

EUROMOD

30 Years of the EU Tax-Benefit Microsimulation Model

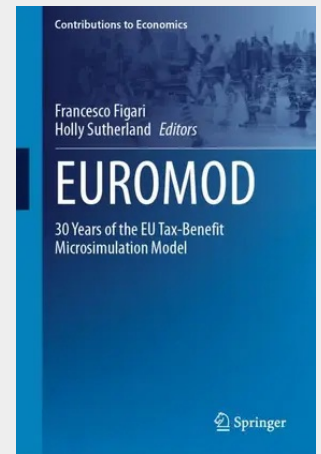
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