Economic Development and Intergenerational Earnings Mobility: Evidence from Taiwan

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1. What is the question of the paper?

Because of the economic development affects intergenerational earnings elasticity is not well-documented, so the author want to find out if there exist any relationship between the economic growth and intergenerational earnings elasticity.

2. Why should we care about it?

The persistence of inequality is ubiquitous throughout human history, and economists tend to believe that economics development will eventually reduce inequality. But seems that the recently study shows that intergeneration transmission of economic status in Taiwan is stable, despite it's rapid economic development.

3. What is your (or author's) answer?

In this paper, author estimates intergenerational earnings elasticity in Taiwan in 1990-1994 and 2005-2010, and the result shows that the intergenerational earnings mobility in Taiwan has remained stable, despite dramatic economic and social changes during this period.

4. How did you (or author) get there?

The author the Taiwan Social Change Survey (TSCS) as the primary sample for sons in both period studied (2005-2010 and 1990-1994), but only earnings predictors for them, we utilize two other datasets to obtain father's earning and he also use the Manpower Utilization Survey (MUS) in 1978–1982 for the current period, 2005–2010, and the Survey of Family Income and Expenditure (SFIE) in 1968 and 1970 for the earlier period, 1990–1994.