schurer**, S., Gurrin, L. (2023). Emulating a target trial of intensive nurse home visiting in the policy-relevant population using linked administrative data. *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 52(1), 119-131.
- Glozier, N., Morris, R., **Schurer**, S. (2023). What happened to the predicted COVID-19-induced suicide epidemic, and why? *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry*, 57(1), 11-16.
- Butterworth, P., **Schurer**, S., Trinh, T., Vera-Toscano, E., Wooden, M. (2022). Effect of lockdown on mental health in Australia: evidence from a natural experiment analysing a longitudinal probability sample survey. *The Lancet Public Health*, 7(5), e427-e436.
- Nejad, M., **Schurer**, S. (2022). Cognitive and non-cognitive abilities of immigrants: New perspectives on migrant quality from a selective immigration country. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 203, 107-124.
- Edwards, R., Gibson, R., Harmon, C., **Schurer**, S. (2022). First-in-their-family students at university: Can non-cognitive skills compensate for social origin? *Economics of Education Review*, 91(102318).
- Doyle, M., **Schurer**, S., Silburn, S. (2022). Unintended consequences of welfare reform: Evidence from birthweight of Aboriginal children in Australia. *Journal of Health Economics*, 84(102618).
- de New, S., **Schurer**, S., Sulzmaier, D. (2021). Gender differences in the lifecycle benefits of compulsory schooling policies. *European Economic Review*, 140, 1-22.
- Gensowski, M., Gortz, M., **Schurer**, S. (2021). Inequality in personality over the life cycle. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 184, 46-77.
- Atalay, K., Edwards, R., **Schurer**, S., Ubilava, D. (2021). Lives saved during economic downturns: Evidence from Australia. *Health Economics*, 30(10), 2452-2467.
- Elkins, R., **Schurer**, S. (2020). Exploring the role of parental engagement in non-cognitive skill development over the lifecourse. *Journal of Population Economics*, 33(3), 957-1004.
- Schurer**, S., Trajkovski, K., Hariharan, T. (2019). Understanding the mechanisms through which adverse childhood experiences affect lifetime economic outcomes. *Labour Economics*, 61, 1-16.
- Kassenboehmer, S., Leung, F., **Schurer**, S. (2018). University education and non-cognitive skill development. *Oxford Economic Papers*, 70(2), 538-562.
- Schurer**, S. (2017). Bouncing back from health shocks: Locus of control and labor supply. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 133, 1-20.
- Schurer**, S. (2017). Does education strengthen the life skills of adolescents? *IZA World of Labor*, June 2017, 1-11.

- Elkins, R., Schurer, S. (2017). Introducing a GP copayment in Australia: Who would carry the cost burden? *Health Policy*, 121(5), 543-552.
- Fletcher, J., **Schurer, S.** (2017). Origins of Adulthood Personality: The Role of Adverse Childhood Experiences. *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, 17(2), 1-22.
- Elkins, R., Kassenboehmer, S., **Schurer, S.** (2017). The stability of personality traits in adolescence and young adulthood. *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 60, 37-52.
- Schurer, S.**, Kuehnle, D., Scott, A., Cheng, T. (2016). A man's blessing or a woman's curse? The family earnings gap of doctors. *Industrial Relations*, 55(3), 385-414.
- Schurer, S.**, Yong, J. (2016). Happiness, Income and Heterogeneity. *Singapore Economic Review*, 61(3), 1-23.
- Schurer, S.**, Alspach, M., Macrae, J., Martin, G. (2016). The medical care costs of mood disorders: A coarsened exact matching approach. *Economic Record*, 92(296), 81-93.
- Schurer, S.** (2015). Lifecycle patterns in the socioeconomic gradient of risk preferences. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 119, 482-495.
- Cobb-Clark, D., Kassenboehmer, S., **Schurer, S.** (2014). Healthy habits: The connection between diet, exercise, and locus of control. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 98, 1-28.
- Johnston, D., **Schurer, S.**, Shields, M. (2014). Maternal Gender Role Attitudes, Human Capital Investment, and Labour Supply of Sons and Daughters. *Oxford Economic Papers*, 66(3), 631-659.
- Schurer, S.**, Shields, M., Jones, A. (2014). Socio-economic inequalities in bodily pain over the life cycle: longitudinal evidence from Australia, Britain and Germany. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A-Statistics in Society*, 177(4), 783-806.
- Johnston, D., **Schurer, S.**, Shields, M. (2013). Exploring the intergenerational persistence of mental health: Evidence from three generations. *Journal of Health Economics*, 32(6), 1077-1089.
- Roy, J., **Schurer, S.** (2013). Getting stuck in the blues: Persistence of mental health problems in Australia. *Health Economics*, 22(9), 1139-1157.
- Cobb-Clark, D., **Schurer, S.** (2013). Two Economists' Musings on the Stability of Locus of Control. *Economic Journal*, 123(570), F358-F400.
- Schurer, S.**, Cobb-Clark, D. (2012). The stability of big-five personality traits. *Economics Letters*, 115(1), 11-15.
- Joyce, C., **Schurer, S.**, Scott, A., Humphreys, J., Kalb, G. (2011). Australian doctors' satisfaction with their work: results from the MABEL longitudinal survey of doctors. *Medical Journal of Australia*, 194(1), 30-33.
- Jones, A., **Schurer, S.** (2011). How does heterogeneity shape the socioeconomic gradient in health satisfaction? *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 26(4), 549-579.
- Scott, A., **Schurer, S.**, Jensen, P., Sivey, P. (2009). The effects of an incentive program on quality of care in diabetes management. *Health Economics*, 18(9), 1091-1108.
- Karanasos, M., **Schurer, S.** (2008). Is the relationship between inflation and its uncertainty linear? *German Economic Review* 9, 265-286.

