



## The Generational Welfare Contract Justice, Institutions and Outcomes

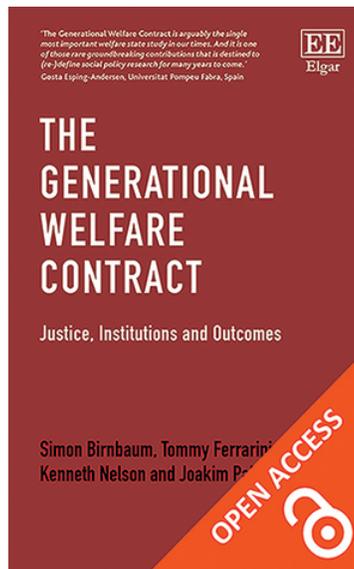
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This groundbreaking book brings together perspectives from political philosophy and comparative social policy to discuss generational justice. Contributing new insights about the preconditions for designing sustainable, inclusive policies for all of society, the authors expose the possibilities of supporting egalitarian principles in an aging society through balanced generational welfare contracts.

'The Generational Welfare Contract provides an innovative conceptualization of social policy that is extremely well suited to the study of individual life courses and demographic change.'  
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'This deeply insightful book blends perspectives from political philosophy and comparative social policy to generate theoretical insights on generational justice to guide a nuanced empirical analysis of 18 economically developed OECD countries. It demonstrates the significance of the generational welfare contract, reflected in welfare state institutional structures, as a mediating factor linking demographic, socio-economic and political drivers with outcomes. Importantly, it incorporates a generational justice focus in welfare state analysis without downplaying other factors including social class and gender.'  
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