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Harvard economist Stefanie Stantcheva to receive Calvó-Armengol International Prize

Stantcheva's research has important implications for tax policy.

The Barcelona School of Economics (BSE) and the Government of Andorra have announced that the VII Calvó-Armengol International Prize in Economics will be awarded to Stefanie Stantcheva, Professor of Economics at Harvard University and the founder of the Social and Economics Lab. She received her PhD in Economics from MIT in 2014 and was a junior fellow at the Harvard Society of Fellows from 2014-2016 before joining the Harvard Department of Economics.

The Prize Selection Committee members for this edition were Professors Salvador Barberà (UAB and BSE), Antonio Cabrales (UC3M), and Melissa Dell (Harvard).

Tax policy that puts people's perception in the equation

Stancheva's work is primarily situated in public economics, while also making important contributions to labor economics, macroeconomics, and industrial organization. Her research is based in two broad areas:

1. The long-term dynamic effects of taxation. These effects are important to take into account to determine how they can affect savings, human capital, and innovation.
2. Social economics, or how people reason and view economic policies based on specific social and society phenomena.

More about Stantcheva's work can be found in this [brief research agenda](#).

This is a short description of Stantcheva's research in her own words:

"In my research, I try to shed light on taxes, transfers, and redistribution more broadly. I approach these issues from several angles, namely studying the effects of taxes and transfers and how they should normatively be designed, but also shedding light on people's perceptions of taxes and public policies as well as the mental models they use to think about them."

About the Calvó–Armengol International Prize in Economics

The Calvó-Armengol Prize memorializes Antoni Calvó-Armengol, Andorra native and professor at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and BSE who passed away in 2007 at just 37 years of age. It is awarded every two years to an economist or other social scientist who is not older than 40 years old for contributions to our understanding of social structure and its implications for economic interactions.

Activities related to the Prize include an award ceremony in Andorra and an academic lecture in Barcelona. The Prize also includes a cash award of €30,000.

Calvó-Armengol Prize activities celebrating Professor Stantcheva will take place in 2022.

The Prize is promoted by the Barcelona School of Economics and the Government of Andorra. This edition of the Prize is also supported by the Severo Ochoa Research Excellence Program through Spain's State Research Agency (AEI).

About the Barcelona School of Economics (BSE)

The Barcelona School of Economics (formerly Barcelona Graduate School of Economics or Barcelona GSE) is an institution for research and graduate education in Economics, Finance, Data Science, and the social sciences.

BSE was founded in 2006 by economist Andreu Mas-Colell to consolidate four established Economics research groups in Barcelona: the Department of Economics and Business at Universitat Pompeu Fabra; the Unit of Economic Analysis at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; the Center for Research in International Economics (CREI); and the Institute for Economic Analysis (IAE-CSIC). More than 150 faculty from these four groups are BSE Affiliated Professors, who form the core of all BSE research and educational activities.

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