

# **Elisabeth Gugl**

**Associate Professor at University of Victoria**

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## **Biography**

Elisabeth Gugl joined the Department of Economics in 2003. She received MA and PhD degrees from Rice University in Houston, Texas. Many of her papers deal with policy evaluation, whether in the field of family economics or in the context of interjurisdictional competition. Dr. Gugl's main research is in family economics, an area that investigates issues such as family formation and dissolution, fertility decisions, investments in children, altruism in families, and gender inequality in relationships. One of the recurring themes in her research is the analysis of how family members make decisions and how public policy may influence their actions and ultimately the distribution of welfare among family members. Publications in this area appeared in the Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Inquiry, Mathematical Social Sciences, Review of Economics of the Household, Canadian Journal of Women and the Law, and the Canadian Tax Journal. She sees her contribution in family economics as threefold: modeling family decision-making; analyzing policy; and modeling parents' investments in their children. Another area of Dr. Gugl's research is on tax competition and local governance. Her most recent article on this topic appeared in the National Tax Journal. Her expertise on interjurisdictional competition also informed her approach to analyzing the fiscal sustainability of the City of Victoria and ultimately the Capital Region itself. Together with her colleague David Scoones, she presented the findings of their report to the Victoria City Council in 2013.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Women, Public Policy

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Family Economics, Microeconomic Theory, Public Finance, Labour Economics, Family Formation and Dissolution, Fertility Decisions, Investments in Children, Altruism in Families, Gender Inequality in Relationships, Tax Competition, Fiscal Federalism

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## **Affiliations**

CESifo Network Member, CWEN Executive Member

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## **Education**

**Rice University**

Ph.D. Economics

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