

Press Release

Mannheim Economist Michèle Tertilt Receives 2024 Birgit Grodal Award

Professor Tertilt is the first German to receive the Birgit Grodal Award of the European Economic Association (EEA) for her outstanding work in the field of macroeconomics, development economics, and family economics.

Professor Michèle Tertilt, Ph.D., is recognized as a pioneer in the field of family macroeconomics, an area of research that examines the effects of economic interactions within family households. The subject of the research is, for example, how fertility, domestic production and the division of labor are influenced by economic incentives, markets, and institutions. Tertilt's research has contributed to a better understanding of how family issues such as marriage, offspring, and women's rights affect national economic growth and the business cycle. She has also made fundamental contributions in the fields of development economics and household finances.

"Michèle Tertilt is a leading macroeconomist who has shaped how economists think about the family and macroeconomics. In her role as co-editor of the *Review of Economic Studies* and as supervisor of an extensive list of doctoral students, among other things, she has also rendered outstanding services to the profession," the jury justifies their decision.

Three of Michèle Tertilt's works illustrate her novel application of economic theory to the macroeconomics of the family. In her work *Polygyny, Fertility and Savings*, for example, she examines the economic impact of polygyny in sub-Saharan Africa. In their work *Women's Liberation: What's in It for Men?*, Tertilt and her co-author Professor Matthias Doepke analyze the interactions between economic growth and the strengthening of women's rights. And in the publication *An Equilibrium Model of the African HIV/AIDS Epidemic*, she shows that economic methods can also be applied to infectious diseases such as AIDS.

Profile

Michèle Tertilt has been Professor of Economics at the University of Mannheim since 2010. In 2012, she received a Starting Grant from the European Research Council ERC for her project *Gender Differences: A Macroeconomic Perspective*. In 2013, she became the first academic teacher in Germany to be appointed to the editorial board of the *Review of Economic Studies*, one of the five leading journals in economics worldwide. In the same year, she was the first woman to be awarded the prestigious Gossen Award of the Verein für Socialpolitik (German Economic Association).

In 2017, Tertilt was the second German researcher to receive the Yrjö Jahnsson Award, which honors the best European economists. In 2019, she was awarded the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize - Germany's most important research award.

About the award

The Birgit Grodal Award was established in 2010 to honor female economists working in Europe. The award is named after Birgit Grodal, the first woman to be elected President of the EEA. It is awarded every two years.

See the press release issued by the EEA: <https://www.eeassoc.org/awards/birgit-grodal-award>

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