## PUBLISHED PROTOCOLS AND POLICY REPORTS

- Luu, B., Wright, A. C., **Schurer**, S., Collings, S., Metcalfe, L., Heward-Belle, S., Barrett, E.L. (2025). Understanding families with multiple and complex needs in the child protection system through the lens of linked administrative data in New South Wales, Australia. *Child Protection and Practice* 6, 100224.
- Hammersley, Megan; Dekker, Gustaaf; Gurrin, Lyle; Hoon, Elizabeth; **Schurer, Stefanie**; Lynch, John; Aldred, Marnie; Dalton, Julia; Fletcher, Cherise; Smithers, Lisa (2025). The use of financial incentives for smoking cessation in pregnant women: a parallel-group randomized controlled trial protocol. *Addiction*. Jun;120(6):1260-1270.
- Mitrou F, Milroy H, Coffin J, Hamilton SL, Brennan-Jones CG, **Schurer S**, Davis EA, Richmond P, Passmore HM, Pearson G, Brown A, O'Donnell M, Bowen AC, Azzopardi P, Conigrave KM, Downs J, Cooper MM, Ramsey KA, Ferrante A, Johnson SE, Cave L, Vlaskovsky P, Hopkins KD, D'Antoine HA, Wilkes T, Zubrick SR (2024). Cohort profile: Understanding the influence of early life environments and health and social service system contacts over time and across generations through the Western Australian Aboriginal Child Health Survey (WAACHS) Linked Data Study. *BMJ Open* 2, 14(10): e087522.
- Wright, A.C., **Schurer, S.**, Ciftci, S., Luu, B., Pope, S., Pritchard, B., O'Flaherty, L., Witbreuk, N. & Kendall, Z. (2024) *Family Connect and Support Program Evaluation Final Report*. Research Centre for Children and Families, The University of Sydney & Curijo Pty Ltd.
- Luu, B., Wright, A. C., **Schurer, S.**, Metcalfe, L., Heward-Belle, S., Collings, S., & Barrett, E. (2024). *Analysis of linked longitudinal administrative data on child protection involvement for NSW families with domestic and family violence, alcohol and other drug issues and mental health issues* (Research report, 01/2024). ANROWS.
- Conley Wright, A., **Schurer, S.**, Luu, B., Collings, S., Wardle, I., Ciftci, S., Cashmore, J., Riley, L., Pope, S. (2023). *Family group conferencing evaluation: final report*, FACS RFT.18.234.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- Farmer, A., and **Schurer, S.** (2025). Human Capital, Labor Market Outcomes and Forced Separation of Indigenous People. *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics*. Springer Cham. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-57365-6>.
- Silburn S, Guthridge S, McKenzie J, Su J-Y, He V, Haste S (Eds.) Early Pathways to School Learning: Lessons from the NT Data Linkage Study. Darwin: Menzies School of Health Research. The full monograph is available here: [LINK](#)
- Schurer, S.**, Nutton, G., McKenzie, J., Su, J., Silburn, S. (2018). Preschool participation, school attendance and academic achievement. Early Pathways to School Learning Lessons from the NT data linkage study, (pp. 111-128).
- Su, J., Silburn, S., **Schurer, S.**, Guthridge, S., He, V., McKenzie, J. (2018). Early life health & development. Early Pathways to School Learning Lessons from the NT data linkage study, (pp. 29-61).
- He, V., Su, J., McKenzie, J., **Schurer, S.** (2018). School attendance. Early Pathways to School Learning Lessons from the NT data linkage study, (pp. 91-109).

Silburn, S., Guthridge, S., Midford, R., Brimblecombe, J., Walter, M., Bodkin-Andrews, G., **Schurer, S.**, Shaw, P. (2018). The NT Data Linkage Study. Early Pathways to School Learning Lessons from the NT data linkage study, (pp. 1-9).

## PUBLIC COMMENTARY

**Schurer, S.**, Atalay, K., Glozier, N., Vera-Toscano, E., Wooden, M. (2023). Research Briefing: Examining the impact of Melbourne's 2020 111-day lockdown on parents and other vulnerable groups. *Nature Human Behaviour*.

Atalay, K., Edwards, R., **Schurer, S.**, Ubilava, D. (2020). Lives saved during economic downturns: Evidence from Australia. Vox.EU, 2 November 2020

Atalay, K., Edwards, R., **Schurer, S.**, Ubilava, D. (2020). So you think economic downturns cost lives? Our findings show they don't. The Conversation, 25 November 2020

**Schurer, S.** (2019). We need new education spending priorities to build the skills of the future. OECD Economic Forum 2019/Forum Network, 21 May 2019

Elkins, R., **Schurer, S.** (2017). If GPs pass on cost from rebate freeze, poorer, sicker patients will be hardest hit. The Conversation, 31 January 2017

Elkins, R., **Schurer, S.** (2017). FactCheck: are bulk-billing rates falling, or at record levels? The Conversation, 10 February 2017

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

2021	Young Economist of the Year, Economic Society of Australia
2021	Vice-Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Teaching and Research, University of Sydney
2019	Best-poster Award, <i>European Association of Labour Economists</i> , Uppsala, Sweden
2018	Research show-cased as 1/3 star projects produced at the University of Sydney <a href="#">LINK</a>
2017	University of Sydney SOAR Fellowship
2014	Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Research Award
2013	RMIT University Early Career Researcher of the Year Award
2007	Fellowship of the Overseas Development Institute (declined)
2006	Handelsblatt Fellowship to attend 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Nobel Laureates in Lindau
2004-2007	Alfred Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach Foundation Postgraduate Fellowship
2004-2007	Economic and Social Research Council Postgraduate Fellowship, University of York
2004-2005	Teaching Fellowship, University of York
2003-2004	Postgraduate Fellowship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
2001	Carlo Schmid Fellowship, German Merit Foundation (Studienstiftung)

## COMPETITIVE GRANTS - ONGOING

2025-2030: Understanding the reasons and welfare consequences of unmet mental health care needs. Rockwool Foundation Denmark. Mette Goertz (Lead PI), Miriam Gensowski (PI), Stefanie Schurer (co-PI), Janet Currie (international collaborator), Rita Ginja (international collaborator) (9.15 million Danish Kroner ~ **2 million AUD**) (granted June 2025).

2023-2028: Improving Aboriginal health by understanding the influence of early life environments and contacts with health and social service systems over time and across generations, CIA: Mitrou F,

National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)/Synergy Grant (Schurer CIG; Lead Economics and Policy Evaluation) (**\$5 million**)

2019-2026 *Understanding the factors influencing wellbeing among Indigenous youth in the Northern Territory*, Schurer S. (Lead CI), Cameron, L., Dudgeon, P., Kalb, G., Guthridge, S., Hirvonen, T., National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)/Targeted Call for Research: into Indigenous Social and Emotional Wellbeing (**\$1 million**).

## COMPETITIVE GRANTS - COMPLETED

2022 Characteristics and risk profiles for youth who go missing or run away from out-of-home care, Conley Wright A, Schurer S, Luu B, Cashmore J, Pope S, James Martin Institute for Public Policy/JMI Policy Challenge Grant (**\$89,000**)

2020 A pragmatic randomised controlled trial to test whether incentives and carbon monoxide monitoring help pregnant women quit smoking, Schurer S, Department of Health and Aged Care (Federal)/MRFF - Preventive and Public Health Research (Lead CI: Lisa Smithers) (**\$1.2 million**). Completed and returned to funder due to recruitment constraints.

2022 Evaluation of the Family Support and Connect Program, Conley Wright A, Schurer S, NSW Department of Communities and Justice/Client Commissioned Research (\$320,000).

2020-2022 ANROWS Core Grant Research program. Intersectional analysis of domestic and family violence and child protection involvement for families. Amy Conley Wright (Lead CI), Susan Heward-Belle, **Stefanie Schurer**, Susan Collins, Emma Barrett, Betty Luu: (\$110,000)

2019-2021 Family Group Conferencing (FGC) evaluation, Conley Wright A, Pope S, Schurer S, Department of Family and Community Services (NSW)/Consultancy (\$283,000)

2017-2018 DVC-Research SOAR Fellowship (\$150,000).

2016-2021: National Health and Medical Research Council Centre for Research Excellence (A\$2,500,000). EMPOWER. With John W. Lynch (Lead CI) and many others.

2015-2017 National Health and Medical Research Council Partnership Grant (A\$924,761) with Sven Silburn (Menzies School of Health Research, Charles Darwin University) and many others. Improving the developmental outcomes of Northern Territory children: a datalinkage study to inform policy and practice in health, family services and education.

2014-2017 Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Award (DECRA) (Fellowship). Exceptional Upward Mobility Against All Odds: Non-cognitive skills and Early Childhood Disadvantage. (A\$380,000).

## RECENT VISITS

February 2026 University of Technology Sydney, School of Economics, Australia

Jan 2026 Norwegian School of Economics NHH / University of Bergen, Norway

Nov-Dec 2025 University of Zurich, Switzerland

Dec 2025 University of Hannover, Germany

Nov 2025 University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Oct/Nov 2025 University of New South Wales, School of Economics, Australia

May 2022 Simon-Fraser University, Canada

May-Jul 2021 Menzies School of Health Research, Darwin